

October 2025

# Paw Print



*Together, We Grow at Coronado Elementary*

## A Note from the Principal

Dear Coronado Families,

Fall is officially here, and with it comes cooler weather, colorful leaves, and a fresh energy across our school. October is a month full of learning, growth, and celebration, and we're excited to share all that's happening in our school community.

### Academic Focus

Our students are settling into routines, and classroom learning is in full swing. Teachers are continuing to assess students' strengths and areas for growth and adjusting instruction to meet their needs. This is also a great time to check in with your child about what they're learning. A simple "What was something new you learned today?" can open up great conversations at home.

### Safety Reminders

As daylight hours shorten, please remind your child about safety during arrival and dismissal. If your child walks or bikes to school, make sure they have appropriate outerwear and review pedestrian safety together.

### Attendance Matters

Consistent attendance is key to your child's academic success. Please make every effort to have your child at school on time each day unless they are ill. If your child needs to be absent, please notify the office by 9:00 a.m.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in your child's education. We are grateful for our strong school community and look forward to a fantastic October!

Tyler Burnett  
Principal, Coronado Elementary

## What's Happening at Coronado?

### Parent-Teacher Conferences October 15 and 16

We are looking forward to our upcoming parent-teacher conferences. These meetings are an important opportunity to discuss your child's progress and partner together to support their learning.

### Holiday Party dates:

Halloween - October 31  
Christmas - December 18  
Valentines - February 13

### Holiday Party times:

Grades K-4: 3:00 p.m.-3:25 p.m.  
Grade 5: 2:00 p.m.-2:25 p.m.

# COSTUME PARADE

Staff at Coronado Elementary consider Halloween as a fall holiday. We want this to be a short and fun celebration for students. October 31 is primarily a day for learning. After the parade, students will need to change back into their everyday clothes. Please contact your student's teacher to find out the time of the classroom party.



**PARADE:** Weather permitting, the costume parade for Kindergarten through grade 5 will begin promptly at 8:40 a.m. on Thursday, October 31. The students will parade around the school campus, so please dress them in warm clothes.

**COSTUMES:** Please make sure your student comes to school in his or her costume and wears school clothes underneath, so he or she can change quickly after the parade. **Costume Guidelines:** please keep elaborate makeup to a minimum; no weapons-knives, guns, swords, bombs; no fake blood; no such characters at school who represent violence, murder for sport, and other values that we cannot accept.

**PICTURES:** Please note that not all students are allowed to have their pictures taken at school events. This is especially important to consider when posting photos online. Only post photos of your child and others if you have permission from their parents. We appreciate your cooperation so that all our students experience a safe and respectful learning environment.

## Nurse

October is usually recognized as the beginning of the flu season. This is a great time to schedule flu shots for the entire family. But that's not all you can do to protect yourselves from the flu. Be sure to wash your hands often as this is the easiest and most effective way to prevent illness. Other ways to stay healthy are also good routines to have year-round, such as making sure you and your family are getting plenty of sleep and eating healthy foods including fruits and vegetables high in Vitamin C.

Please also remember that as the weather turns colder, to make sure your student has appropriately warm clothing to be outside. We try to take all recesses outside if possible, as the fresh air and exercise is good for everyone.

# ***School Social Work News***

The Coronado Elementary school social worker will be visiting classrooms every other week to teach Social Emotional Learning (SEL) lessons. These lessons help students build important skills like empathy, self-awareness, and positive relationships. In October, the focus will be on understanding and preventing bullying, using resources from the Character Strong program. Later in the month, students will also take part in discussions and activities for Red Ribbon Week, which promotes healthy and safe choices.

Here's some great talking points for you to share with your kiddos about bullying.

What is Bullying?

Bullying is a behavior that...

- Involved an imbalance of power
- Is unwanted, harmful
- Is likely to be repeated

What is important to know?

Sometimes behavior is labeled as "bullying" when in face it is not. Understanding what bullying is will better equip students, families and educator to support their students.

