

October 2026

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SUNSET NEWS



A Note from the Principal

Sunset Families,

We are excited for another great month of learning, growing and building strong connections with our students and families. As we move into the fall season, we want to thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community.

Parent-Teacher conferences are coming up soon! These conferences are a wonderful opportunity to connect with your child's teacher, celebrate successes, discuss progress and work together to support your child's continued growth. If you have not yet scheduled a conference, please reach out to your child's teacher to find a time that works for you. We look forward to visiting with you and partnering together throughout the school year.

We also want to extend a big thank-you to everyone who participated in Donuts with Grown-Ups! It was wonderful to see so many families and special grown-ups join us at school. We appreciate you taking the time to be part of this special event and helping make our school community such a welcoming place for our students.

We encourage all families to consider attending PTA meetings and becoming involved with our Parent-Teacher Association (PTA). The PTA provides valuable opportunities for families to support our students, teachers and school through activities, events and community involvement. Your participation makes a difference, and we would love to have more families join us!

As we continue through the school year, our staff will also remain focused on the implementation of Ci3T (Comprehensive, Integrated, Three-Tiered Model of Prevention). Through Ci3T, we are working to provide consistent, proactive academic, behavioral and social-emotional supports for all students. Our goal is to create a positive, supportive environment where every student feels valued, connected and prepared to learn and succeed.

Thank you for your continued partnership, encouragement and support. We are grateful for the wonderful families who make our elementary school such a special place. We look forward to a fun and successful October!

Best regards,

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Donuts with Grown Ups



Character Strong

This month we focus on **responsibility**, which is "taking action and understanding the impact of our choices." Positive and **responsible** actions can help people and irresponsible actions can hurt others.

As a family:

Choose 1 household chore that requires multiple steps. Then have each member of the family select 1 step to complete to help get the job done.

Ideas: washing the dishes, doing laundry, cleaning the living room or unloading the groceries.



Red Ribbon Week is a special time for our school community to celebrate making healthy, positive choices and staying drug-free. Throughout the week, students will participate in fun spirit days as we promote kindness, wellness and making good decisions. Together, we can encourage one another to be confident, healthy and committed to a drug-free future!

Red Ribbon Week is October 26-30. Check out the Sunset Elementary School website and social media for information about Spirit Week themes.

McDonald's will offer free ice cream cones to those wearing a Red Ribbon Week bracelet or sticker October 26-30.

Food 4 Kids

We are currently working on getting services set up for our Food 4 Kids program. If your child could benefit from a supplemental program to help with food on the weekends, please contact your child's teacher or our school social worker, Mrs. Stockwell at taylor.stockwell@usd305.com.



PTA (Parent-Teacher Association)

Oct. 1 - PTA meeting, 6:30 p.m.

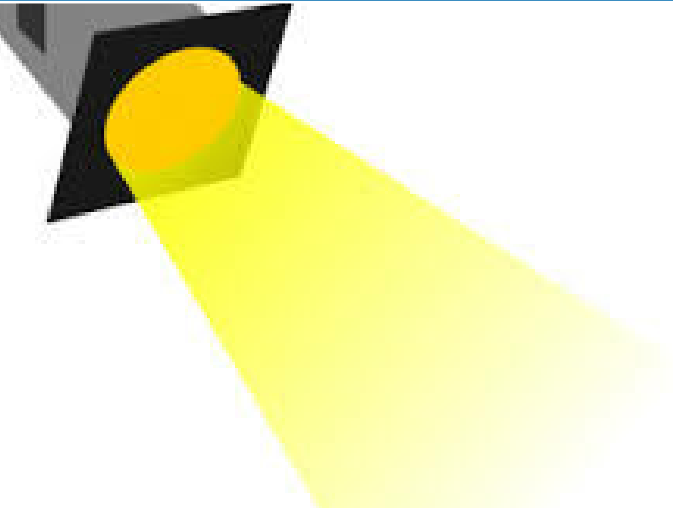
Oct. 1 - Paint the Tiles, 6:30-8:00 p.m. (must have been preregistered by Sept. 25.)

