March 2026

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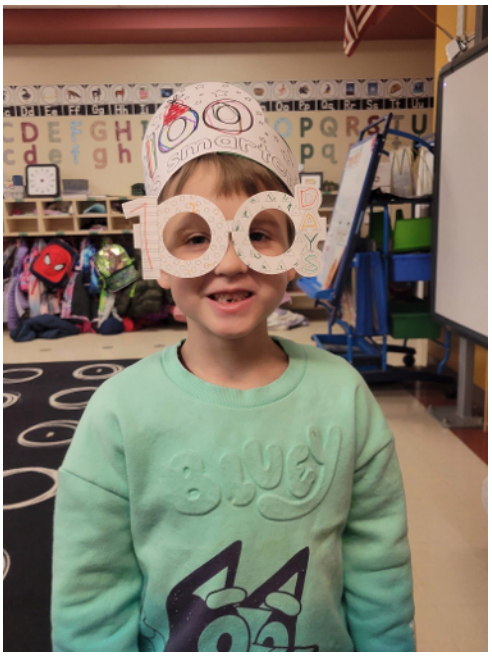
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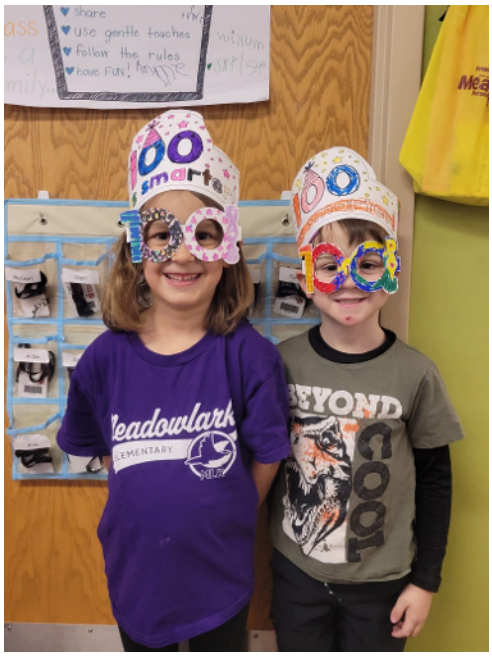
A Note from the Principal

Spring is just around the corner! We have successfully navigated winter together! A heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated in our Parent-Teacher Conferences, Valentine's Day parties, and Bingo night. Your involvement made these events truly special! Let's continue to celebrate our achievements as we welcome the new season!

- Heather Galvan, Principal

What's Happening at MLR?







100 and 101 Day of School

Kindergarten students and teachers celebrated the 100th day of school by doing all different types of activities that centered around the number 100. First grade students celebrated the 101st day of school by dressing up in polka-dots like dalmatians. They also celebrated by doing several number activities involving the number 101. It was fun to see the students around the building dressed up to celebrate these special days in school!

101 day of school









Third Grade Field Trip







Our third grade classes got to visit the Smokey Hill Museum to celebrate Kansas Day and learn all about life as a pioneer. They churned butter, played old fashioned games, decided what to take in their covered wagon, and shucked corn. It was a great day at the museum!!!



Valentine's Day at MLR





Reminder

March 13

No School - Inservice/Teacher Work Day

Reminder

March 16-20

No School

Spring Recess

Reminder

April 16

Kindergarten Music Program

6:30 pm

MLR Big Gym

Reminder

MLR Shirts

Please encourage your child to wear their MLR Pride shirt to school on our monthly assembly days. The next assembly is Friday, March 6. These shirts were paid for by PTO, Thank you! It's a great way to show school spirit!

State Assessment

Third, fourth, and fifth grade students will be taking the Kansas State Assessments beginning after spring break. These assessments are very important to show the growth all students have made academically. Classroom teachers will receive exact dates and times when these assessments will be taken. Please avoid these dates/times when scheduling appointments for your student during the school day.

This year's testing theme will be "Superhero Test Takers"! We will kick off the testing season with an assembly. Students will also get special snacks provided by PTO for each testing session.

Tips to help your child succeed:

- Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep
- Make sure your child eats breakfast
- Make sure your child is present on test day (children generally perform better when taking tests in their classroom rather than at a make-up-time
- Get your child to school on time
- Encourage your child to do their best!

Kindergarten Roundup

Children who will be five years of age on or before August 31, 2026 are eligible to attend Kindergarten.

This year's Kindergarten Roundup will be held on April 23.

More information will be provided soon.





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.

English Survey Link:https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ParentSurvey2026

Spanish Survey Link:https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ParentSurvey2026Spanish

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!

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.

Thank You

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher conferences were a success! We strive for 100% attendance.

Meadowlark Ridge believes in the cooperation between parents and teachers to meet the needs of all students.

Thank you for taking time out of your day to meet with your child's teacher. Your involvement in your child's education contributes to their progress in school.

If you have additional questions throughout the school year please contact your child's teacher.

Skill of the Month

Positive Intent

When we label children and their behavior as "bad," we leave children with two choices:

1. *Accept that they are indeed bad.*
2. *Try to defend their self – worth by engaging in a power struggle.*

Challenging children NEED someone to look at them and see not a lost cause, but a seed of potential. Only then is growth and change possible.

Learning Disposition of the Month

Embrace Challenges

We can embrace challenges when we are collaborative, curious, resilient, reflective, and persevering learners.

March Calendar

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8		10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

March 13 - No school
Teacher Inservice

March 16-20 - No School
Spring Recess

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District Website

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