## **Character Strong - What is Bullying video**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jBDJ9eRSFOM>

## **Family Resources Regarding Bullying**

### **Protecting Kids Online -**

<https://consumer.ftc.gov/identity-theft-and-online-security/protecting-kids-online>

### **StopBullying.gov -**

<https://www.stopbullying.gov/>

### **Responding to Bullying -**

<https://www.stopbullying.gov/prevention/on-the-spot>

### **Laws, Policies & Regulations -**

<https://www.stopbullying.gov/resources/laws>

Rhonda Lagroon  
School Social Worker

# Red Ribbon Week October 27-31

Coronado is looking forward to celebrate Red Ribbon Week on October 27 through 31. Activities during this week provide an excellent opportunity to reinforce positive life choices with your children in simple, age-appropriate ways. The goal is to build a foundation of open communication and healthy life-choices. Below are a few tips for how to talk to your children about the dangers of drugs, alcohol, & smoking:

- For children ages 5-7, keep the conversation simple, focused on general health and safety. Explain "good" and "bad" substances. A child in this age group understands that some things are healthy (food, vitamins) while others are harmful (household cleaners, poison). Use this existing knowledge to explain that some drugs are "bad" because they can make you sick.
- Focus on medicine safety. Teach them that medicine is a special drug that should only ever be given by a trusted adult, like a parent or doctor. Emphasize that taking someone else's medicine or too much of their own can make them very sick.
- Use teachable moments. Point out cues from daily life, like a character smoking on TV, to start a brief conversation about healthy bodies.

As children get older, ages 8-12, you can introduce more specific information and talk about the immediate effects of substance use.

- Ask open-ended questions. Instead of lecturing, start by asking what they already know. A casual, non-judgmental question like, "What have you heard about drugs?" can encourage an honest response and show you're a safe person to talk to.
- Relate to their interests. Connect the conversation to their lives and aspirations. For a child interested in sports, explain how smoking and drinking can harm their athletic performance. If they love video games, discuss how drugs can make it harder to think clearly or have fun.
- Practice saying "no." Peer pressure becomes more relevant at this age. Role-play different scenarios to help them practice saying "no" confidently. Give them specific lines, like "No thanks, I'm not into that," or "My parents would be mad if they found out".

No matter your child's age, these strategies can help build a strong, trusting relationship and reinforce a drug-free message. Spend quality time together as a family to strengthen your bond. Children with high self-esteem and strong relationships with their parents are less likely to seek out drugs.

Excerpts taken from [www. https://kidshealth.org](https://kidshealth.org)

Shirley Luce,  
Coronado School Counselor



## Art Corner

October art classes will continue to work on and finish their collage projects.

Grade 1 will create a fall themed collage. Students will learn the difference between geometric and organic shapes as they use them to create pumpkins and cats.

Grade 2 will learn about space in artwork. They will paint and blend a negative space background and collage the positive space subject of their fall themed project.

Grade 3 and 4 will collage a one-of-a-kind 3-D head. They will learn how to manipulate paper to create three dimensional facial features. Choices will include a self-portrait or a cartoon character.

Grade 5 will learn how to collage, draw and blend oil pastels to create a close up of an animal face. Whether they choose to do a cat, dog, owl, or eagle, they will be amazing!

We will also begin our clay projects half way through the month. This is the highlight for our students at Coronado. They love working with clay! This year's project will use the slab, coil and pinch methods.

## Scholastic Book Fair

We're excited to invite you to our upcoming Scholastic Book Fair during the October Parent Teacher Conferences. This event is an opportunity for students of all ages to build their home libraries and further their love of reading. Choosing books empowers kids and inspires them to become bolder, prouder, and stronger readers. With that said, not only does a book fair benefit our kids but every book purchased also earns rewards for our school.

This fall fair will be open in the Coronado Gym from:  
3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 15  
8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 16

If you can't make it in person this year, but still want to support our school, a flyer will be sent home prior to the dates listed above with information where you can shop at the Coronado Online Book Fair. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25. Again we're excited to celebrate our love of books together at the fall Coronado Book Fair. We look forward to seeing you there!

