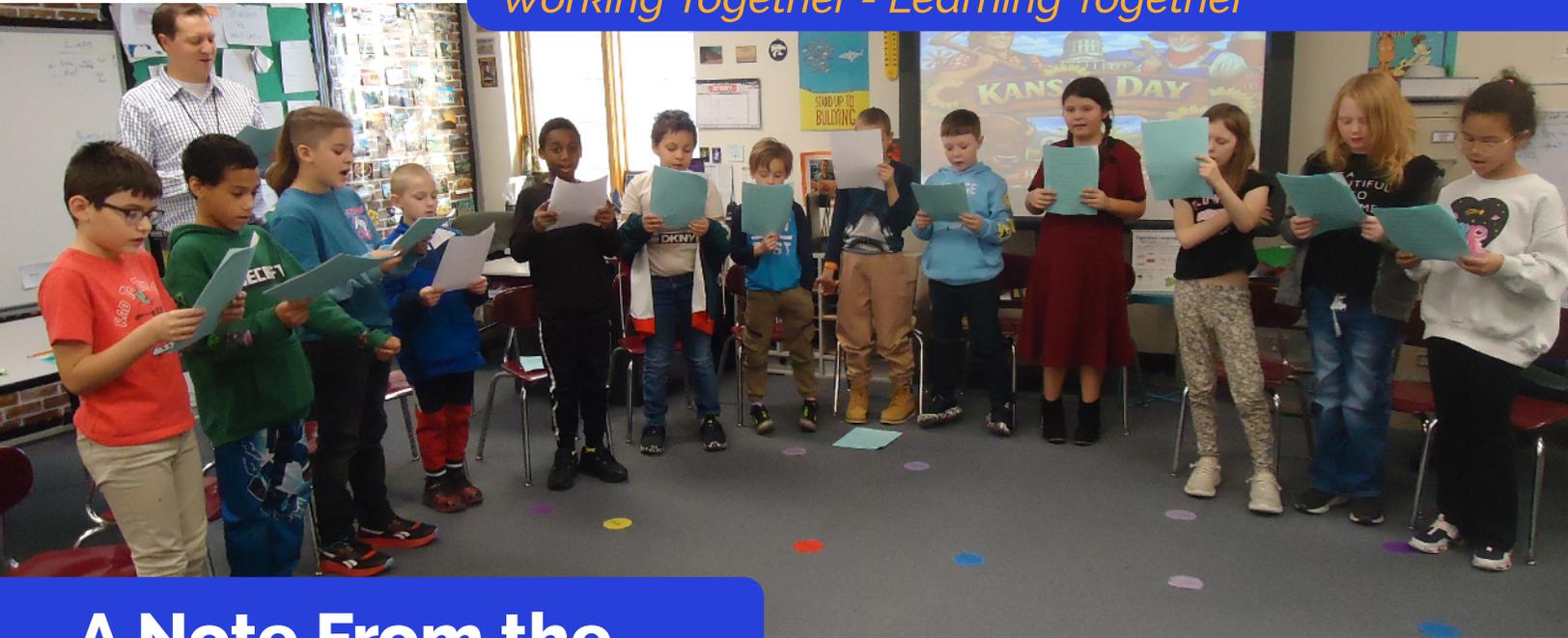




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A Note From the Principal

Winter weather is here and I want all students to be safe. If the outside temperature is 20 degrees or below, students will be let into the building at 7:45 a.m. If the temperature is 21 degrees or above students will be let into the building at 7:55 a.m. These temperatures include wind chill. Please be sure your student is dressed for the weather. Parents are not allowed to walk students to class once the 8:25 bell rings.

Sincerely, Cody Stockwell

Upcoming

Events

- March 5-** Family University/Kindergarten Program
- March 13-** No School, Inservice/Workday
- March 16-20-** No School/Spring Break
- April 3-** No School
- April 6-** No School
- April 23-** Kindergarten Roundup
- May 19-** Fifth Grade Honor Night
- May 22-** Last Day of School

Delayed Start

On some days, the start of school may be 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 the early morning but temperatures are expected to warm up within a few hours.

