



March 2026

The Cottonwood Chronicle

Working Together - Learning Together



Lunch with the Principal

A Note From the Principal

Very important student testing begins in March. Students arriving to school on time and being present in their classroom every school day will help them to achieve the best test scores possible. Please try to notify the school of any absences or appointments early so students don't start and stop their tests. Help your child reach their potential by eating a good breakfast and being in school every day.

Sincerely,
Cody Stockwell, Principal

Upcoming

Events

- March 13-** No school/Inservice
- March 16-20-** No school/Spring Break
- Apr. 3-** No school
- Apr. 6-** No school
- Apr. 13-** Cottonwood PTA Meeting
- Apr. 13-16-** Book Fair
- Apr. 23-** Cottonwood Kindergarten Roundup
- Apr. 27-** Elementary Orchestra Concert
- Apr. 28-** Elementary Band Concert
- May 19-** 5th Grade Honor Night

Take Our Belonging Survey

During conferences, families were invited to complete our Belonging Survey. If you have not yet had the opportunity, please take a few minutes to do so by using the link below. The survey will close on March 20.

This survey helps our district and schools understand how connected families feel to their student's school and guides efforts to strengthen belonging for students, families and staff. If you have students at more than one school, please complete a separate survey for each school by reopening the original link.



Girls on the Run

Girls on the Run began at Cottonwood Elementary on February 23, 2025. This program features lessons led by trained volunteer coaches. Through the "Hello, Bold Heart!" curriculum, girls learn how to express what's in their hearts while encouraging others to do the same. Participants will build the confidence to share their ideas and feelings bravely, even when they feel nervous. They'll also practice listening with care, showing empathy, and inviting others to speak up.

The group will meet after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The eight week season will conclude with a celebratory 5K event.



SPS Preschool Information and Eligibility Event

If your child will be aged three on or before August 31, 2026, and meets the criteria in one of the following areas:

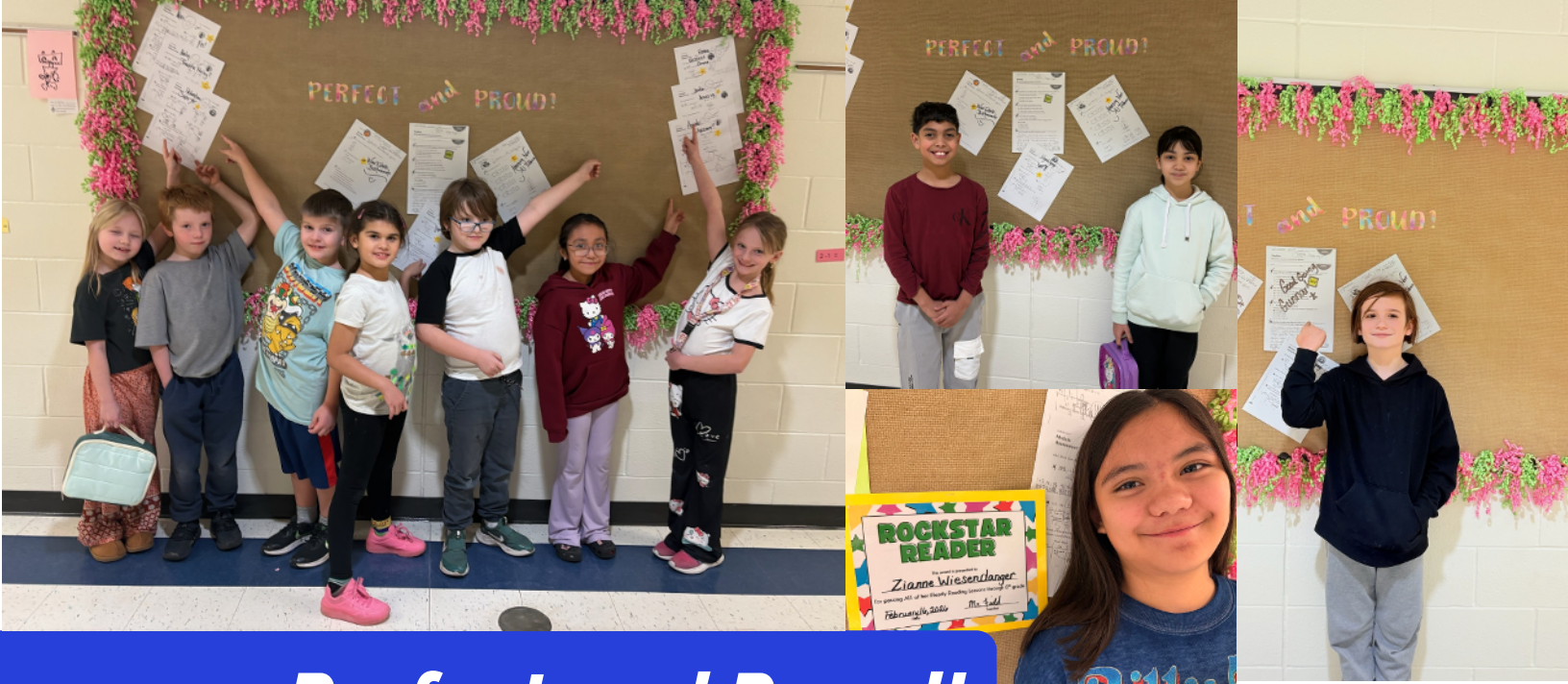
- CKCIE Special Education
- Head Start
- Preschool Age At-Risk

Learn about Salina Public Schools Preschool programs, eligibility requirements and the application process for the upcoming school year at the SPS Preschool Information and Eligibility Event.

When: Thursday, March 26, 2026, from 6:00 –7:00 p.m.

Where: All SPS elementary school locations

If you have questions, please call 785-309-5000.



Perfect and Proud!

These outstanding students earned a 100% on their Math or Reading Module Assessments! This perfect score reflects their hard work, focus, and dedication to mastering the skills taught in this unit. They gave their best effort, stayed committed, and rose to the challenge.

We are incredibly proud of their achievement—and they are proud to share their amazing work. Congratulations on a job well done!

Greatness Grows When You're Here!

As we move into the spring months, consistent attendance remains essential for student success. Missing even a few days of school can make it more difficult for students to stay on track academically and socially.

This is a great time to refresh daily routines such as consistent bedtimes, morning preparations and transportation plans to help students finish the year strong. While spring often brings busy schedules and changing routines, making school attendance a daily priority makes a meaningful impact. If your family is experiencing challenges with attendance, please reach out so we can work together to support your student. Greatness Grows When You're Here!

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5- Family University/
Kindergarten Program

16-20- No School/Spring Break

13- No School/
Inservice/Workday



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