# Science

Kindergarteners are learning about animals and their habitats and will soon explore the needs of plants and animals. Grade 1 is studying camouflage and bio-mimicry, leading into plant and animal defenses. Grade 2 investigated animal traits and bird feeders and will next learn about plant-animal relationships. Grade 3 have been studying inherited traits and variation and will move on to balancing forces. Grade 4 students are learning about the human body—muscles, eyes, and the brain—before transitioning to energy conversions. Grade 5 is exploring animals and ecosystems and will soon study patterns of Earth and sky. FLC 1–4 students are learning about habitats and camouflage.

## Kindergarten-Manwaring

Kindergarten is hard at work with identifying lowercase and uppercase letters, letter recognition, and drawing a picture to match a sentence. The kids have really enjoyed the hands on activities and it's been fun to watch them communicate, work together, and be successful. We have so many hands on learning activities ahead of us and I can't wait to continue to make learning fun.



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## Learning Through Play in Kindergarten

In our classroom, we love learning with our hands! The children have been exploring numbers and letters in fun, playful ways—counting, sorting, and matching using colorful materials and picture cards. These activities help make big concepts feel exciting and achievable, while also giving students the chance to work together, share ideas, and have fun as they learn.



## Grade 3

September was a busy and exciting month of learning in our classroom! In reading, students explored important literary elements such as prefixes and suffixes, point of view, and theme. We also celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month, learning about the contributions and influence of Hispanic culture. In recognition of Constitution Day, students participated in a mock trial, which gave them a fun and interactive way to understand our nation's history and government. In writing, students worked hard to plan, draft, and publish their own opinion essays, strengthening their ability to express ideas clearly. In math, students focused on multiplication and division strategies, as well as the properties of multiplication, building a strong foundation for future problem-solving. In science, we learned about genetics and how traits are passed down, sparking curiosity about the natural world.

Looking ahead to October, we are excited to begin new learning adventures. In reading and writing, students will study poetry and continue practicing comprehension strategies by listening to, reading, and viewing a variety of texts and media about important U.S. documents and symbols. In math, we will shift our focus to measurement, rounding, and working with units such as kilograms, grams, milliliters, and liters. We look forward to another month of growth and discovery!

## Reminder

Wednesday,  
October 1

Marathon  
celebration  
Final Lap

8:45 a.m. on  
the black  
top/playground  
then gym.

## Music

Click the link to access the  
music newsletter:





## Grade 4 Neuburger

4th grade is working hard, growing each and every week! The current buzz around the grade is researching and writing about our favorite animals. Kids are thrilled learning about African wild dogs, electric eels, great white sharks, and many other amazing animals. These kids sure are learning a lot!

## Grade 5

Over the past month, our grade 5 students have had the amazing opportunity to attend STARBASE for five consecutive weeks and they had a blast! Students launched their very own rockets, worked together on exciting STEM challenges, and even got to tour a real Black Hawk helicopter.

This hands-on experience sparked curiosity, teamwork, and creativity in our students, and it's an experience they won't forget. We are so proud of the way they represented our school and embraced every new challenge with enthusiasm!



## 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 [www.salinahealth.org/healthcare-on-wheels](http://www.salinahealth.org/healthcare-on-wheels) 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.

## 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:  
<https://skystu.usd305.com/StudentSTS>.

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. 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:  
<https://www.usd305.com/parents/update-contact-information>

# October Calendar

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26	27	28	29	30	31	

3 - Rock Rally at 1:30 p.m.  
 7 - PTO at 6:00 p.m.  
 9 - NO School/Inservice  
 10 - NO School/Inservice  
 14 - Kinder Drum Safari in the a.m.  
 15 - PTC 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.



16 - PTC/NO School  
 17 - NO School  
 21 - Site Council at 11:30 a.m.  
 23 - Math and Reading Night at 6:00 p.m.  
 31 - Halloween Parade/Party

## Contact Us

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