Oct. 7 - Picture day. Volunteers needed. If you can help, please email Katee at sunsetptaks@gmail.com

Nov. 5 - PTA meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Also, watch for information to come home about the annual blanket fundraiser.

Spotlight on Pre-K



This month, we are practicing how to recognize and identify our names during arrival, centers and small-group activities. We're also building strong listening skills as we learn and follow our daily classroom routines, from circle time to cleanup to lining up.

Our class is making new friends, using kind words, sharing materials and learning how to play together.

We've also started exploring our exciting new theme, dinosaurs. We are discovering different kinds of dinosaurs and what makes each one unique.



Join us at Salina Public Schools!

Want to be more connected with your school community? Whether you have a child, grandchild, family member or friend in Salina Public Schools or are simply looking for an opportunity to make a difference, there's a place for you at SPS!

We're hiring food service, custodial and paraprofessional team members who want to support students and be part of a school community where greatness grows.

Find your place at SPS and make a difference every day!



Apply Online

Supporting Every Student Through Ci3T

Ci3T stands for Comprehensive, Integrated, Three-Tiered model of prevention.

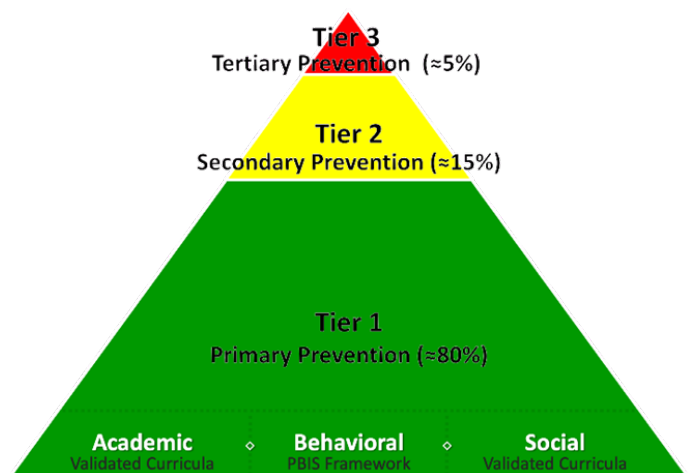
Ci3T provides a coordinated, research-based approach to supporting the academic, behavioral and social-emotional needs of all students. It is not a new curriculum or a one-size-fits-all program. Think of it as a blueprint for student support, helping our schools organize resources and provide support based on the needs of their students.

Ci3T includes three levels of support:

- Tier 1: Provides a strong foundation for all students through high-quality academic instruction, positive behavioral supports and social-emotional learning. The goal is to support student success and prevent academic or behavioral difficulties before they emerge.
- Tier 2: Provides more focused academic, behavioral or social-emotional support for students who need more than Tier 1. Schoolwide data helps identify students who may benefit from these additional supports.
- Tier 3: Provides specialized, intensive interventions for students experiencing greater academic, behavioral or social-emotional needs. Support is individualized based on each student's specific needs.

Rather than addressing academic, behavioral and social-emotional needs separately, Ci3T brings these areas together so they work as one connected system of support. Ci3T also brings together all of us – teachers, administrators, support staff, parents and families – working together to create a safe and caring learning community where every student can grow and succeed.

Watch for more information about Ci3T and how we are working together to support every student throughout the school year.



October Calendar

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1 Day 1	2 Day 2	3
4	5 Day 3	6 Day 4	7 Day 5	8	9	10
11	12 Day 1	13 Day 2	14 Day 3	15	16	17
18	19 Day 4	20 Day 5	21 Day 1	22 Day 2	23 Day 3	24
25	26 Day 4	27 Day 5	28 Day 1	28 Day 2	30 Day 3	31

- 1 - PTA Meeting/Paint the Tiles
- 7 - Picture Day/Last Marathon day
- 8 & 9 - No School, Teacher Inservice
- 13 - Marathon Assembly
- 14 & 15 - Parent Teacher Conferences
- 15 & 16 - No School



November

- 1 - Set your clocks back one hour - Daylight Savings time
- 5 - PTA Meeting
- 11 - Picture Retakes
- 23-27 - Thanksgiving break/No School

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