

January 2026

# Paw Print

*Together, We Grow at Coronado Elementary*



## A Note from the Principal

Dear Coronado Families,

Happy New Year! I hope your winter break was restful and filled with time spent with family and friends. As we return for the second half of the school year, I want to thank you for your continued support and partnership. Together, we've created a strong foundation for student success, and I'm excited to see all that 2025 will bring for our Coronado community!

January is always a wonderful time for fresh starts—both academically and personally. Our students are setting new goals, reflecting on their progress, and diving into new learning experiences with enthusiasm. Let's continue to encourage perseverance, curiosity, and kindness in all that we do.

### ***Winter Weather Reminders***

As temperatures drop, please make sure your child comes to school prepared for outdoor recess with a warm coat, gloves, and a hat. We go outside as long as the wind chill is above our safety threshold. If your family needs assistance with winter clothing, please contact our school counselor—we are here to help.

### ***Looking Ahead***

February will bring Parent–Teacher Conferences and more exciting learning opportunities. More information will be shared later this month.

Thank you for helping make Coronado a caring and inspiring place for children to learn and grow. Let's make this semester our best one yet!

Tyler Burnett  
Principal, Coronado Elementary

# Nurse

Did you make New Year's Resolutions this year? The New Year can be a time for our kids to start some healthy new habits, also. The American Academy of Pediatrics offers some age-appropriate resolutions for kids. Read through this list with your child and pick a few to work on!

- I will try to find a sport (like basketball or soccer) or an activity (like playing tag, jumping rope, dancing or riding my bike) that I like and do it at least three times a week!
- I will always wear a helmet when riding a bike, scooter or skateboard.
- I will wear my seat belt every time I get in a car. I'll sit in the back seat and use a booster seat until I am tall enough to use a lap/shoulder seat belt.
- I'll be friendly to kids who may have a hard time making friends by asking them to join activities such as sports or games.
- I will always tell an adult about any bullying I may see or hear about to help keep school safe for everyone.
- I will keep my personal information safe and not share my name, home address, school name or telephone number on the Internet. Also, I'll never send a picture of myself to someone I chat with on the computer without asking my parent if it is okay.
- I will try to talk with my parent or a trusted adult when I have a problem or feel stressed.
- I promise to follow our household rules for video games and internet use.

Nurse Jessica

## Art Corner

Grade 1 will become familiar with and create art in the style of artist James Rizzi. Students will use oil pastels and watercolor techniques to create birds.

Grades 2 and 3 will experiment with oil pastels and paint as they create a snowman cone. Shadows and tints will be used to create value in their projects.

Grades 4 and 5 will study artist Vincent Van Gogh. They will use the elements of space by overlapping to show background and foreground in their still life. Symmetry will also be discussed.

## Reminder

To notify Coronado of a student absence please notify the office by email or phone call.

Email:  
[coronado.attendance@usd305.com](mailto:coronado.attendance@usd305.com)

Call the school office at:  
785-309-4100

# Counselor

Going to school can be considered your child's job. As adults, we expect a paycheck after completing our work satisfactorily. Should children get paid for doing well in school? There are many things to consider about this question. As children are growing and developing, they need to learn how to feel a sense of pride in what they have accomplished. Receiving appropriate praise helps them to internalize the satisfaction that comes with doing their best. As parents we must be careful not to reward our children in a way that makes them feel that external rewards are the only reason to do a job well. We should be praising their effort as well as the end result. The rewards should not be the reason that your child does well.

When your child receive their report card, here are some suggestions as to appropriate ways to praise and reward them:

- Look over the report card together. Explain the different sections and talk about their strengths and weaknesses. Smile and give them a hug or a high five for the areas in which they've done well.
- Give a little cheer or special shout to show them how excited you are that they have finished another quarter of school successfully.
- Have a special dinner after each semester or at the end of the year to celebrate, letting your children choose the menu as a celebration.
- If together you had set goals for grades at the beginning of the semester, talk about whether or not your child met the goals. If they met the goal, did you promise a certain reward? If so, it's time to pay up! Maybe they were going to earn a certain privilege. Maybe it was \$1 for every A. Maybe it was for a certain toy. Maybe you didn't promise a certain reward – that's okay too! Just remember to tell your child how proud you are of his/her hard work.
- If your child struggled with learning and/or behavior this last semester, talk about the problems and come up with a plan. Make sure you find time to follow the teacher's suggestions whenever time allows. Help your child to be as ready as possible by reviewing your plan each week.

Shirley Luce,

School Counselor

## Big Little Day

Big/Little Day is one of our favorite traditions at Coronado! Throughout the day, teachers and staff hosted a variety of engaging stations from crafts and cooking to sports, science, and directed drawings. Students from Pre-K through Grade 5, along with our FLC students, are mixed together in multi-age groups as they explore each station.

This special day creates opportunities for teamwork, leadership, and connection across grade levels. It's a wonderful reminder of how our school community learns, grows, and has fun together!

# Keep Your Child Healthy and in School

Daily attendance is essential to help your child stay on track and engaged in learning. Please send your child to school each day they are feeling well enough to participate in classroom activities. Many mild symptoms do not require students to stay home. Children can still attend school if they have:

- A mild cold (such as a runny nose or cough)
- Watery eyes without fever, eye pain, or redness of the eyelids
- A mild stomachache
- A mild rash with no other symptoms
- Have been fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication

Unsure if your child should stay home? Additional illness guidelines are available on our website at [www.usd305.com](http://www.usd305.com).

As a reminder, please call your school office to notify them anytime your child will be absent. Greatness grows when you're here!



Please review your student's food service account balance regularly to keep your account current and prevent overdue payments.

To view your current balance, log into Skyward Family Access and click the Food Service Tile.

You may pay in person at Coronado, the district office or online in Skyward: <https://skystu.usd305.com/StudentSTS>

# January Calendar

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	28	30	31

1-2 - No School/Winter Break

5 - No School/Teacher Inservice

9 - Rock Rally 1:30 p.m.



19 - No School

20 - Site Council 11:30 p.m.

## Contact Us

Tyler Burnett - Principal

Dani Bradrick - Assistant Principal

Stephanie Baughman - Secretary

Main Office Phone Number: 785-309-4100

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