



September 2026

The Cottonwood Chronicle

Working Together - Learning Together



A Note From the Principal

We are off to a great start to the 2026–2027 school year! Our students have done a great job getting back into routines, learning classroom expectations and settling into the school year. Our teachers and staff have worked hard to create welcoming, positive classrooms and it has been exciting to see our students back in the building. We are looking forward to a wonderful year of learning, growing and working together.

As we move through the school year, please make it a habit to regularly check ParentSquare for updates and information from the school. We will use ParentSquare to communicate important announcements, reminders, upcoming events and other information throughout the year. Thank you for your continued support and partnership as we work together to make this a great school year!

Sincerely,

Cody Stockwell, Principal

Upcoming

Events

Oct. 8-9- No School/Inservice

Oct. 14- Parent/Teacher Conferences

Oct. 15- No School, Parent/Teacher Conferences

Oct. 16- No School

Oct. 29- Picture Retakes

Cottonwood Elementary PTA

Parents and guardians are invited to become part of the Cottonwood PTA! Your involvement helps strengthen our school community and supports opportunities for our students.

Next PTA Meeting: Monday, September 14 at 8:25–8:55 a.m.

We'd love to have you join us and be part of the Cottonwood community!

Marathon RUN Night

When: Thursday, September 24

5:00-6:00 p.m.

Where: Cottonwood Track on Playground

Why: To help kids reach their goal of running 26.2 miles and helping them become healthy members of our community.

What to bring: Yourself with running shoes on. We will provide water but you may want to bring your own.



Cottonwood Community Cookout

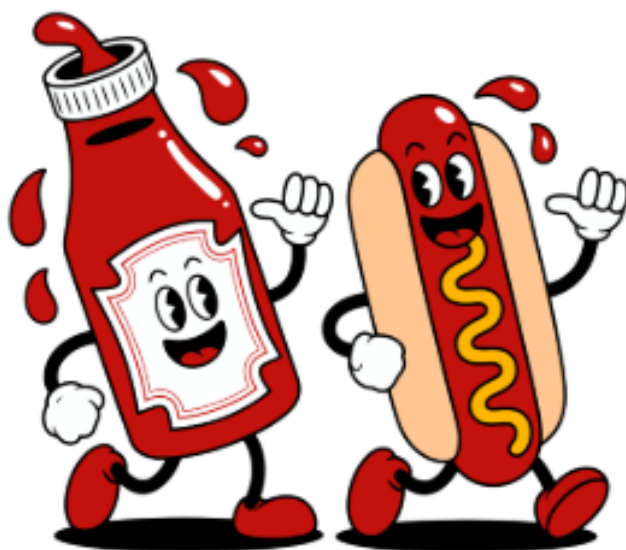
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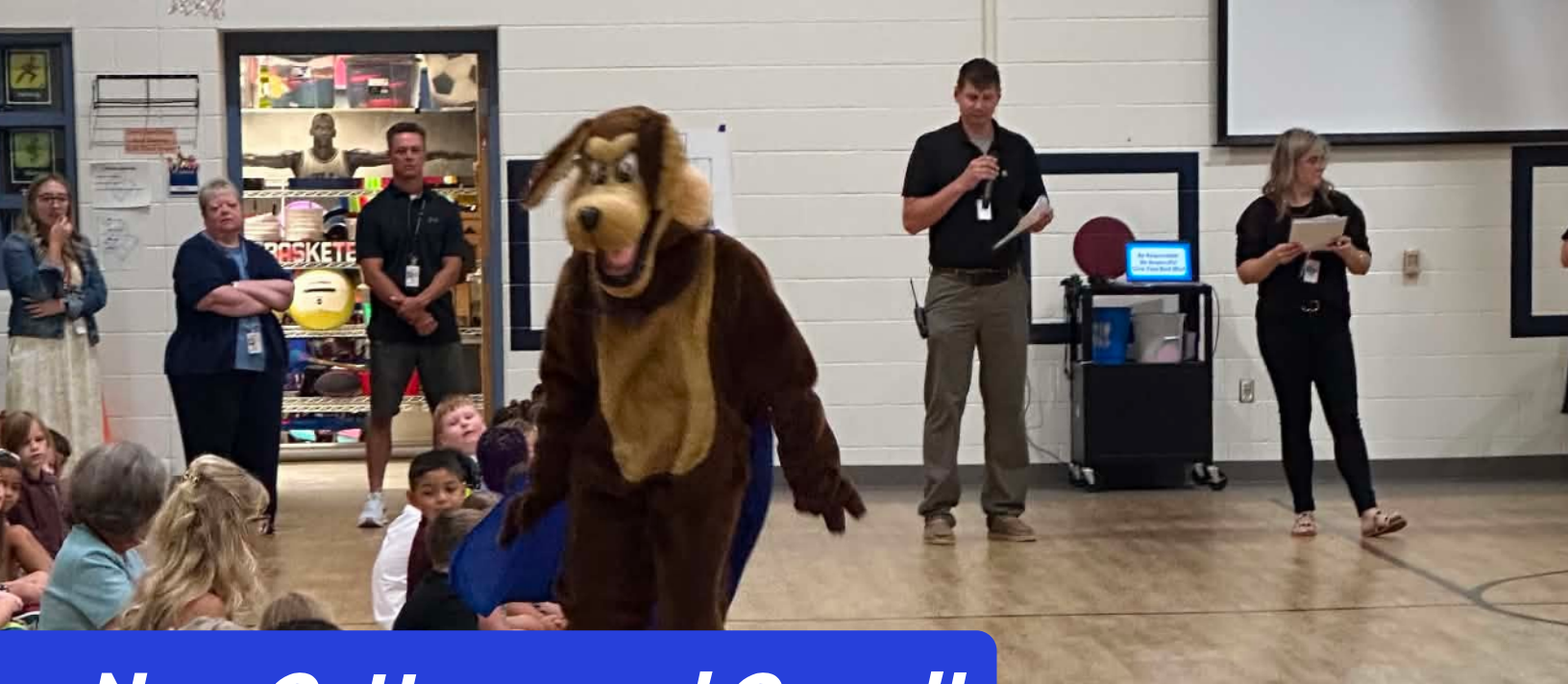
After Marathon RUN Night, join us for our Cottonwood Community Cookout!

