

December 2024

Paw Print

Together, We Grow at Coronado Elementary



A Note from the Principal

Dear Coronado Families,

As we approach the end of the year, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful progress our students have made. Our teachers have been doing an excellent job keeping students engaged with exciting lessons and activities. Last month, we held a school wide election event where our students learned about the democratic process and we even worked with the Saline County Election Office.

December is a time of reflection, appreciation and kindness. As a school community, we are so grateful for the continued support and involvement of our families. Thank you for all that you do to make our school a positive and thriving place. This month, we encourage everyone to continue to foster a spirit of generosity.

As the temperatures drop, please ensure your child comes to school dressed warmly. Layers are always a good idea as we go from the cool outdoors to the warmth of the classroom. Please also remember that if there is inclement weather, we will notify families through our regular communication channels about any changes to school schedules.

In this holiday season, we encourage all of our students to practice kindness, empathy, and respect for one another. It's the perfect time to focus on sharing, showing gratitude and extending a hand to those who may need a little extra support. We are so proud of the kindness our students demonstrate each and every day!

Warmly,

Tyler Burnett

Coronado Elementary Principal

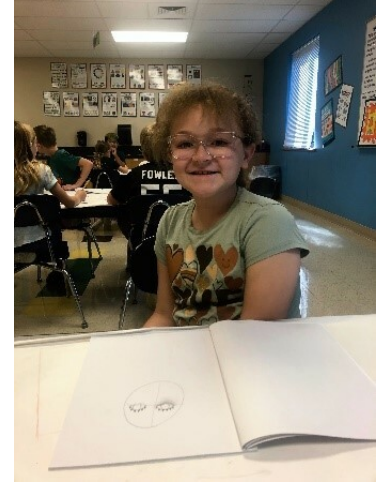
What's Happening at Coronado?

Community Service Project

As part of school wide service project (Cubs Who Care) benefiting the Salina Food Bank, our school is collecting non-perishable food items starting November 18. The non-perishable food items will be presented to a representative of the Salina Food Bank at our December ROCK Rally.

We are asking you and your students to send to school nonperishable food items. Our goal is 800 items and with approximately 400 students that is just two items (or more) per student. Be a part of meeting or exceeding our goal and help out our community. Currently, the food bank is in need of cereal, oatmeal, pop tarts, etc. But they will also take any and all non-perishable food items.

If you have questions, please contact Mr. Iselin at 785-309-4112 or Max.craddockiselin@usd305.com.



Art Corner

Welcome to the Art Room!

Tis the season for finishing up our clay project! After studying Wayne Thiebaud' pop art style, all grades made cupcakes out of clay.

Now we will begin painting our 3-D cupcakes. It will be interesting to see what delicious colors they add to their sweets! Afterwards, we will be designing our own snowman bags to put the cupcakes in. This will involve some collaging and imagination.

Everyone is excited to bring their masterpieces home for their families to see.

As part of our unit on pop art, third, fourth, and fifth grades will be bringing home other art projects designed to give us all a sweet tooth!

Notes from the Nurse

A few reminders to keep your family healthy this holiday season, as we enter flu season, Covid-19 is not our only concern:

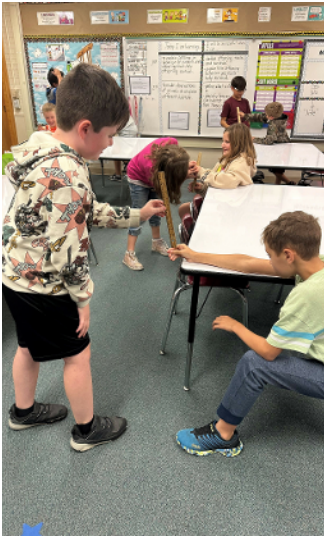
The most important way to avoid illness is good hand-washing! Hands should be washed after using the restroom, before preparing or eating food and before and after touching your face.

A flu shot provides protection from many strains of the flu and is recommended by the CDC. The Covid-19 vaccine is now available for children as young as six months of age. Contact your child's physician for more information.

Prevent contact with those who are ill, and if you or your child are ill, stay home to prevent spreading illness.

I hope you all have a Happy and Healthy Christmas and New Year!

Jessica Owens, School Nurse



Science and Critical Thinking

- Kindergartners are learning all about hibernation.
- First grade has been working on biomimicry and how nature inspires inventions.
- Second grade is busy building bird feeders and learning what birds eat based on their traits.
- Third graders have been engaged in Mr. Beach's lesson, "Down in the Swamp."
- Fourth graders are learning about the brain and reaction time.
- Fifth grade are making mini oceans to learn about how much salt is in the ocean.

