



COUNCIL GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

BETTER
Together

FROM THE DESKS OF MRS. BREMER and MRS. GREEN

The year has started off beautifully! You might have heard your student talking about some changes at CGES, such as breakfast and lunch procedures, specials rotations, and more.

September Dates to Remember

9/3-9/20: Fall Fastbridge
Benchmark Screening

9/3: PAC/PTO, 6:00, CGES
Conference Room

9/13: CGES Picture Day

9/19: 4th Grade attends Twin
Lakes Water Festival

9/23: No School - Professional
Development for Teachers

Kelcy Bremer

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Principal

Tasha Green

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Assistant Principal

A Note of Gratitude

We are truly grateful for our parents and community members that donated to our Stock the Lounge drive.

Our PTO set up the balloon arch at Back to School Night. It brought so many smiles and added fun to the evening. Special thanks to Ashley Rivers.

**SAVE THE DATE
FOR PTO & PAC
THIS SCHOOL YEAR!**

**THE FIRST
MONDAY OF
THE MONTH*
6 PM**

* Represents 1st of the
first trimester

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For More Information

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BACK at CGES 2024 To School

September Activities



2nd - No School/Labor Day

3rd - PAC/PTO 6pm-7pm

11th - PTO Circus

13th - Fall Picture Day

19th - 4th Grade Water Festival

23rd - No School/Professional Development



SCHOOL STARTS AT 8:00AM

DIMISSED AT 3:10PM

Council Grove Elementary School

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Council Grove KS 66846

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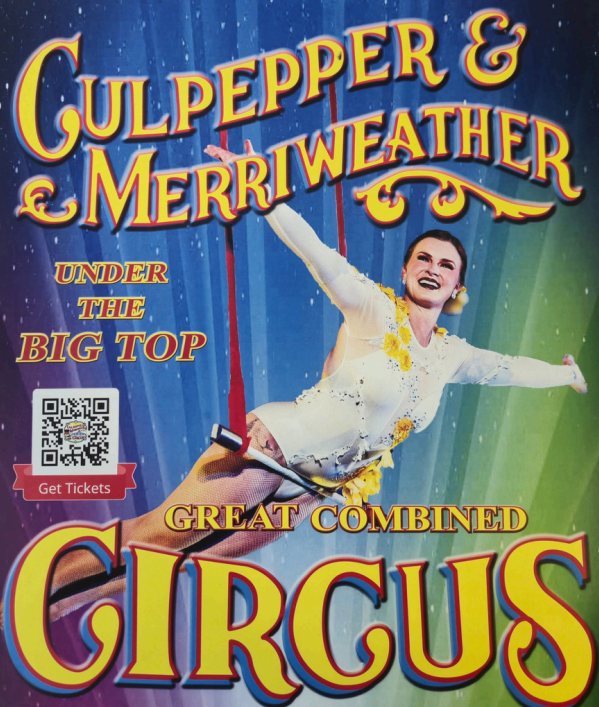
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**Tuesday
Sept 3rd
PAC/PTO
6pm-7pm
At CGES**

SUPPORT OUR AWESOME PTO
TEAM BY SNAGGING THOSE
TICKETS EARLY! LET'S MAKE IT
RAIN WITH ORDERS!

**WED • SEPT 11
COUNCIL GROVE
BEHIND KATY DEPO PARK
SHOW TIMES: 5:00 & 7:30 PM
Sponsored by: Council Grove Elementary PTO**



FALL BENCHMARK TESTING

DEAR PARENTS,

TO HELP US KNOW WHICH STUDENTS MIGHT NEED ADDITIONAL SUPPORT, ALL STUDENTS COMPLETE SCREENING TESTS UP TO THREE TIMES EACH YEAR. THESE TESTS HELP TEACHERS SEE WHICH STUDENTS ARE LIKELY TO MEET THE END OF YEAR LEARNING GOALS, AND WHICH ONES NEED MORE HELP. OUR SCHOOL USES THE FASTBRIDGE LEARNING ASSESSMENTS TO SCREEN STUDENTS IN THE AREAS OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS, MATH AND THE SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL AND BEHAVIORAL DOMAINS. OUR FIRST TESTING WINDOW IS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 3rd - SEPTEMBER 20th.