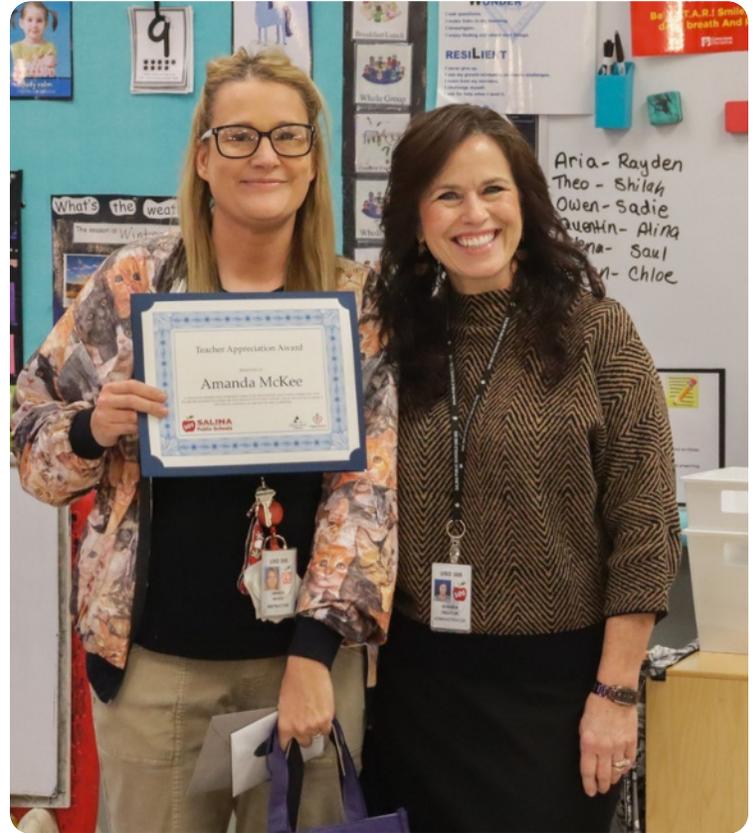
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Teacher Appreciation

Congratulations to Amanda McKee, our USD 305 Teacher of the Month for January 2026!

Mrs. McKee has been an outstanding preschool teacher at Cottonwood for many years, bringing passion, joy, and dedication into her classroom every day. Her enthusiasm, positive energy, and deep care for her students are widely admired by both staff and families.

Cottonwood is truly fortunate to have such an exceptional educator who gives our youngest learners an incredible start to their elementary journey.



Heart & History Spirit Week

February 10-13



• Move-It Tuesday

- **Wear:** Sneakers
- **Purpose:** Moving our bodies keeps our hearts healthy and strong.

