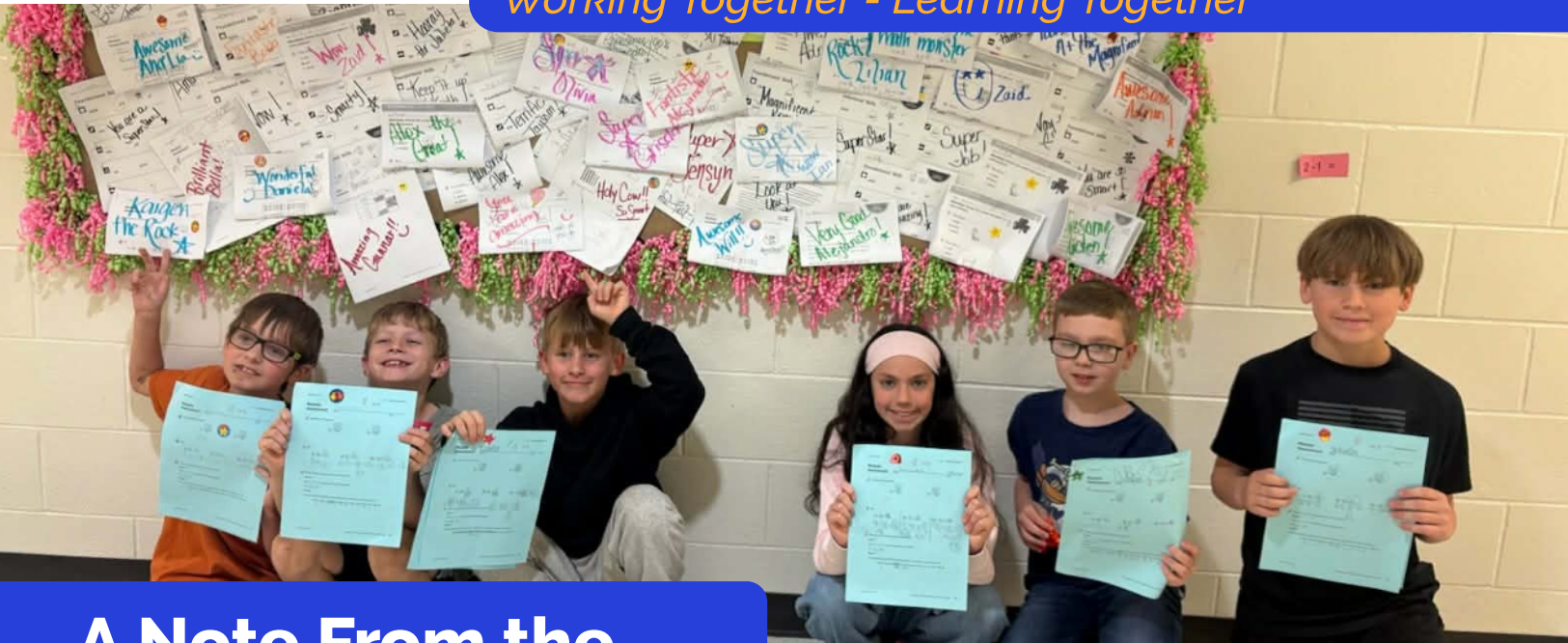




# The Cottonwood Chronicle

*Working Together - Learning Together*



## A Note From the Principal

As I reflect on my first year as principal, I am thankful for the support of our students, staff and families. This year brought both challenges and successes, but together we continued building a strong and positive school community. I am proud of the progress we made and look forward to reinforcing that foundation and building on it even more next year.

Have a great summer,

Cody Stockwell

## Upcoming

## Events

### Play Day and Picnic

**When:** May 15

(12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.)

**Where:** Cottonwood Playground

### Fifth Grade Honor Night

**When:** May 19

(6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.)

### Last Day of School

**May 21**

# Summer Food Program

June 1 – June 30, Monday – Friday (Closed June 19)

- Free to all children
- No signup, eligibility or paperwork required
- All meals eaten on site
- Adult meal cost:
  - Breakfast \$3.50
  - Lunch \$5.75
- Free activities and book giveaways

Visit the district website for more information:



Summer Food Program



# Summer Activity Ideas

- **Nature scavenger hunt:** make a list (leaves, bugs, rocks, colors, etc.) and explore local parks.
- **Splash day:** Bring out the sprinklers, water balloons, or DIY a car wash for bikes and scooters.
- **Day trips:** Visit the zoo, pool, or local fairs and farmers markets.
- **Visit the Public Library:** Salina Public Library hosts many free events!
- **Movie nights:** Rotate who picks the movie and snacks!
- **Group activities:** Organize playdates, backyard camping nights or family game tournaments. Classic outdoor games like tag, capture the flag or obstacle courses never really get old.
- **Learning (without it feeling like school):** Reading challenges, science experiments or cooking simple recipes together.

# Girls on the Run

Girls on the Run empowers participants of all abilities to build confidence, develop healthy habits and form meaningful connections. Through fun, interactive lessons led by volunteer coaches, girls combine physical activity with important life skills like managing emotions, building friendships and practicing empathy.

Each season concludes with a Community Impact Project and a celebratory 5K, giving participants a strong sense of accomplishment and a confident mindset they can carry forward.



# Food Service Accounts

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 your school, district office or online in Skyward.



Skyward



Food Service



# The Year in Pictures



## What a year it has been!

With a clap-in to start the year, Cottonwood has had many memorable days of learning and fun. Hundreds of laps around the walking trail to complete the school marathon.

A Halloween parade full of colorful costumes and visits to the pumpkin patch.

Donations to our school from local churches and community groups.

Farm animals coming to visit.

Celebrating kindness all around the school.

Fun PTA activities such as Bingo Nights, Chili & Nacho Feeds.

Visits from the Safety House.

So many songs with Mr. Beach.

Music, Band and Orchestra concerts.

First grade's version of the 2026 Winter Olympics.

A visit from Santa and Christmas cookie decorating.

Shopping at the Coyote Cash store.

A fifth grade letter writing project to zoo's all over the United States.

Meeting our incoming Preschool and Kindergarten students.

William Allen White Library visit.

Learning math and reading and getting 100% to sign the office wall.

**Cottonwood is PROUD of our school!!**

M	T	W	T	F	S	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	31

15- Play Day & Picnic

19- Fifth Grade Honor Night

18- Pre-K Graduation

21- Last Day of School

## Contact Us

Cody Stockwell- Principal  
 Anna Dechant- Assistant Principal  
 Debra Shirack- Secretary  
 Main Office Phone Number: 785-340-4600



**#CWCommunity #CWMindset**

**#305GrowsGreatness**

