October 2026

Growing Creative Minds & Caring Hearts

Heusner Elementary

A Note from the Principal

What Does It Mean to Be a Good Learner?

At Heusner, we spend time talking with students about what it means to be a good learner. Being a good learner is about much more than simply sitting quietly or not talking. We want our students to understand that learning is an active process that requires curiosity, perseverance, communication and self-control.

Our Heusner Learning Dispositions help students understand the behaviors and mindsets that support learning every day:

Embrace Challenges

Good learners know that learning can be hard! They are willing to try, make mistakes, learn from those mistakes and keep going when something doesn't come easily. They understand, “I can do hard things.”

Be Curious

Good learners ask questions. They wonder, investigate, make connections and want to understand why and how. Curiosity helps students become deeper thinkers and more engaged learners.

Be a Communicator

Good learners are great listeners and share their thinking. They explain their ideas, ask for clarification, respond to others and learn from different perspectives. Talking about our thinking helps us learn!

Show Self-Control

Good learners make choices that help themselves and others learn. They manage their bodies, voices, emotions and attention so they can be ready to learn and allow others to learn, too.

We want our students to see themselves as capable learners who have an important role in their own learning. Sometimes being a good learner means listening carefully. Sometimes it means asking a question, sharing an idea, taking a risk, solving a difficult problem or trying again after making a mistake.

At Heusner, we are helping students understand that being a good learner isn't about being quiet, but it's about being engaged. We want our students to be curious thinkers, strong communicators, brave problem-solvers and wise decision-makers who take ownership of their learning.

- Lori Munsell, Principal

Important Marathon dates:
Last day of Marathon- October 2
Marathon Celebration- October 28

Fall Parade and Parties:

Fall parade: 8:35 a.m.

Parents are invited to watch students walk around the outside of Heusner at 8:35 a.m. Once done, students will change out of costumes and have a normal school day. Students need to wear normal clothes under their costumes or bring extra clothes change into. No weapons/blood.

Fall parties: 3:00 p.m.

If you are helping with fall parties, sign in at the front office at 3:00 p.m. Then join your student's classroom. Reach out to the teacher if you have questions.



Family Bingo Night

Join us for a fun-filled Family Bingo Night

October 23 6:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.

Bring the whole family for an evening of bingo, laughter, and fun.

We hope to see you there!







PJs and Popsicles

What a fun Monday at Heusner Elementary! Our students had an absolute blast celebrating PJs & Popsicles on Monday, September 21! From cozy pajamas to big smiles, laughter and delicious popsicles, it was the perfect way to brighten up our Monday.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make this special day possible. We are so lucky to have such wonderful Heusner families and staff who help make school days extra special.







National Fire Prevention Month



Meet Kylani Aragon in Mrs. Aruajo's 3rd grade class.

Kylani is the winner of the Fire Safety Poster contest here at Heusner Elementary!

The Salina Fire Department has partnered with Salina Public Schools since 2022 to recognize the creativity of elementary student artists. Each year they ask students to help design a poster centered around a theme to promote fire safety and any elementary student is eligible to participate. Each elementary school will then pick a winner. This year's theme is "Charge Into Fire Safety – Safe Charging is a Superpower". The fire department travels to all Salina Public elementary schools to educate students about the importance of fire safety.

Looking Ahead:

Nov 2	**No School**
Nov 3	Site Council-12:00 -1:00 p.m.
	Parent Advisory Council 6:00 p.m.
	PTA Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Nov 12	Grade 3 Music Program 6:00 p.m.
Nov 19	Picture Retakes
Nov. 23-27	**No School-Thanksgiving Break**





Picture Day

October 14 is picture day for all students. If your student misses this day, retakes are November 19.

Questions regarding you picture packet?

You can email to The Picture Lady using the link below.

The Picture Lady



Parent Teacher Conferences:

October 14- 4:00p.m.-7:00p.m.
October 15- 8:00a.m.- 7:00p.m.

