

September 2026

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Together, We Grow at Coronado Elementary



A Note from the Principal

Coronado Families,

It is hard to believe we are already into September! The first few weeks of school have been filled with excitement, new learning, new friendships and lots of opportunities for our students and staff to get back into the routines of school. I want to thank our families for helping make the beginning of the school year such a great success.

There is always a lot that goes into getting a school year started, and I am incredibly proud of our students and staff. Our students have done a great job learning expectations, building relationships with their teachers and classmates and getting back into the daily routines of school.

One of our goals at Coronado is to create a school where every student feels safe, valued, supported and excited to come to school each day. Our staff have been working hard to build those relationships with students and create classrooms where students can learn and grow.

As we move through September, we will continue focusing on our school wide expectations, being respectful and responsible and treating others with kindness. These are important skills that help make Coronado a great place to learn.

Thank you for reinforcing these expectations at home. The partnership between school and families makes a tremendous difference for our students.

One of the most important things students can do to be successful at school is be here and be ready to learn.

Every school day provides students with opportunities to learn something new, practice important skills, build relationships and participate in classroom activities. We understand that illness and other circumstances sometimes make absences necessary, but we encourage families to make attendance a priority whenever possible.

Thank you for helping your child arrive at school on time and ready for a great day!

Tyler Burnett
Principal, Coronado Elementary

Notes from the Nurse

A few reminders to get this school year off on the right track:

- All medicines for your child need to be kept in the nurse's office and the correct paperwork must be completed prior to it being used.
- Please let me know of any major health concerns or changes for your child.
- If your child is ill, please let the office know by 9:00 a.m. If you are unsure whether you should send your child to school, I'm happy to visit with you and help make that decision.
- If your child has a fever over 100, diarrhea or is vomiting, please keep them home until they are symptom free for 24 hours off of medicine. This goes a long way in keeping everyone healthy!
- Please send a water bottle to school with your child so that they may have water available to them at all times. The bottle filling stations are up and running!

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about the health and safety of your child. Let's have a great year!

Routines at home help your child to be ready to learn at school

The beginning of school can bring all different kinds of emotions to student; excitement about the possibilities of a new year, joy at growing up and being in the next grade or a new school year can bring anxiety about starting a new year, fear of not being in the same classroom as their best friend or sadness at the end of summer and the opportunity to sleep in!

Consider a few ideas about making your family's routines more manageable that will also help your child to feel more relaxed, energized, connected, prepared and rested.

Relaxed. Music can help your child avoid the morning rush. Play a soothing tape and ask him/her to be dressed and ready by the time it's over. Tip: On Sundays, have him put each day's outfit for the coming week on hangers labeled Monday through Friday.

Energized. A good breakfast increases concentration. Offer your child healthy choices. Examples: a whole wheat bagel with peanut butter; orange juice blended with fruit and yogurt; instant oatmeal. Or bring your child to school on time to have breakfast at school.

Connected. Talking about the school day lets your child know you care. Ask him/her to share two good things that happened during the day. Prompt him with specific questions, such as "Which multiplication facts did you practice?" "Who did you play with at recess today?"

Prepared. Studying a little every day is the best way to learn new material. Help your child choose a time for homework, math facts or reading a short passage when he/she is most alert.

Rested. A set bedtime helps children fall asleep more quickly. Suggest that your child get in bed 15 minutes early to read, make up stories or talk quietly with you.

Shirley Luce, LSCSW
School Counselor

Meet Our School Social Worker!

Hi, Coronado families! I'm excited to continue serving as the school social worker and supporting the students, staff and families of Coronado Elementary. This is year 19 with USD 305 and the start of year 10 serving Coronado Elementary. My role includes providing individual and small-group support to students, helping families connect with resources, supporting staff with student needs and working with our school team to promote a safe, positive and caring school environment. I'm always happy to be a listening ear, a problem-solving partner or a resource when students or families need a little extra support.



This year, I'll also be teaching Character Strong, a social-emotional learning curriculum. I will be providing these Tier 1 lessons to students in grades 3, 4, and 5 each week for 50 minutes. I'll be focusing on the Policy Programming portion of the curriculum, while classroom teachers will teach the Purposeful People lessons. Some of the topics we're currently exploring include personal safety, safe relationships and boundaries, recognizing risks and online safety. I'll also be supplementing classroom lessons throughout the year, with a special focus on kindness and bullying prevention during the month of September. My goal is to help students build the skills, confidence, and character they need to make safe, healthy, and caring choices both at school and beyond.

Here's to a great year of learning, growing, and looking out for one another! If you have any questions feel free to reach out.

For more information on Character Strong, please go to <https://characterstrong.com/>

Rhonda Lagroon
Coronado Elementary
Social Worker

Science Happenings

Hello! My name is Tracy Musselwhite, and I am the science teacher. We're off to a great start, and I'm looking forward to a year filled with hands-on learning and lots of fun! Here's a look at what we've been learning:

Kindergarten is exploring color through the Walking Water Experiment and will soon begin learning about the needs of plants and animals.

Grade 1 has been mixing colors in test tubes like scientists and will soon dive into animal and plant defenses.

Grade 2 had fun discovering what colors make up black and will begin exploring plant and animal relationships.

Grade 3 is learning how M&Ms are made and how they get their color, and they will soon begin exploring balancing forces.

Grade 4 jumped right into learning about energy conversions and building simple systems.

Grade 5 explored color through the milk, food coloring and dish soap experiment and is now diving into modeling matter.

FLC Grades 1-4 are learning about color while practicing teamwork in science.

I'm excited for all the exploring and discovering we'll do this year!



Art Corner

Hi, I am new to Coronado but not new to teaching. This is year 30 of teaching art. Most of my time has been with middle school, however I am excited about the new opportunities and challenges of teaching at the elementary level. All students are just getting started on their first projects. Grades 1 and 2 are working on a paper sculpture that uses line to communicate specific ideas about the students. Grades 3 and 4 are working on a bubble name drawing with an emphasis on character traits, and grade 5 is working on an abstract design of positive affirmation statements that is self reflective.

Casey Callis
Art Teacher
Coronado Elementary

Grade 1



Welcome to grade 1!

Please be on the lookout for an email about signing up for October conferences, one per student. We look forward to meeting with you.



Grade 2

Grade 2 students have begun their math lessons by learning about picture and bar graphs! They learned how to find data from a table and make a picture or bar graph. From the information in the graph they are answering questions about the data!



Grade 5



Grade 5 students will have the opportunity to participate in STARBASE, an exciting, hands-on STEM program that gives students a chance to explore science, technology, engineering and math! Throughout the program, students will participate in hands-on activities, experiments, challenges and projects while learning about topics like space, engineering, robotics, physics and technology. They'll have opportunities to build a rocket, run experiments, tour a Blackhawk helicopter and they may even learn a new way of doing something; which is all part of being a scientist or engineer!

We are so excited for our students to have this experience and can't wait to see what they discover!

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!

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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

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1 - PTO 6:00 p.m.

4 - Rock Rally 9:00 a.m.

7 - Labor Day/No School

13 - Family Marathon Day
Jerry Ivy 6:00-7:30 p.m.



15 - Site Council 11:30 a.m.

15 - PTO McDonald's Fundraiser

21 - Family Marathon
Salina South Track 3:00-4:00 p.m.

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