



Growing Creative Minds & Caring Hearts

Heusner Elementary

A Note from the Principal

PRIDE Families at Heusner

At Heusner, we are proud to continue our tradition of building strong connections through PRIDE Families! PRIDE Families are small, cross-grade communities that give every student a chance to belong, learn, and grow together. Each family includes:

- 2 Kindergarteners
- 2 First Graders
- 2 Second Graders
- 2 Third Graders
- 2 Fourth Graders
- 2 Fifth Graders



Once students are placed in a PRIDE Family, they stay with the same group throughout their years at Heusner. This creates long-lasting relationships and a sense of community that extends beyond individual classrooms.

Older students serve as role models and leaders, while younger students benefit from encouragement, support, and positive peer connections. Together, students form bonds that make our school feel like one big family.

Each month, PRIDE Families come together to:

- Participate in fun and engaging STEM projects
- Explore character lessons that build respect, kindness, and responsibility
- Spend time talking, connecting, and learning from each other

Our goal is for every student to feel connected, valued, and proud to be part of the Heusner community. PRIDE Families are just one of the ways we nurture leadership, collaboration, and belonging in every child.

Sincerely,

Lori Munsell, Principal

October

- 1 Reading w/ Parents:
Kindergarten: 11:00 a.m.
-11:20 a.m., Grade 2: 11:30
a.m.-12:00 p.m., Grade 1:
3:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
- 6 Site Council 12:00-1:00 p.m.
Parent Advisory Council
6:00 p.m.
PTA Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 7 School Pictures
- 8 End of Quarter 1
- 9 No School Teacher In-service
- 10 No School Teacher
In-service/Work Day
- 15 & 16 Parent/Teacher
Conference & Scholastic
Book Fair
- 16 & 17 No School
- 24 Heusner Marathon
Celebration at KWU 2:30-
3:15 p.m.
- 31 Fall Parade at 8:35 a.m.
Fall Parties at 3:00 p.m.

November

- 3 Site Council-12-1:00 p.m.
- 3 PTA Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 7 Family Bingo Night
6:30-7:30p.m.
- 11 Picture Retakes
- 13 Grade 3 Program 6 p.m.
- 20 Kindergarten Authentic
Presentations 3:00 p.m.
- 24-28 No School-Thanksgiving
Break

Picture Day Oct. 7

Bring your smiles on **Tuesday, October 7, 2025**. Retakes are schedule for November 11, 2025. If you have questions, email the Picture lady:



Picture Lady Email



Book Fair Oct. 15 & 16

Mrs. J and her volunteers are so excited for the book fair!

- Oct. 15 3:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 16 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.



PTA News

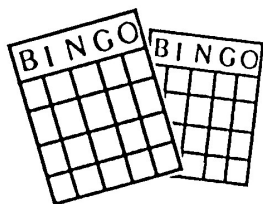
PTA invites you to join October 6, 2025 in the library at 7:00 p.m.

Heusner PTA needs your help to make the school yearbook. If you have photos and want to share to PTA e-mail:

 [Click to e-mail yearbook pictures](#)

It's very helpful if you include grade level and what the event is. If you would like to help with the making of the yearbook reach out to PTA President, Cindy Rocha.

Family Bingo Night is coming! November 7
6:30-7:30 p.m.



Schedule

Breakfast	7:55 a.m.-8:20 a.m.
Kinder-5	Grades 8:25 a.m.-3:35 p.m.
Preschool:	Morning: 8:00-11:20 a.m. Afternoon: 12:10-3:30 p.m.

Going to be gone/late? Contact the Front Office by 9:00 a.m. Call 785-309-4200 or email

 [Click to E-mail](#)

- Breakfast students should not arrive earlier than 7:55 a.m.
- Non-Breakfast eaters wait outside by their grade level doors (weather permitting)
- Tardy bell is at 8:25 a.m.
- Students will exit out their grade level doors at 3:35 p.m. (Make after school plans before school with your students).



Parent Teacher Conferences:

Did you know you can sign up for October's & February's Parent/Teacher Conferences?

Click the link, select the teacher & a time that works for you.

