



Growing Creative Minds & Caring Hearts Heusner Elementary

A Note from the Principal

At Heusner our mission is to create a respectful and engaging environment that inspires the love of lifelong learning. We want our students to become powerful thinkers, effective collaborators and empathetic citizens. This year we are excited to share our focus on Visible Learning and how that is impacting the way we think about teaching and learning.

Visible learning emphasizes:

- The importance of students understanding what they are learning.
- Why they are learning it.
- How they will know when they have learned it.



The cornerstone of Visible Learning is teacher clarity. It involves defining and communicating learning intentions (what students are expected to learn) and success criteria (how students will know they achieved their learning goal). When students can see their learning journey, they become more motivated and invested in their learning.

As partners in your student's education, here are some things you can do to reinforce the work we are doing at school:

- Encourage your child to share about what they are learning and why it is important.
- Discuss how they will know when they have succeeded in their work.
- Celebrate effort and recognize the hard work and perseverance your child demonstrates.

Thanks for partnering with us!

- Lori Munsell, Principal

Reminders

February 3

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

February 5 & 6

- P/T Conferences

February 6, 7 & 10

- No School

February 14

- Valentine Parties 3:00 p.m.

February 18

- Spring Pictures

February 19 & 20

- Hearing Checks

February 28

- No School

A Look Ahead

March 3

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

March 6

- Grade 2 Program 6:00 p.m.

March 11

- Folk Dance 6:30 p.m.

March 13

- End of Quarter 3

March 14

- No School In-service/ Work Day

March 17-21

- No School-Spring Break

Parent Teacher Conferences Feb. 5 & 6

Make sure you sign up for Parent/Teacher Conferences!

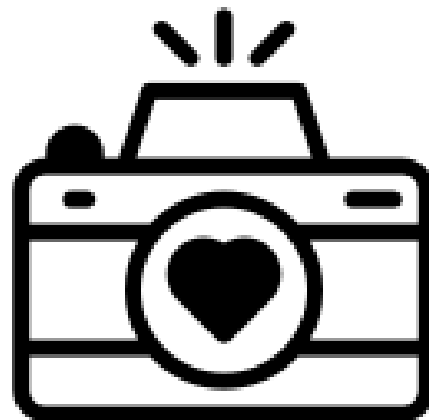


Click here to sign up for P/T Conferences

Reminder there is no school on February 6, 7 & 10.

Spring Pictures

The Picture Lady will be here Tuesday, **February 18, 2025** to take spring pictures. There will be *no retakes*.





Nurse News from Mrs. Gibson



Hearing screenings are scheduled for Thursday, February 19 & Friday, February 20 at Heusner.

Make-up day will be Wednesday, March 5, 2025

Music News from Ms. Cash

The spring semester is filled with music programs for Kindergarten, First, Second & Fifth Grades.

Third grade classes will be diving into the families of instruments that make up the orchestra. They will be working on the new rhythms of sixteenth notes while creating their own compositions using previously learned rhythms.

Fourth grade classes have the opportunity to learn about specific instruments of band and strings as they prepare to be involved in ensembles next year.



Family Folk Dance Night coming soon!

Who: Grades 3, 4 & 5 Students and Guardians

When: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Where: Heusner Big Gym

Ms. Cash is so thrilled to invite you to an exciting evening. Students have been learning Folk Dances on Fridays during music, and they are want to teach the dances to YOU their parents/guardians.

This is the first event like this at Heusner, and we want as many participants as possible. Come and share an evening of laughing, learning and all-around **fun!**



PTA News

You have great ideas and PTA would love to hear them. Join PTA **February 3, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Heusner library.



Please share all your school photos to the PTA using this email:

✉ heusneryearbookpics@gmail.com

PTA Chocolate Fundraiser is coming! Be on the look out for more information.



Notice of Assessment

Our school receives Title 1 funds. Schools that receive these funds are expected to provide to each parent information on the level of achievement and academic growth of the student, if applicable and available, on the Kansas Assessments. Students in grades 3-5 take the Kansas Assessments each Spring. Your child's Kansas Assessment Results will be sent home in your child's grade card at the end of the school year.

The results of the Kansas Assessments are important to our school because we use them to evaluate the effectiveness of our educational programming. As a parent/guardian, you do have the right to opt out of the Kansas Assessments by sending a written request to the building principal stating that you wish for your child to not be tested. Please contact the building principal for more information at 785-309-4202.

Additional assessment information, including our building and district report cards and a list of assessments given at each grade level, is available on the district website. **Click the Link Below:**



[Click here Assessment Information.](#)



Heusner Schedule

Breakfast 7:55 a.m.-8:20 a.m.

Kindergarten-5 Grades 8:25 a.m.-3:35 p.m.

Morning Pre-K 8:00 a.m.-11:20 a.m.

Afternoon Pre-K 12:10 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Going to be gone? Call 785-309-4200
or email the front Office



[Click to E-mail](#)

You Make a Difference



Pictured Left: Mrs. Anguiano's kindergarten class.

Mrs. A received a You Make A Difference Award in December 2024!

Visible Learning at SPS

Did you know that understanding the Visible Learning strategies being used in your child's classroom can make a big difference in their growth as active, curious learners? **At Heusner, we're focusing on key learning dispositions: being a communicator, embracing challenges, having self control and being curious to help students thrive.**

You can play a big role in this! Try starting a conversation with your child about their learning. **Here are a few ideas to get you started:**

- What have you done today that you're proud of?
- How did you approach something challenging today?
- What new learning are you excited about?

You can also ask, "Why are you learning this?" or "How will you know when you've learned it?" These small chats support your child's learning and strengthen your bond. Together, we can help them grow!

February Calendar

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School Website

District Website