



Growing Creative Minds & Caring Hearts Heusner Elementary



A Note from the Principal

Heusner teachers are innovative and always looking at research based best practice to enhance student learning at Heusner.

This is our first year to have a Multi Tiered System of Support (MTSS) model for all grades in math and reading. Multi-Tiered System of Supports integrates data and instruction to support student achievement.

Last year, Heusner teachers researched MTSS and visited other school districts. We came back and created a Heusner Walk to Intervention model. Students at risk in reading or math will walk to intervention to receive an additional 25 minutes of specialized instruction from one of our three intervention teachers.

Students that remain in the classroom will also have the opportunity to have their learning needs met either through extension or additional support by the classroom teacher. We will keep you posted with more information about our Walk to Intervention time.

- Lori Munsell, Principal

Reminder:

Oct. 7
Pride Families
@ 8:30 a.m.

Oct. 10
Heusner Marathon
Celebration @ KWU
2:45 p.m.

Oct. 11 & 14
No School
In-service/Teacher
Work Day

Look Ahead:

Nov. 1 No School

Nov. 4

- Site Council-12:00 p.m.
- Parent Advisory Council 6:00 p.m.
- PTA Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Nov. 5 Picture Retakes

Nov. 14 Third Grade
program 6:00 p.m.

Nov. 25-29 No School

Oct. 1 Picture Day



October 1, 2024 is picture day for all students.

Retakes are November 5, 2024.

Oct. 3 Board Games

Board Games with Grownups 8:15-8:45 a.m.





October 31, 2024

Morning Parade 8:35 a.m.

The costume parade will begin promptly at 8:35 a.m. on Thursday, October 31, 2024. The students will parade around the outside of school. Parents are welcome to come watch on the sidewalks surrounding Heusner.

Costume Guidelines:

Minimum of elaborate make-up, no weapons...knives, guns, swords, bombs, no fake blood, no characters such as "Jason" or "Freddy", who represent violence, murder for sport and other values that we cannot accept.

Fall Parties 3:00 p.m.

If you are helping with the classroom parties, be sure to sign in at the front office.



Heusner Fire Safety Art Contest Winner



Theran Owen
Grade 5
Ms. Armstrong

Students were challenged to design a fire safety poster with the theme, "Smoke Alarms: Make Them Work for you!" Theran Owen is the top designer at Heusner. His poster will now be judged by the Salina Fire Department among all the top winners at SPS.

What's for lunch?



 [October Menu](#)

Music News from Mrs. Cash

Upcoming Programs:

- Grade 3 Celebrate America, November 14 at 6:00 p.m.
- Grade 4 Winter Wonderland, December 12 at 6:00 p.m.

Classes are busy reviewing musical terms, rhythm reading and musical instruments. Students are learning how to play percussion instruments appropriately and how to show self-control when playing.



Fifth graders are using Growth Mindset to keep working and learning even when it seems hard on the ukulele. Reading a musical notation called TABS was difficult. Most of us struggled and continued to push ourselves until we understood the concept. Classes are now working on learning to strum and how to play chords. I enjoy watching students grow musically!

Mrs. Cash



Nurse News from Mrs. Gibson

For families that have already been notified, updated vaccines must be received by Tuesday, Oct. 29 or your student will not be able to return to school until they are completed.

If you have questions, please contact Diane Gibson BSN, RN at 309-402-4207. Thank you!



