



March 2025

# The Cottonwood Chronicle

*Working Together - Learning Together*



## A Note From the Principal

This month marks the ninth anniversary of the remodel and update of Cottonwood Elementary. Thanks to the passing of a \$110 million bond, Grade 5 students moved into the new Grade 5 wing, secure entrances were added and the Cottonwood office traded places with the music room. Thanks again parents for making our school such a great place for students.

Sincerely,  
Kyle Griffitts, Principal

## Upcoming

## Events

**April 3-** COT Family University

**April 14-17-** Book Fair

**April 18-** No School

**April 21-** No School

**April 24-** Kindergarten Roundup

**May 2-** Kansas Kids Fitness Day for Grade 3

**May 16-** COT Playday/Picnic

# "Our life is March weather, savage and serene in one hour."

*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

## Spring Break Activities Ideas

- Visit a museum
- Go to the zoo
- Have a picnic
- Have a movie night
- Build a fort
- Make arts-and-crafts
- Go to the Library
- Have a game night
- Go on a walk
- Go to a park



## Events in March

**March 5-** Dr. Seuss' birthday

**March 3-7-** Read Across America Week

**March 14-** Pi Day  $\pi$

**March 17-** St. Patrick's Day 

**March 20-** Beginning of Spring

**March 31-** National Crayon Day 

- Women's History Month
- National Craft Month







## ***Grade 5 Honor Choir***

On February 1, 2025, eleven Grade 5 students from Cottonwood had the honor of being selected to perform in the North Central KMEA District Honor Choir. Led by their music teacher, Dalene Johnson, Scotlyn Allen, Liam Caldwell, Genesis Gonzalez, Camila Guillen, Malaya Jackson, Emma Smith, Phoenix De Villiers, Clarissa Elder, Hailey Ramon, Gloria Sanchez, and Brayleigh Smith joined other talented students from across the state.

The students spent time rehearsing after school, at home, and during the event itself, preparing five challenging musical selections to perform for an audience in Manhattan, KS.

This event provided the students with the chance to strengthen their vocal abilities and musical knowledge, all while singing in a choir of 115 voices.



## ***Intergenerational Gatherings***

The Cottonwood Elementary School Grade 3 students visit residents at Salina Presbyterian Manor.

Students were in full learning mode as they are worked on creating a short bio and presentation of each resident they meet.

The magic is in watching the kids and residents bond and the relationships being built!

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4- COT Kindergarten Program

5- COT Family University

14- No School/Inservice/Teacher  
Workday

17- No School

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