Library

November Happenings in the Library:

When there was a problem in the story for turkey, the students at Coronado Library were eager to help find a solution.

Turkey Trouble by Wendi Silvano is a book about a turkey who disguises himself as many different farm animals in the hopes that the farmer will not eat him on Thanksgiving day. When he finds dressing as an animal isn't working, turkey needs to think of a new plan. The disguise turkey used at the end of the story was a funny and yummy surprise!

Maybe there are others things you can eat besides turkey at your Thanksgiving feast.



Counselor Notes

For the past several weeks the classroom guidance lessons for kindergarten through second grade have focused on how to deal with bullying at school. We began with how to recognize a bullying behavior and distinguish it from a conflict between peers. Bullying is when someone keeps being mean to someone else, repeatedly over time, on purpose. Bullying is unfair and involves using negative power to hurt others emotionally or physically. Bullying is also one-sided, where one person or group keeps trying to hurt or threaten another; as opposed to a conflict that is two-sided and both peers are equally mean toward each other.

Students are taught that reporting bullying is not the same as tattling, and it is their job to help keep themselves and others safe by reporting bullying to trusted adults at school and at home.

Students also learn to refuse bullying when it happens to them or to someone else by speaking directly to the bully with assertiveness skills. Being assertive helps you communicate what you need or want in a way that is respectful toward others.

The steps to communicate with assertiveness include:

- Facing the person you're talking to
- Keeping your head up and shoulders back
- Using a calm, firm, and confident voice
- Using respectful words

Lastly, we discuss the powerful role that bystanders have in stopping bullying. Any person who witnesses bullying can take an active role in stopping the bully by helping the victim report to a trusted adult; the bystander can use respectful words to assertively confront the bully about their behavior; or the bystander can support the victim by using kind words and helping them move away from the bully and include them in an alternative activity.

Shirley Luce,

Coronado School Counselor

Valid Social Media Accounts

Social media is a great way for us to share the amazing things happening at our school. However, it's important to know that the social media account you and your child are following is trustworthy.

We want to remind you that not all social media accounts you or your child may come across are approved or affiliated with our school. Only the social media accounts linked directly from our school website and our school newsletters are sponsored by SPS.

Thank you for your continued support in maintaining a safe and informed community for our students.

5 Minute Mindfulness

Mrs Lagroon - School Social Worker

Dealing with Emotions

While we need to give our children an understanding that all feelings are okay, equally, we need them to understand that not all reactions to those feelings are acceptable. Address unwanted behaviors once a situation has calmed down and not in the heat of the moment. Use an empathetic approach and connect first, so your child feels understood. They are better able to listen without drama and without the situation escalating further.

Handling Emotions Mindfully

Next time your child is swept up in a strong emotion, ask them to notice where they are feeling it in their body and how it feels. Have paper and crayons ready. Ask your child to remember these feelings and to draw them. Giving your children a calm and sympathetic response to their overwhelming feelings, and helping them to realize that the feeling will pass is hugely reassuring.

Empathy Exercises

- When reading a book with your child, have them try to label the emotions of the characters at different junctures of the story.
- Similarly, when watching a movie or a show, ask your child to tell you what emotion that character is feeling from their facial expressions & body language.
- Have your child draw happy, sad, angry or embarrassed faces.

"If you judge people, you have no time to love them." - Mother Teresa

From Five-Minute Mindfulness Parenting by Claire Gillman

Congratulations to our November Growing Greatness Award winner, Jeremy Miles!

Jeremy is the building operator at Coronado Elementary where he plays an impactful role and is always ready to lend a helping hand. He builds connections with students and teaches life skills that support their success. He has worked with students as a staff volunteer "Starfish" (where an adult at school, other than the child's primary teacher, connects with them.) Jeremy takes pride in maintaining Coronado's appearance and keeps it looking phenomenal. His dedication makes a significant difference for every student at Coronado.

Congrats again to Jeremy! Special thanks to our award sponsor, Nex-Tech!



December Calendar

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

3 - PTO Meeting 6:00 p.m.

6 - Rock Rally 1:30 p.m.

12 - First Grade Music Concert
6:00 p.m.

12 - Second Grade Music Concert
6:45 p.m.

18 - Big Little Day

20-31 - No School-Winter
Break



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