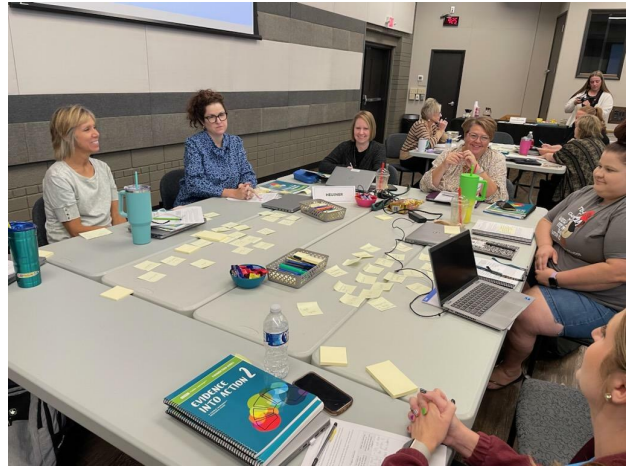


Visible Learning in Action at SPS

As educational partners with parents and guardians, we want to update you about classroom strategies. You may have heard about Visible Learning at Salina Public Schools – and if so, you’re probably curious what this means.

Through Visible Learning:

- Students see themselves as more than just pupils. They see themselves as active learners who are eager to explore and grow.
- Each of our schools have chosen learning dispositions that support development of critical thinking, communication and social-emotional skills.



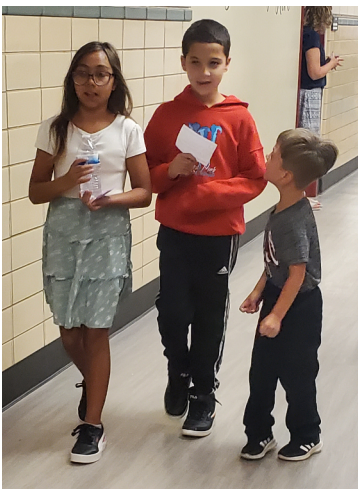
These learning dispositions are attitudes or habits that help students become better learners.

Examples in action could include:

- Self-motivation: taking charge of your own learning by setting goals
- Curiosity: asking lots of questions
- Resilience: keep trying even when something is hard

Your child’s school will be sharing the learning dispositions with you. When you read or hear about them, they’re a great way to connect and reinforce the critical, lifelong skills your child is learning. We encourage you to use them as a conversation point with your child. These discussions will strengthen your bond with your child and support them on their educational journey.

Students won't want to miss Pride Families Monday, Oct. 7



An Introduction to Eureka Math²



Eureka Math²® is your student's revolutionary new math program. Its learning design allows your student to build a deep conceptual understanding of mathematics that will better prepare them for college, career, and beyond.

Family Math letters will be coming home with your child throughout the year. These letters will provide a topic overview that includes content, images of models and strategies, and key vocabulary. It also includes ideas for math activities that may be done at home.

Heusner's staff honors and celebrates the role caregivers play in each student achieving greatness. Thank you for your partnership!

Jennifer Marshall
Math Coach
Heusner Elementary



Family Math Samples to be on the lookout for:

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Topic A

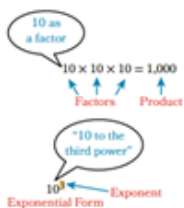
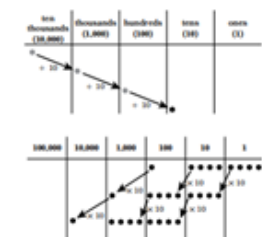
FAMILY MATH
Place Value Understanding for Whole Numbers

Dear Family,

Your student is learning to multiply and divide by 10, 100, and 1,000. They begin by representing multiplication and division on the place value chart. Students recognize patterns in products and quotients, which prepares them to calculate mentally. They write repeated multiplication by using exponents and explore how powers of 10 relate to place value and metric units. Your student solves problems by converting between metric measurements and describing the relationships between the units.

Key Terms

centigram	kiloliter
centiliter	milligram
exponent	millimeter
exponential form	power of 10



The place value chart shows each place value unit is 10 times as much as the unit to its right. This understanding can be applied to multiplying and dividing by powers of 10.

