November 2025

Take Flight at

Meadowlark Ridge

A Note from the Principal

As we embrace this holiday season, I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to each of you. To our dedicated staff, thank you for your unwavering commitment, passion and creativity.

Your hard work shapes our community and inspires our students every day. To our incredible students, you bring energy, curiosity and joy into our lives. Your enthusiasm for learning and growth is truly inspiring, and we are so proud of each of you. To our supportive families, thank you for your partnership and encouragement. Your involvement makes a significant difference in our community, and we are grateful for your trust and support.

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season filled with joy, peace, and cherished moments with loved ones. Together, we make this community a special place!

- Heather Galvan, Principal

What's Happening at MLR?





Fire Safety Week

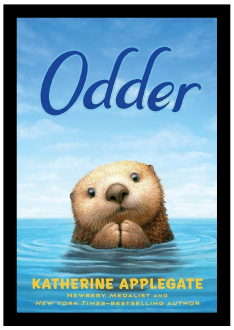
Each year the mobile Fire Safety House from the Salina Fire Department travel to each school to educate our fourth graders about first safety. Our fourth graders had a fabulous day touring the Salina Fire Safety House. Thank you to Salina Fire for providing this hands-on experience!

William Allen White Field trip

Students from Meadowlark, along with other Salina Public Schools students, enjoyed a day celebrating the William Allen White Award winners - Katherine Applegate and Gordon Korman.

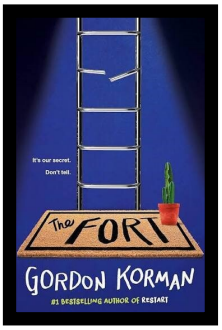
Books were signed and great memories were made!











Marathon Madness

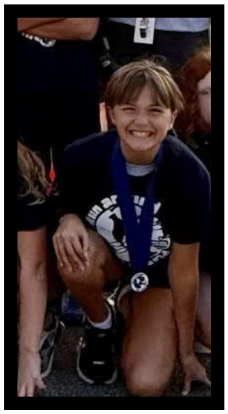
We had 316 students complete the marathon this year and as a school we walked a total of 11,204 miles.

Congratulations to Mrs Howard's class who ran the most miles as a class with a total of 738.72 miles. A huge shout out to Savannah Crosley for running the most miles of all the students with a total of 104 miles.

Thank you to the School Marathon Foundation and Salina Regional Health Center along with Mrs. Fenn, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Maag, and all the parent volunteers who make this possible!







Learning Disposition of the Month

Be Resillient

Ask your student how and when they have had to show resilience at school!

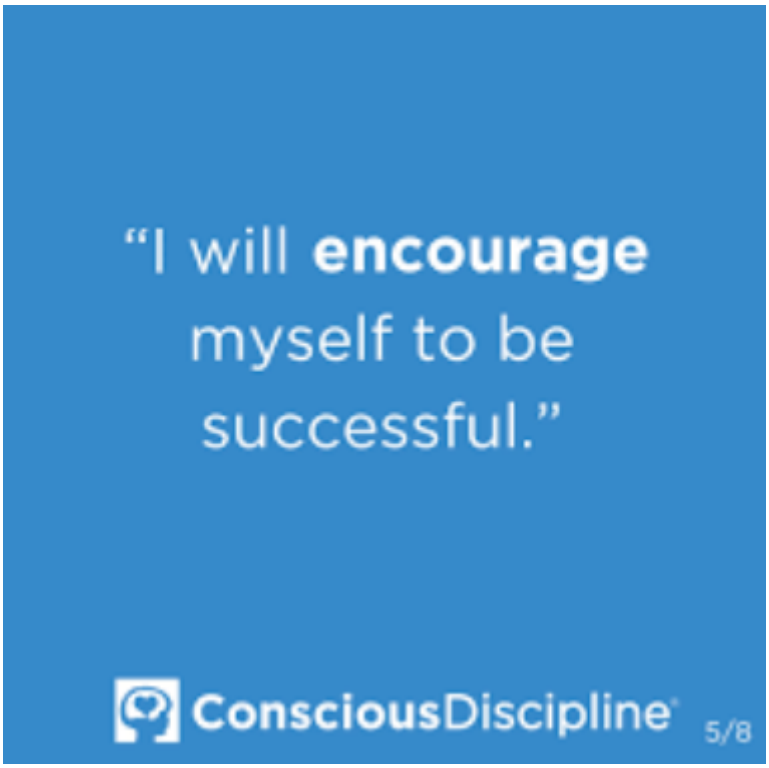


Skill of the Month

Encouragement:
We are all in this together. Unity is power!

"I will encourage myself to be successful."