THE TEACHERS LOOK AT THE SCREENING SCORES IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE TESTING AND COMPARE THEIR STUDENTS' SCORES WITH OTHER INFORMATION ABOUT SCHOOL PERFORMANCE. THOSE STUDENTS WHOSE SCORES ARE LOW ACROSS DIFFERENT TESTS ARE PROVIDED WITH ADDITIONAL SUPPORT TO HELP THEM MEET THE LEARNING GOALS.

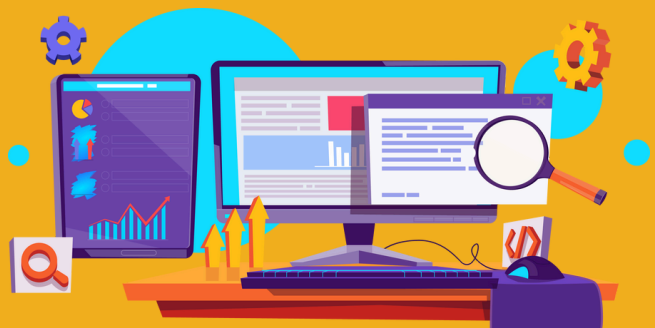
ALL OF THE STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATE IN EXTRA INSTRUCTION ALSO TAKE REGULAR PROGRESS TESTS TO SEE IF THEIR SKILLS ARE GETTING BETTER. THESE TESTS ARE GIVEN WEEKLY TO MONTHLY, DEPENDING ON THE STUDENT'S LEARNING NEEDS. BOTH SCREENING AND PROGRESS MONITORING SCORE REPORTS ARE SHARED WITH PARENTS DURING PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES OR AT OTHER TIMES DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR. THESE REPORTS HELP THE TEACHER, STUDENT, AND PARENTS KNOW IF EACH STUDENT IS LIKELY TO MEET THIS YEAR'S LEARNING GOALS.

IF YOUR CHILD HAS A LOW SCORE ON A SCREENING TEST, AND OTHER INFORMATION SHOWS THAT THE STUDENT NEEDS EXTRA HELP IN THAT AREA, EXTRA INSTRUCTION WILL BE GIVEN AUTOMATICALLY DURING THE DAILY SCHOOL SCHEDULE. YOUR CHILD'S PROGRESS WILL BE SHARED WITH YOU BY HIS OR HER TEACHER. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL PERFORMANCE, SCREENING SCORES, OR PROGRESS MONITORING RESULTS, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOUR CHILD AND YOU DURING THIS SCHOOL YEAR.

SINCERELY,

VANESSA HINDS AND KRISTA WILSON

TITLE 1 TEACHERS



Important Notes/Reminders from USD 417 Health Services:

Our school district will continue to follow the Kansas Classroom Handbook of Communicable Diseases from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and local direction from the Morris County and Wabaunsee County Health Departments in regards to infectious diseases which are of public health importance (Ex. control measures, exclusion/readmission criteria). Examples of these infections include but are not limited to the following:

***COVID diagnosis-** May return to school when fever free for 24 hours without the aid of medication and symptoms are mostly improved.

***Influenza diagnosis-** May return to school when fever free for 24 hours without the aid of medication and symptoms are mostly improved.

***Strep diagnosis-** Must have had 24 hours of antibiotic therapy (or isolation for 10 days if untreated) and be fever free for 24 hours without the aid of meds.

***Conjunctivitis, Bacterial (Pink-eye)-** May be allowed to attend school once prescribed therapy is implemented, unless their behavior is such that close contact with other students cannot be avoided.