Bring your folding chairs or picnic blankets and come enjoy an evening together.

Hot dogs, chips, and drinks will be provided.

We can't wait to see you there!





New Cottonwood Creed!

We are the Cottonwood Coyotes - proud to be a PACK!

We are persistent and don't give up.

We ask questions and wonder.

We are cooperative and help each other.

We are knowledgeable and grow every day.

We are responsible, respectful and give our best effort.

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Staying Healthy this September

As students settle back into school routines, we may see an increase in common illnesses, including:

- Common cold – runny nose, congestion, cough, and sore throat
- Flu – fever, chills, cough, body aches, and fatigue
- Stomach bugs – vomiting, diarrhea, and stomach pain
- Strep throat – sore throat, fever, and painful swallowing
- Seasonal allergies – sneezing, itchy/watery eyes, and congestion

Help prevent the spread: Encourage children to wash their hands regularly, cover coughs and sneezes, avoid sharing food or drinks and stay home when they are sick.

Greatness Grows Here!

Greatness Grows When You're Here! And every day at school is a new opportunity for students to learn, grow and connect.

Being at school each day helps students feel more positive about school and themselves while supporting their academic and social success. Consistent daily attendance helps students stay engaged, build a sense of belonging and develop strong habits that support success in the classroom and beyond.

Starting the year strong by building good attendance habits reinforces the importance of being on time and present each day. Families play an important role by making attendance a priority, staying connected with their student's school and planning ahead to reduce absences.

Use our 2026-2027 Attendance Success Guide to help schedule family trips, appointments and other activities during school breaks and days off. Attend today—Achieve tomorrow!



Attendance Success Guide

ParentSquare: Our New Communication Platform!



ParentSquare

Beginning this school year, Salina Public Schools will use ParentSquare as our primary communication platform for families, students and staff across all of our schools.

ParentSquare brings classroom, school and district communication together in one place, making it easier to receive urgent alerts and everyday updates through email, text or app notifications—all based on your notification preferences.

Families, keep an eye out for your ParentSquare account invitation email. Once you've logged into your account you can stay connected through the ParentSquare website, www.parentsquare.com or by downloading the free mobile app for easy access on the go!



Learn more about
ParentSquare

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7- No School/Labor Day
14- Cottonwood PTA Meeting
23- Cottonwood Fall Pictures

24- Marathon RUN Night &
Cottonwood Community
Cookout

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