



COUNCIL GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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FROM THE DESKS OF MRS. BREMER and MRS. GREEN

An Update

As you may have noticed, we have changed the way we do a few things at CGES this year. Some changes are quick and easy and others take time.

We have started having conversations about grading practices. This is likely a change that will occur over time and will be a gradual shift. Our ask would be to communicate with your child's teacher as you have questions about grades.

At the end of the first quarter we recognized all PK-6th grade students who had been nominated as a Kid of Character during Morning Announcements throughout the first quarter.

We also made the decision to pause on our academic awards assembly. Since then, we have been able to pull student GPA's from PowerSchool. We will be visiting classrooms after each quarter to recognize students with a 4.0 (Braves Honor Roll), 3.5-3.9 (Gold Honor Roll), and 3.0-3.4 (Blue Honor Roll). This small change helps protect the privacy of student grades so it will no longer be announced if they have As, Bs, and Cs.

Kelcy Bremer

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Principal

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Assistant Principal

Notes of Gratitude

Thank you to all of the parents who attended Parent Teacher Conferences. We value having a partnership with you to support the success of your child.

Thank you to PTO and all of the volunteers who helped make our Fall Book Fair and Family Night a success. Also, thank you to PTO for sponsoring our hotdog feed for families and teachers during conferences.

Finally, thank you to the generous donors who provided snacks for our teachers during conferences.

SAVE THE DATE
FOR PTO & PAC
THIS SCHOOL YEAR!

THE FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH®
6 PM
* September is on the first Tuesday.

What is PTO and PAC?
Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is a way for parents to join together in support of students, staff, and classroom needs.
Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is a way for parents to receive first hand knowledge of the ins and outs at CGES. It also allows parents to play an important role in decision-making and providing feedback to the school.
The two groups meet at the same time! Please join us at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room just off the front lobby (use front door) or via a shared zoom link that can be found on ClassDojo. All parents/guardians are welcome!

For More Information
✓ Ashley Spaulding, PTO president
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We're better together!



Save The Dates

1st (Friday)

Late Start/PD

No Breakfast or AM PreK classes

5th Grade Trolley Day

3rd (SUNDAY)

Daylight Savings Time Ends (fall back)

4th (Monday)

PAC/PTO 6:00

CGES Conference Room

8th (Friday)

NO SCHOOL/PD

15th (Friday)

5th Grade Field Trip

Forbes Field Topeka

27th–29th (Wed–Fri)

NO SCHOOL

THANKSGIVING BREAK



Join us to Greet CGES Students on Friday Mornings.

Report to Front Office by 7:40
to be directed to a student entrance.
Meet in the Multipurpose Room when Doors Close at 8:00, for
an optional tour of the building
with Mrs. Bremer and Mrs. Green.

CGES Morning Greeters Schedule | Nov 2024

**01
NOV**
9:40-10:00
***Late Start**

**CGES
Grand-
parents**

**15
NOV**
7:40-7:55

**BIG BRAVES,
little braves**

CGHS Fall Play Cast

**22
NOV**
7:40-8:00

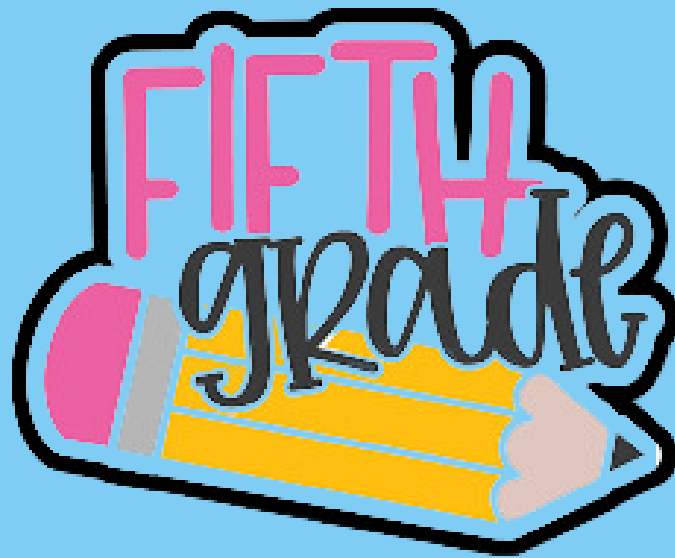
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417 Health Services

Nurse Reddick and Nurse Stecher will be completing hearing and vision screenings in the next few months. As a reminder, all students in grades PreK-3, 5, 7, and 10 will complete a vision and hearing screening. We also screen all new students, special education students and those who require an annual screening due to a failed hearing screening the year previous regardless of grade level. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Nurse Reddick or Nurse Stecher.

As we dive deeper into the respiratory illness season, don't forget that we do have free Influenza and COVID testing available at school. We even have free home COVID tests that you can pick up from us at any time. Unfortunately, we do NOT have testing for Strep. This particular testing must be obtained from your primary care physician and sometimes is available at the local health department as well. We do not test without parent consent.

Medication Reminder: All meds must be brought to the health office in a properly labeled bottle by a parent for safety reasons and per policy. All medications require a parent consent for administration by school health staff. All prescription medications also require a doctor's signature. Please call, email (417nurse@cgrove417.org or rstecher@cgrove417.org), or stop by for the correct paperwork that must be signed prior to any medication administration at school.



The 5th Graders are going to have an eventful November!

They will be writing letters to veterans. This will be a meaningful way to connect with their stories and show appreciation. On November 1st the class will be taking a trolley ride and visiting the Last Chance Store and Kaw Mission to explore parts of the Santa Fe Trail that goes along with their ELA and SS curriculum.

Next will be a trip to the Combat Air Museum and the aviation facility in Topeka on Nov 15th. This will provide a great hands-on learning opportunity about the military and aviation. I'm sure the students will come back with lots of new knowledge and memorable experiences!





Help Make Someones Christmas Brighter

Please bring items to donate to the
Christmas drive for CARE and SHARE.
Items are due December 3rd.

Toothbrush and Toothpaste
Soap and Shampoo
Hair Brushes/Combs
Deorderant
Tissues
Baby Wipes
Baby Lotion



Thank you for your support!!!

**Holidays can be very stressful for families,
below is a link to an article to help take the
stress out of holidays.**



How to Take the Stress Out of Family Gatherings

Family gatherings for the holidays can be stressful for everyone. Tips for helping your children be at their best (and have fun, too).

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Goodbye
October

Hello
November