***Students must also not return to school until free from vomiting/diarrhea/fever** for at least 24 hours (without the aid of fever-reducing medication).

-COVID and/or Influenza testing will be the only tests available by parent consent this school year. Even with consent from enrollment, no student will be tested without phone consultation with a parent or guardian first.

-Per our student handbook, a student must have a doctor's note to excuse absence due to illness if the absences are more than 3 consecutive days.

-Please share your student's symptoms when calling him/her in sick. This helps us to watch for illness that is starting to trend or spread.

-Please ensure that your child is up-to-date on required vaccinations and physical requirements to avoid exclusion from school attendance.

-If your child needs to take scheduled medication at school, please reach out to us for the needed forms (and remember that a parent/guardian should always be the one bringing the med into the school building).

If you have any questions or concerns throughout the school year, please reach out to Nurse Reddick or Nurse Stecher. Thank you!

Dana Reddick, RN, TTS
USD #417 Morris County
Director of Health Services / 504 Coordinator
KSNO- Nominating Committee Chairperson
Child Healthcare Organization President
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THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE KINDERGARTEN PARENTS THAT HAVE COMPLETED THE ASQ! THIS DATA HELPS US UNDERSTAND YOUR CHILDREN BETTER AND SET GOALS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR.

Snack Milk

Snack milk is once again offered this year for students in
Kindergarten and 1st grades.

Pricing is \$38 per semester or \$76 for the whole school year. You may pay online or send a CHECK or CASH to the school office.

Please let your child's teacher know or call the office if you are in need of assistance with snack Milk.



USD 417 Food Service **THESE ARE THE HOW TO'S OF** **THE FAMILY PORTAL**

HOW TO MAKE A FAMILY PORTAL ACCOUNT
LINK

MEAL MAGIC ONLINE PAYMENT
LINK

FAMILY PORTAL
LINK



✿ USD 417 First Ever

Fall CROP DROP



Have a garden?

Have too much produce and don't know what to do with it?

Let us help you, **Drop** your **Crop** off at any USD 417 School and we would be happy to utilize your crop for our school breakfast and lunch programs!

**ABLE TO TAKE DONATIONS
UNTIL CROPS ARE NO
LONGER HARVESTED**

- FRUITS
 - VEGETABLES
 - HERBS
- OTHER IDEAS GIVE ME A CALL!

More information:

Contact
Becky Shearer
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DEAR CGES FAMILIES,

YOUR CHILD WILL BE BRINGING HOME ONE OR TWO LIBRARY BOOK(S) EVERY WEEK. ACCORDING TO RESEARCH, READING FOR TWENTY MINUTES A DAY CAN BOLSTER YOUR CHILD'S ACADEMIC SUCCESS AND SELF-ESTEEM. I WANT TO MAKE THE LIBRARY A VERY PLEASANT EXPERIENCE FOR YOUR CHILD IN ORDER TO HAVE HIM/HER BEGIN THE LIFELONG HABIT OF CHOOSING, READING, AND ENJOYING BOOKS.

PLEASE HELP YOUR CHILD TAKE CARE OF THE BOOKS AND RETURN THEM ON TIME. WE EMPHASIZE BOOK CARE RULES, INCLUDING FINDING A SAFE, DRY PLACE FOR YOUR BOOKS, AWAY FROM PETS AND YOUNGER SIBLINGS. ALSO, PLEASE REMIND YOUR CHILD TO TREAT THE BOOKS WITH TLC (TENDER LOVING CARE). IN THE UNFORTUNATE EVENT THAT A BOOK IS LOST OR DAMAGED, THE REPLACEMENT PRICE OF THE BOOK MAY BE ASSESSED. PLEASE ALLOW MRS. HODGES TO DETERMINE THE BEST WAY TO FIX A DAMAGED BOOK, AND DO NOT ATTEMPT TO FIX IT YOURSELF, BUT INCLUDE A NOTE NOTING THE PROBLEM.

