

March 2026

# Paw Print



*Together, We Grow at Coronado Elementary*

## A Note from the Principal

Coronado Families,

March is here, and with it comes a busy and exciting time at school! As we move closer to spring, we continue to focus on strong learning, positive relationships, and finishing the year with pride and purpose.

**Parent-Teacher Conferences:** Thank you to all families who attended conferences. Your partnership makes a tremendous difference in student success. If you were unable to attend, please reach out to your child's teacher to connect.

**Kansas State Assessments:** Students in third-fifth grades will soon begin the Kansas State Assessments. Our staff has been working hard to prepare students, and we are proud of the growth they are showing. Please help your child by:

- Ensuring they get a good night's sleep
- Eating breakfast each morning
- Arriving on time
- Offering encouragement and reassurance

If you have questions, please contact your child's teacher.

### Academic Focus

March is a key instructional month, teachers are:

- Continuing strong core instruction in reading and math
- Preparing students for end-of-year learning goals
- Monitoring progress and providing targeted support

We encourage families to:

- Read at home each night
- Practice math facts
- Ask your child about what they are learning

Small daily conversations make a big impact!

### Dismissal & Safety Reminders

Student safety remains our top priority. Please remember:

- Stay behind the yellow line during bus dismissal
- Do not walk between buses
- Follow staff directions in pickup areas

Your cooperation ensures a smooth and safe dismissal for everyone.

### Looking Ahead

- Third and fourth grade music concerts-March 3
- Spring Break – March 12-22
- State Assessments – March 24-Beginning of April

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. Coronado is a special place because of our students, staff, and families working together. Let's make March a month of growth, positivity and pride!

Tyler Burnett

Principal

# Nurse

Spring brings warmer weather, sunshine and State Assessment tests! Here are some ways you can help prepare your student:

Before test days, visit with your child's teacher to find out what the test will include, and how test days will be set up. Then discuss this with your child to find any areas you can work on at home. Provide extra practice in needed areas.

On test days, make sure your child gets plenty of rest the night before, and starts their day with a nutritious breakfast. Students that are tired and/or hungry will not be able to focus and do their best on the tests. It is also important for parents to remain calm and positive, this will help your student to do the same.

After the test, review the results with your student and contact their teacher with any questions.

Don't let testing season become "all work and no play", though. The key to helping your child reach his potential -- without added anxiety -- is to find the right balance between work and play. Here are some recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics:

- Give kids ample, unscheduled time to be creative, to reflect, and to decompress
- Encourage your children to engage in active play (running around or playing tag) in lieu of passive entertainment (video games or television)
- Buy your children "true" toys, such as blocks or dolls, that encourage imagination and creativity
- Spend unscheduled, unstructured time together with your kids
- Allow your children to have a say in which extracurricular activities they are involved in
- Get involved in your child's school and take an active role in ensuring that all kids are getting ample free time

Remember, play is a cherished part of childhood. By finding the right balance between work and play, your children will grow up happier, better adjusted and more prepared to conquer the world.

Nurse Jessica

## **Art Corner**

Grade 1 will begin painting colorful snakes for their art project. They will learn how to weave their snakes into paper grass as they discover the difference between warp and weft.

Grade 2 will use warm and cool colors to design their own paper for weaving. Students will create their own warp and weft to weave a vase. Positive and negative space will also be introduced as they put the finishing touches on their art projects.

Grades 3 and 4 will incorporate weaving and mandalas into their art as they create 3-D bowls. Students will learn the history of mandalas and create their own as the center of their creation. Weaving with yarn will then be incorporated into their masterpieces.

Grade 5 will weave a flower. Students will learn how to create a loom. Using radial balance, they will weave yarn through their looms to create a one-of-a-kind flower. Vocabulary words such as warp and weft will be reviewed.

# Friendship Matters

Children who have friends tend to do better in school and enjoy it more. Share these ideas to help your child make and keep friends.

## **Start with one**

Just one strong friendship can give your child the skills and confidence to build others. Role-play reaching out to a classmate they would like to know better. They might say, "Nice backpack, I like the color". Remind them to make eye contact, smile, and ask questions. ("What's your favorite TV show?")

## **Share good times**

Give your child opportunities to strengthen bonds with old friends and to find new ones. They could join after-school activities (sports club, art classes, chorus, boy scouts, etc). At neighborhood playgrounds and basketball courts, suggest that they be friendly and play with other children so they can make friends who live nearby.

## **Treat friends like treasures**

Your child can be a good friend by remembering that each person is valuable. Ask her to tell you what she likes best about their friends (good sense of humor, fun to play games with). Also, encourage them to show friends that they care by being supportive when things are going well ("Congratulations on the home run!") and not so well ("Sorry you're sick – I'll bring over some magazines after school").

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns in regards to your child(ren).

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# Resource Classroom

The Resource Classroom's science lesson was on light sources and sound waves. The students made kazoos and danced with a light show to celebrate.



## Grade 3

Grade 3 has been extra busy since returning from winter break! We just finished up our math module about applying multiplication to area. We are now starting on fractions! We also finished up our reading module all about teamwork and how it helps everyone win – not just in sports, but in all areas of life! We are now beginning a new module about nonfiction animal stories. CAPS visited our classroom to help us understand and prevent bullying from happening. We've had two field trips: to the Smoky Hill Museum to learn all about Kansas Day and to the Stiefel Theater to watch Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus. We have more fun coming soon, but that's a surprise!

## Grade 4

The Grade 4 team has been hard at work learning how to write letters – and not just the fun ones kids write to each other. Nope, this letter is the formal kind, one that is written to doctors, lawyers and business leaders. To get some practice under our belts, we wrote letters of appreciation to someone around the building. Students thought of someone to express their gratitude in something they admire about the person they chose. What a fun way to put this new skill to practice!

Grade 4 is doing big things this year!

## Thank you

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the generous donations to our teachers and staff during Parent Teacher Conferences.

The food, snacks and helping hand donations were amazing!!

## 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>

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## 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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## 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.

# March 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
29	30	30	31			

3 - Grade 3 Concert 6:00 p.m.

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6 - Rock Rally 2:30 p.m.

10 - PTO 6 p.m.

12 - Grade 5 Match Madness



13 - No School/Inservice

16-20 - No School Spring Break

24 - Site Council 11:30 a.m.

27 - PTO Carnival 6:00 p.m.

## Contact Us

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 School Website

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