 [Click to sign up](#)

Conferences:

- October 15 4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- October 16 8:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

No School:

- Thursday, October 16
- Friday, October 17



Marathon Celebration October 24, 2025



Students that completed the marathon will walk over to **Kansas Wesleyan on Friday October 24, 2025**. Parents are invited to sit in the stands to watch students run their last lap around the track at **2:30 p.m.** Once everyone has done, all students will walk back to Heusner to finish the celebration on the blacktop.

Fun Fact: These students were in first grade when this picture was taken and are now our current fifth graders.

Fall Celebration October 31, 2025

Fall Parade at 8:35 a.m.

Parents are invited to watch students walk around the outside of Heusner at 8:35 a.m. Once done, students will change out of costumes and have a normal school day. Students need to wear normal clothes under their costumes or bring extra clothes to change into. NO Weapons/Blood



Fall Parties at 3:00 p.m.

If you are helping with fall parties, sign in at the front office at 3:00 p.m. Then join your student's classroom. Reach out to the teacher if you have questions.



Elementary Horizon Award

Congratulations to our Elementary Horizon teacher, Grace Baughman!

Grace is a preschool teacher at Heusner Elementary School who has created a joyful and engaging classroom where students are excited to learn each day. She is intentional about building strong routines, and weaving creativity, play and social-emotional learning into every moment. Her lessons spark curiosity and she is always focused on supporting her students as they explore, discover and grow.

The SPS Horizon Award recognizes exemplary first year classroom teachers. Grace, we're glad you are on our team! #305GrowsGreatness



Left to to right: Ms. Graysyn, Ms. Heather, Mrs. Baughman, Mrs. Deleon, Mrs. Munsell, and Superintendent, Heath Hogan

Fire Safety Art Contest



The Salina Fire Department held a contest for students to make a poster. This year's theme was **Charge into Fire Safety: "Lithium Ion Batteries in your Home."** The Heusner winner was Jayha Massell from Mrs. Araujo's third grade class. Her poster will be judged among the other USD305 elementary school winners.

Left: Jayah Massell from Grade 3 Mrs. Araujo's class and Matt Rittel from the Salina Fire Department



Healthcare on Wheels



Salina Public Schools partners with Salina Family Health Care Center to provide convenient health services for students and families. While the Healthcare on Wheels bus will not be visiting each school this year, families can still access services at community locations throughout Salina.

Visit the link to view the schedule of locations, days and times, and even schedule your own appointment online. Appointments may also be made by calling the main clinic at 785-825-7251.



Link

Receive Important Notifications from SPS

Parents and Guardians, to ensure you don't miss important notifications, please review and update your contact information in Skyward.

Log in to Skyward to update your notification preferences by visiting Skyward here: [Click Here](#)

1. Click on the Skylert Tile, then update your phone, email and text contacts.

- Be sure to check the box for "General" Messages. The majority of our messages are sent this way. We strongly recommend checking this box.
- Once your contact information is updated click the 'Save and Back' button.

2. Please note, parents and guardians must personally log in to Skyward to make these updates. SPS staff cannot update this information for you.

Opting in for text notifications:

After updating your phone, email and text contacts you will still need to opt-in via text message to receive text notifications.

To do this, simply text 'Yes' or 'Y' to the number 67587.

- You must opt-in to receive text alerts.
- Texts are often used to draw attention to important emails
- Texts are always sent if school is canceled.

For a step-by-step guide visit the district website here: [Click here](#)



Annual Notice of Teacher Qualifications

Salina Public Schools is proud of our record of employing the highest quality teachers and paraprofessional available. As a parent or guardian, you have the right to inquire about the professional qualifications of all instructional staff serving your child. Specific information is available from your school's principal at any time throughout the year.

All Title Schools are required to make available the following information upon parent or guardian request:

- Whether the State of Kansas has licensed or qualified the teacher for the grades and/or subjects taught.
- Whether the teachers is teaching under an emergency permit or other provisional status through which Kansas licensing criteria have been waived.
- The teacher's college major and subject of any advanced degrees.
- Whether any instructional aides or paraprofessionals provide services to the child and, if so, the qualification of those staff members.

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.

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 here

October Calendar

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Contact Us

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School Website



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