OUR PRESCHOOL-SECOND GRADERS CHECK OUT ONE BOOK AT A TIME AND THE THIRD-SIXTH GRADERS CAN CHECK OUT TWO BOOKS AT A TIME. WE DO NOT CHARGE OVERDUE FEES ON LATE BOOKS, BUT STUDENTS WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED TO CHECK OUT THE NUMBER OF BOOKS THAT THEY RETURN.

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP & WELCOME TO OUR CGES FAMILY!

**RACHEL HODGES
CGES SCHOOL LIBRARIAN**



Students Succeed When Parents Are Involved



Top 10 Reasons the PowerSchool Parent Portal and Mobile App Are Great for Parents!

- 1 Help drive student growth**
Parents who are actively involved in their child's education can help keep students on track.
- 2 Real-time, instant access**
Get instant access to real-time grades, attendance, comments, assignments and scores directly from the teacher's gradebook.
- 3 Engagement your way**
Get PowerSchool access that best fits your needs – access the secure parent portal from a desktop, laptop, or mobile device, or use the PowerSchool mobile app (with push notifications) from any smartphone, tablet or the Apple Watch.
- 4 Easily communicate with teachers**
See teacher comments and grades; send and receive emails.
- 5 Progress reports in your inbox**
Get daily, weekly, or monthly-automated email progress reports.
- 6 Choose your language**
Parent portals include 19 different translations.
- 7 Strengthen the relationship with your student**
Knowing your student's grades and assignments is a great starting point to discuss progress, offer help, or give congratulations.
- 8 No more missing homework assignments**
Enjoy instant, real-time access to your student's assignments and course syllabus in all of their classes.
- 9 Easy access to all of your children**
All of your students under one parent account, with single sign-on convenience.
- 10 Know what's going on at the school**
Get the school's daily bulletin board, integrated family calendar, fee transactions and balance, automatic email messaging, and online course request.

PowerSchool Access Code KHGQ



Download the free mobile app or log on to the online parent portal from any internet-connected device.



"I think the mobile app is genius.
What I love about it is it helps my sons take responsibility for their learning. PowerSchool has taken that big curtain that was protecting or hiding grades from students, and opened it up, and allowed these students instant access so they know where they're at."

*- Tony Newman, Assistant Superintendent,
Ramona Unified School District, California*

Who Can Help?

A school problem-solving guide for parents and other caregivers

START
HERE



TEACHER

When you have a concern about something at school, begin by contacting the teacher, counselor, or another trusted adult at school for assistance.

1

PRINCIPAL

If you are unable to resolve your concern at the classroom level, or with a counselor, please visit with the school principal for additional support.

2

DISTRICT

If your concern persists, please contact the district office, and ask for help. You may be directed to the superintendent or another staff leader with knowledge to assist you.

3

SCHOOL BOARD

If your concern persists after following steps 1-3, you want to contact board members or speak at a meeting. Visit www.usd417.net for more information or call the board clerk at 620-767-5192 to get started.

4

OTHER HELPFUL RESOURCES

- If you are experiencing an emergency, call 9-1-1
- If you know someone who is thinking about suicide or self-harm, call 9-8-8
- The Kansas School Safety Hotline to anonymously report possible violence is 877-626-8203
- If you have a non-emergency concern, please contact local law enforcement



Kansas Department for Children and Families Family Mobile Crisis Helpline

Services are available for all Kansans 20 years old or younger, including anyone in foster care or formerly in foster care.

Call, text, or chat with the helpline at

833-441-2240



Over the phone support and problem solving to help resolve a child's behavioral health crisis



Over the phone support with referral to community resources or a recommendation to engage in stabilization services



In-person support via mobile crisis response if the crisis cannot be resolved over the phone



In emergency situations, EMS, law enforcement and/or the mobile crisis response unit will be contacted to assist

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