If you have not signed up to meet with your student's teacher please click the link below.

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We look forward to meeting with you all!



Did you know Heusner Elementary is a Title 1 school?

We qualify for federal dollars to support the education of our students. Annually, Title 1 schools must notify parents of a Title 1 school of the following: As parents or guardians you may request information regarding the professional qualifications of your student's classroom teachers, including, at a minimum, the following information:

- Whether the teacher has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.
- Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived.
- The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.
- Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

Please contact Mrs. Lori Munsell, 309-4310, if you have any questions regarding our Title One Services at Heusner.

Kansas Parent Information Resource Center

The Kansas Parent Information Resource Center (KPIRC) promotes meaningful family engagement at all levels of education and provides information and resources to help parents, educators and other organizations promote the educational success of every Kansas child.

Check out their website at: Resource Center

Annual Notice of Teacher Qualifications

Salina Public Schools is proud of our record of employing the highest quality teachers and paraprofessional available. As a parent or guardian, you have the right to inquire about the professional qualifications of all instructional staff serving your child. Specific information is available from your school's principal at any time throughout the year.

All Title Schools are required to make available the following information upon parent or guardian request:

- Whether the State of Kansas has licensed or qualified the teacher for the grades and/or subjects taught.
- Whether the teachers is teaching under an emergency permit or other provisional status through which Kansas licensing criteria have been waived.
- The teacher's college major and subject of any advanced degrees.
- Whether any instructional aides or paraprofessionals provide services to the child and, if so, the qualification of those staff members.

Notice of Assessment

Our school receives Title 1 funds. Schools that receive these funds are expected to provide to each parent information on the level of achievement and academic growth of the student, if applicable and available, on the Kansas Assessments. Students in grades 3-5 take the Kansas Assessments each Spring. Your child's Kansas Assessment Results will be sent home in your child's grade card at the end of the school year.

The results of the Kansas Assessments are important to our school because we use them to evaluate the effectiveness of our educational programming. As a parent/guardian, you do have the right to opt out of the Kansas Assessments by sending a written request to the building principal stating that you wish for your child to not be tested. Please contact the building principal for more information.

Additional assessment information, including our building and district report cards and a list of assessments given at each grade level, is available on the district website. Follow the steps below:

1. usd305.com
2. Departments
3. School Improvement Department
4. Assessments in USD 305

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

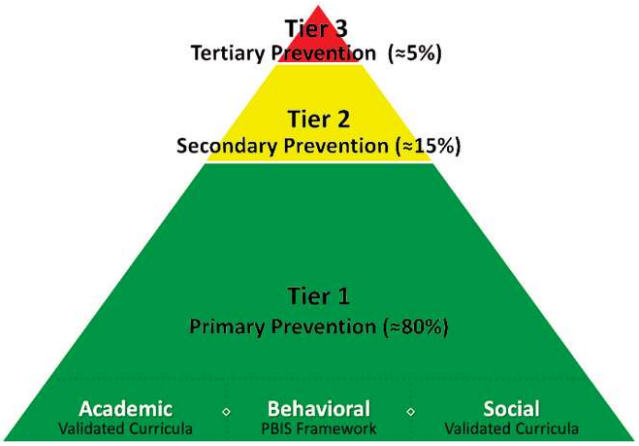
Supporting Every Student Through Ci3T

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

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Oct 1	K-1 Parents observe structures literacy	Oct 14	Picture Day
Oct 2	Last Day of the Heusner Marathon	Oct 14 -15	Parent/Teach Conferences
Oct 5	Site Council-12:00-1:00 p.m.	Oct 15-16	No School Inservice/Work Day
Oct 6	Parent Advisory Council 6:00 p.m.	Oct 23	Family BINGO night
Oct 6	PTA Meeting 7:00 p.m.	Oct 30	Fall Parade at 8:35 a.m.
Oct 8-9	No School Inservice/Work Day		Fall Parties at 3:00 p.m.

Contact Us

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Heusner Elementary

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School Website

District Website

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