(Graphic from Conscious Discipline)



We're Grateful for You!

A we head into Thanksgiving Break (November 24–28), we're thankful for our amazing students, families, and staff who help make every school day count.

Did you know that consistent attendance helps students feel connected, reduces stress, and builds a sense of belonging? Every school day offers valuable opportunities to learn, grow, and connect.

Let's keep showing up and growing together! If your family or child needs support, please reach out to your building's social worker for assistance.

Greatness Grows When You're Here, and we can't wait to see everyone back on Monday, December 1, 2025.



Building Bridges 2025

Join us for Building Bridges 2025, an event connecting community members, businesses, families, students, and educators to celebrate Career and Technical Education (CTE) in USD 305.

- When: Tuesday, November 11, from 3:30–5:00 p.m.
- Where: South High School, 730 E. Magnolia Rd.



Senior Activity Pass Information

Community members age 65 and older are invited to pick up a free Senior Pass from the district office. This pass provides complimentary admission to most regular-season athletic events and district activities throughout the year.

Please note that the Senior Pass is not valid for events held at Tony's Pizza Events Center or Kansas Wesleyan University.

To receive your pass, please visit the District Office, 1511 Gypsum Ave., in person during regular business hours. For more information, call (785) 309-4700.

Veteran's Day Celebrations

Please join us on Tuesday, November 11 at 1:00 p.m. for a Veterans Day Celebration as we honor Veterans across our community.

Students are preparing special songs, projects and poems to share with guests. The celebration will take place at Meadowlark Ridge Elementary in the big gym.





Thanksgiving Feast

Please join us at Meadowlark Ridge Elementary for our annual Thanksgiving Feast on Friday, November 21.

Students will eat at their normal lunch time that day.

Site Council

Superintendent of Schools Heath Hogan and Executive Director of Business Lisa Peters will share USD 305's budget information and district updates during the November Site Council meeting on November 18 at 3:45 p.m. in the library.

Holiday Assistance

The holidays are right around the corner. If you need assistance this holiday season contact Jessica Collins, MLR social worker, at 785-309-4300 or by email at jessica.collins@usd305.com. There are many community resources available, let us help!



Second Grade Program

Second grader's will be performing "Pajama Party" on Thursday, November 20.

This program will begin at 7:15pm and will be held at Meadowlark Ridge Elementary in the big gym.

Fourth Grade Program

Fourth grader's will be performing "Sing For The Red, White, and Blue" on Thursday, November 20

This program will begin at 7:15pm and will be held at Meadowlark Ridge Elementary in the big gym.



Winter Weather Ahead!

Weather Appropriate Clothing Attire:

Please make sure your students are wearing the appropriate clothing to school. The weather is starting to get chilly. It would be best to send a jacket or coat with your child each day. Gloves and hats will be important as we get closer to December, maybe even earlier! Please remember there is no supervision before 8:00 a.m..If you drop your child off early, they will have to wait outside unsupervised.



Weather Related Attendance Reminders:

Changes to the school schedule are not taken lightly. While calling cancellation and delayed-start days creates inconveniences for families and impacts instruction time, upholding the safety of students and staff is our priority.

As always, the final decision about your students safety is yours. If you choose to keep your student home when inclement weather occurs and school is in session, please contact the school attendance office and follow the procedures to report an absence.

Weather Related Mass Notifications:

Whether a school cancellation or a delayed start is announced, the district will communicate as soon as possible using its rapid notification system.

Notifications will be sent to families and staff via phone, email and text. (Parents and guardians are encouraged to update their contact information in Skyward.)

Delayed Start:

Friendly Reminder about Delayed Starts. There may be days when the start of school is delayed because of weather. This option may be used if snowy roads could be cleared given a few hours or if wind chills are too low during early morning hours but temperatures are expected to warm up within a few hours. The advantage of a delayed start is that we can minimize the loss of instruction while maintaining the safety of students and staff.

Delayed Start Details:

Bus routes:

- General education and special education bus routes will proceed on a 2-hour delay.

Pre-K:

- Morning classes will be canceled.
- Afternoon classes will run as normal.

Food Service:

- Breakfast will not be served and there will not be a choice lunch option at elementary schools.

Elementary Band/Strings:

- Band/Strings at elementary schools will be canceled.

Heartland:

- a.m. Pre-K will be canceled.
- Breakfast will not be served.

Salina Adult Education Center:

- All a.m. sessions and any GED testing scheduled for the day will be canceled.

November Calendar

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November 11 - Veteran's Day

November 24 - 28 No school Thanksgiving Break

November 20 - Second and Fourth Grade Music program

November 21 - Thanksgiving Feast

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District Website

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#305GrowsGreatness

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