September 2026

Growing Creative Minds & Caring Hearts

Heusner Elementary

A Note from the Principal

Star Students are SHINING at Heusner!

We have officially kicked off a brand-new school year, and our students are already SHINING! During these first few weeks, we have been talking with students about what it means to be a STaR at Heusner - being Safe, Teachable and Respectful.

Our STaR expectations help students understand what it looks like to make positive choices throughout the school day. We are already seeing so many examples of students demonstrating these important behaviors in classrooms, hallways, on the playground and throughout our school.

One way we are recognizing these positive choices is through STaR Slips. Staff members are handing out STaR Slips when they notice students being Safe, Teachable or Respectful. Students are excited to bring their slips to the office, where they get to sign the STaR door. This makes positive behavior visible and gives us an opportunity to celebrate our students!

You may also begin seeing STaR Slips coming home with your child. When you see one, take a moment to celebrate with your child and ask them about the positive choice they made.

Thank you for helping us reinforce these expectations at home and at school. Together, we are building consistent expectations, celebrating success and helping our students become the best versions of themselves.

Heusner students are SHINING—and we are just getting started!

- Lori Munsell, Principal





Marathon News from Mr. Baird

We kicked off the Heusner Marathon on Monday, August 24th!

Over the next weeks, our students will work to complete the distance of a marathon—26.2 miles!

This is more than just running—it is a wonderful Heusner community event that encourages students to set goals, persevere, stay active and celebrate their progress.



Mr. Baird
Physical Education Instructor

Parents, grandparents and other family members are welcome to walk or run with their student each morning! We would love to have you join us and be part of the fun. Just like last year, when students finish their morning miles, they will return to their grade-level door, and pick up their backpack. Teachers will be at the grade-level doors to welcome students inside.

We are excited to see our Heusner students setting goals, encouraging one another and working hard to reach 26.2 miles! Thank you for helping us make this a true Heusner community event.

Pets are not allowed during the Heusner Marathon.

Important dates:

- **September 10**- Family Marathon Night 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- **September 14**- Family Marathon Night 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- **October 2**- Last Day of Heusner Marathon



September:

1	PTA Meeting 7:00 p.m.
10	Family Marathon Night 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
10	Group Conferences 1st-3rd 6:15-6:35 p.m. 4th-5th 6:40-7:00 p.m.
7	No School
14	Site Council Meeting 12:00-1:00 p.m.
14	Family Marathon Night 6:00-7:00 p.m.
22	Parent Advisory Council

October:

1	K-1 Parents Structured Literacy
2	Last Day of Marathon
5	Site Council Meeting 12:00 p.m.
6	Parent Advisory 6:00 p.m.
6	PTA meeting 7:00 p.m.
8	No School Teacher In-service/Work Day
9	No School Teacher In-service
14	School Pictures
14, 15	Parent/Teacher Conference & Scholastic Book Fair
15 ,16	No School
23	Heusner Family Bingo Night
30	Fall Parade at 8:35 a.m. Fall Parties at 3:00 p.m.

Group Conferences

Group conferences are held during our first Heusner Marathon Night .

- 6:00-6:15 p.m. Title Information Meeting in the Lunchroom for K through second grade parents
- 6:15-6:40 p.m. First and second grade Group Conferences in your child's classroom
- 6:20-6:35 p.m. Title Information Meeting in the Lunchroom for third through fifth grade parents
- 6:40-7:00 p.m. Third through fifth grade Group Conferences

Attendance Matters

Going to be gone/late?

Contact the front office by 9:00 a.m.

785-309-4200

Attendance

Breakfast 7:55 a.m.-8:20 a.m.

K-5 8:25 a.m.-3:35 p.m.

A.M. Pre-K 8:00-11:20 a.m.

P.M. Pre-K 12:10-3:30p.m.



PTA News

PTA Meeting on September 1 at 7:00 p.m.

Heusner Elementary Fundraiser:

Aug. 31- Sept. 14

We are kicking off our fundraiser and raising funds to support students and improve our school.

Register, share and shop click the link below to get started.

SHOPFUND.COM



Fun Sock Friday

Don't Forget Fun Sock Fridays! We love seeing everyone's silly socks!



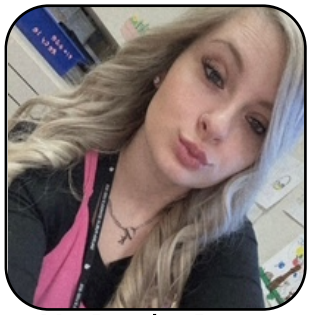
Introducing Our New Staff!



Mrs. Kelly Grade 3



Mrs. Reinert Instructional Assist



Ms. Bowden Para



Miss Bryhanna Pre-K Para



Ms. Campa-Flores Bilingual ED



Mrs. Exline Instructional Assist



Miss Briley Pre-K Para

USD 305 News

ParentSquare: Our New Communication Platform!

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!

Download the free mobile app from the Apple App store or the Google Play Store, or by scanning the QR code:

Learn More here

Greatness Grows When You're 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!

Download the Printable Attendance Success Guide

September Calendar

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28	29	30			

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Contact Us

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Heusner Elementary

School Website

District Website

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#305GrowsGreatness

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