• Voices Matter Wednesday

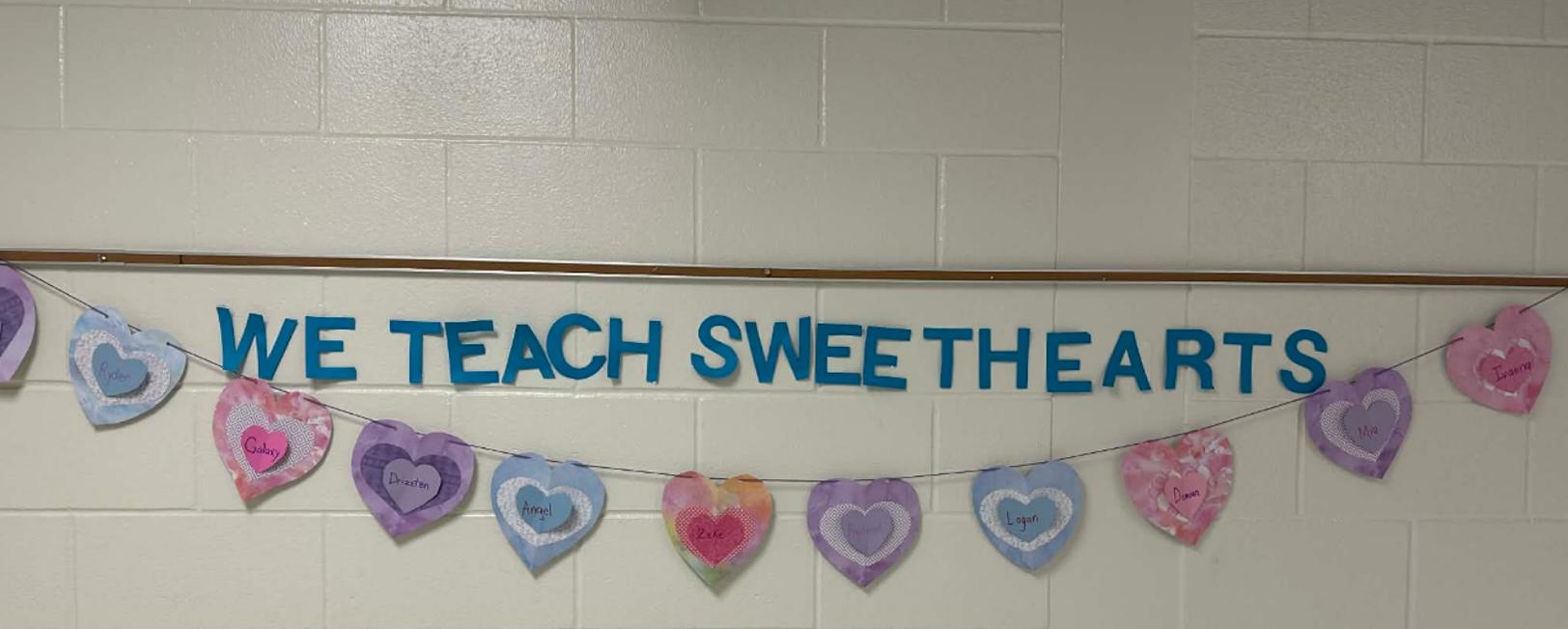
- **Wear:** Shirt with positive messages or our school logo.
- **Purpose:** Celebrate Black leaders who used their voices to create change and reminded us that everyone's voice matters.

• Crazy Sock Thursday

- **Wear:** Fun, silly, or mismatched socks.
- **Purpose:** Celebrate uniqueness and diversity -- everyone is special and our differences make us stronger together.

• Kind Hearts Friday

- **Wear:** Red, pink, or Valentine patterns.
- **Purpose:** Kind words and actions support emotional heart health and make our school a happy, caring place.



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February Fun Facts

- **Shortest month:** February is the only month with fewer than 30 days.
- **Leap Year:** There are 28 days in the month of February except on a Leap Year where there are 29 days (occurs every four years).
- In leap years, people born on February 29 are called "leaplings."
- February used to be the last month of the year on the old Roman calendar.
- **Full Moon:** February is the only month that can pass without a full moon.
- February is named after an ancient Roman festival called Februa, which was about cleaning and fresh starts.
- In many places, February is one of the coldest months of the year.
- The birthstone for February is amethyst, a purple gemstone.
- The birth flower for February is the violet (and also the primrose).

Valentine's Day Classroom Parties

Valentine's Day parties will be held on Friday, Feb. 13 at 3:00 p.m.

Please remember that according to the district wide policy, all treats must be individually packaged and include the nutritional label.

Homemade treats, pop and sports drinks will not be served. Parents may attend & will need to sign-in.

District Policy: Valentine's Day deliveries will not be allowed.

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4- Cottonwood Spring Pictures
Parent/Teacher Conferences

6- No School

9- No School

5- No School, Parent/Teacher
Conferences

13 - Valentine Parties

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