When multiplying by 10, digits shift to the left. When dividing by 10, digits shift to the right.

kilometer, meter, centimeter, millimeter	kilogram, gram, centigram, milligram	kiloliter, liter, centiliter, milliliter
longer	heavier	greater capacity
1 meter = 100 centimeters	1 gram = 100 centigrams	1 liter = 100 centiliters
1 meter = 1,000 millimeters	1 gram = 1,000 milligrams	1 liter = 1,000 milliliters
1 kilometer = 1,000 meters	1 kilogram = 1,000 grams	1 kiloliter = 1,000 liters

Students use powers of 10 to understand relationships between metric units and to solve problems.

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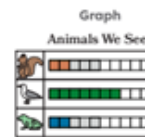
FAMILY MATH
Count and Compare with Data

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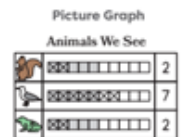
Your student is using graphs to organize, represent, and interpret data. They collect data by counting various things. Then they represent, or show, the data in different graphs and charts. Your student is also interpreting graphs and charts by comparing the categories. They use the greater than (>) and less than (<) symbols to write comparison number sentences.

Key Terms and Symbols

graph
greater than symbol >
less than symbol <
represent



There are more birds than squirrels.
7 is greater than 2.
7 > 2



There are fewer frogs than birds.
2 is less than 7.
2 < 7



The number of squirrels is the same as the number of frogs.
2 is equal to 2.
2 = 2



The National Ambassador
for Young People's Literature
is coming to our community!



Special Best Selling Author Talk

You're invited to visit Salina Public Library on October 22, from 6:00-7:00 p.m., to hear Meg Medina read and join in conversation and questions with her. Meg is the National Ambassador for Young People's Literature 2023-24 and a best-selling author.

This event is offered through partnership with the Salina Public Library.

[Author Talk Info](#)

Happy Fall!



Summer days are over and so are the hot summer temperatures. Be sure & send students with jackets/coats. They will need them at recess.

See Something, Say Something

An important way to report concerns is for everyone to practice, See Something, Say Something. Our students are encouraged to tell adults, including teachers, principals and counselors, when they see or hear something that causes them concern. And, we ask parents and guardians to reinforce this important message at home. Be sure to alert the school principal if you or your student hears about something that could cause a safety concern.



HEALTHCARE ON WHEELS

COMING TO A SCHOOL NEAR YOU

FOR ALL SALINA PUBLIC SCHOOL FAMILIES:
STUDENTS, PARENTS AND STAFF

- ILLNESS, MINOR INJURIES, PHYSICALS
- NOT REQUIRED TO BE A SALINA FAMILY PATIENT
- WALK-INS WELCOME OR RESERVE YOUR SPOT ONLINE WITH AN APPOINTMENT
- MINORS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT/GUARDIAN
- PLEASE BRING YOUR INSURANCE CARD OR FORM OF PAYMENT

EVERY MONDAY
AVAILABLE 7AM-9AM

(Excluding School Closures)

VISIT [SALINAHEALTH.ORG/HEALTHCARE-ON-WHEELS/](https://salinahealth.org/healthcare-on-wheels/)



Monthly Locations:

- August/September 2024 - Schilling
- October 2024 - Cottonwood
- November 2024 - Heusner
- December 2024 - Oakdale
- January/February 2025 - Sunset
- March 2025 - Coronado
- April 2025 - Meadowlark
- May 2025 - Stewart

LEARN MORE:



October Calendar

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- Oct. 1** School Pictures
- Oct. 3** Board Games with Grownups 8:15 a.m.
- Oct. 7** Pride Families 8:25 a.m.
Site Council 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Parent Advisory Council 6:00 p.m.
PTA Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 10** End of the First Quarter
- Oct. 10** Heusner Marathon Celebration at Kansas Wesleyan University 2:45 p.m.
- Oct. 11** No School In-service/Work Day
- Oct. 14** No School In-service Day
- Oct. 31** Fall Parade at 8:35 a.m.
Fall Parties at 3:00 p.m.

Contact Us

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 Sandra Renz - Lead Teacher
 Melissa Williams - Secretary
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 Heusner Elementary

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 School Website

 District Website

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#305GrowsGreatness

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