



September 2025

# The Cottonwood Chronicle

*Working Together - Learning Together*



## A Note From the Principal

The school year is off to a wonderful start. Our students are learning, growing, and settling into routines.

As cooler weather begins remember doors do not open until 7:50 a.m. Students arriving early will need to wait outside. Please have your child dressed for the weather or get them to school closer to 7:55 or 8:00 a.m. The front of the school has no cover. To avoid waiting in bad weather you can use the covered Baker Street entrance.

Thank you for your support.

Mr. Stockwell, Principal

## Upcoming

## Events

**Oct. 3-** Family University

**Oct. 9-** No School/Inservice

**Oct. 10-** No School/  
Inservice/Workday

**Oct. 13-16-** Book Fair

**Oct. 15-** Parent/Teacher  
Conferences

**Oct. 16-** No School/  
Parent/Teacher Conferences

# Greatness Grows When You're Here!

Our district is launching a district wide attendance campaign to reinforce the importance of school attendance and to support families in helping every student achieve their personal best.

Did you know that missing just 2 days a month for any reason, whether excused, unexcused, or due to suspension, can add up to a student being chronically absent? Chronic absence (missing 10% or more of the school year) can cause students to fall behind academically and feel disconnected from school.

As partners in your child's education, we encourage you to help build strong attendance habits by setting consistent routines, scheduling appointments outside of school hours when possible, and avoiding vacations or trips when school is in session.

If your child will be absent, please communicate with the school, and don't hesitate to reach out to our school counselor or social worker if you have any concerns. They are here to support you and your student.

Together, we can help all students grow and succeed because greatness truly grows when you're here!



## Need Health Coverage?

*Our School Social Workers Can Help!*

Did you know our school social workers can now assist families with Presumptive Eligibility (PE) enrollment? PE provides temporary Medicaid coverage for children and pregnant individuals who appear to be eligible, giving access to important health services while the full application is being processed.

If your family is in need of health coverage or you're unsure where to start, our social workers are here to help guide you through the process. It's quick, confidential, and can make a big difference in ensuring your child stays healthy and supported.

To learn more or to schedule an appointment, please contact your school's social worker directly.

We're here for you!

## Title I Schools Annual Notice

As part of our commitment to transparency and providing the best education for your children, we want to remind you of your rights under Title I. You can request information about the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teacher and any instructional aides who work with your child. This includes their certification, college degrees, and other qualifications. We aim to keep open communication and ensure you feel confident in the education your child receives. If you have any questions or would like to request this information, please contact our office.

## Steps to Success:

### *Communicating with Your Child's School*

We strive to be the best place to learn. The only way we can improve is to know about concerns so we are able to address them. Here are some tips for communicating with your child's school when concerns arise.

The fastest way to a positive result is to start with the people closest to the situation in the school. Talk with the teacher or coach about your questions and concerns before going to the principal.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to reach out to teachers and school staff by:

- Calling the school's phone number. Because they are teaching, you often will need to leave a message for your child's teacher or coach.
- Emailing the teacher or coach directly. All teacher emails are available on our school website.

We want to be responsive to parents' questions and requests for information. Our staff will respond to your call or email as soon as possible, in most cases within two school days.

If you have had a conversation with your child's teacher and the principal and are still needing assistance, the director of elementary or secondary programs will be able to provide additional support.

We are excited for this new school year and look forward to partnering with you to support a great school experience for your student.

## Screen Your Student for Symptoms of Illness

It is important to screen your student for illness every day before coming to school. Keep your student at home if sick with any illness. By making sure students are healthy when they come to school, we all can help prevent illnesses that disrupt learning.

Thank you for your support!

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- 1- No School/Labor Day
- 2- Marathon Begins
- 4- Fundraiser Kick-off

- 22-Cottonwood Creed  
Repretory Play
- 24- Picture Day

## Contact Us

Cody Stockwell- Principal  
Anna Dechant- Assistant Principal  
Karna Monson - Nurse - Call 785-309-4605  
Main Office Phone Number: 785-309-4600



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 School Website

 District Website

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