

November 2026

Dare to SOAR!

SUNSET NEWS



A Note from the Principal

As we welcome the month of November, I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to our students, dedicated teachers, supportive parents and all members of our school community. Your continued cooperation and commitment play an important role in creating a positive and enriching learning environment for our children. November is a wonderful time to reflect on the importance of gratitude, kindness, discipline and togetherness. It reminds us to appreciate the people who support us and to recognize the many opportunities we have to learn, grow and make a difference in the lives of others.

At our school, we remain committed to providing meaningful learning experiences that nurture academic excellence, good character, creativity, confidence and responsibility. We will continue to focus on the implementation of Ci3T (Comprehensive, Integrated, Three-Tiered) Model of Prevention to support the academic, behavioral and social-emotional needs of all students. Through consistent expectations, positive reinforcement, proactive strategies, and collaboration among staff, students, and families, we will continue working to create a safe, supportive and engaging learning environment where every student can thrive.

I encourage our students to approach each day with curiosity, participate actively in classroom activities, respect one another and strive to give their best in everything they do. I also encourage parents to continue partnering with us by supporting regular attendance, developing good reading habits, and maintaining open communication with teachers. Together, we can help every child reach their full potential.

As we approach Thanksgiving, let us take time to reflect on the many blessings in our lives and express gratitude for our family, friends, and school community. May this special season bring joy, peace, and meaningful moments with loved ones.

Enjoy the Thanksgiving break! I hope all our students, families and staff have a safe, restful and wonderful holiday filled with happiness, gratitude and special memories. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready to continue learning and growing together. Thank you for your continued trust, support and partnership. Wishing you all a happy Thanksgiving and a wonderful month of November!

Warm regards,

Dr. Brandon J. Cheeks

Principal

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K-State Salina STEM Night

You are invited to attend STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) night at Sunset.

Tues., Nov. 3, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

More information coming soon.

PTA - November

Meeting - Thurs., Nov. 5, 6:30 p.m.

Picture retakes - Nov. 11

Family BINGO Night - Friday, Nov. 13, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

PTA - December

Meeting - Tues., Dec. 1, 6:30 p.m.

Frosty Festival - Thur., Dec. 3, 6:00 p.m.

Family Movie Night - Dec. 11

SEL classroom visits

You are invited into your child's classroom to experience the Social Emotional Learning time that happens first thing every morning in the classrooms.

November 10

8:25 - 845 a.m.

Check in at the front door that morning.

Character Strong

This month's focus is **Gratitude** which is "choosing to appreciate the people and things in our lives." Practicing **Gratitude** can increase our well-being and even our happiness!

Connect as a family:

- Everyone shares a small, specific thing that they are grateful for. Maybe it's a favorite cup, the way the cat sleeps on the chair, or how it smells when grandma bakes banana bread.
- Choose to look for things and then smile.

Marathon Results

2026 Marathon finishers - 170 (2025 - 150 finishers)

Two classes had 100% of students finish the marathon - 1H and 1P

Top Finishers

Grades K-2: Derrick - 75.4 miles, Luis - 54.6 miles, Cruz - 52.6 miles

Grades 3-5: William - 76.8 miles, Jacob - 74 miles, Jakeem - 64 miles



Grades K-2 top finishers - Derrick, Luis, Cruz



Grades 3-5 top finishers - Jacob, William, Jakeem

Spotlight on Kindergarten



In kindergarten, students are working on recognizing letters and learning the sounds they make to build a strong foundation in reading. They are practicing identifying uppercase and lowercase letters, matching letters to their sounds and beginning to use these skills to read and write simple words.

In math, students are learning to identify, name and describe shapes. They are exploring two-dimensional shapes, such as circles, squares, triangles and rectangles, and noticing how these shapes are found in the world around them.

All of these activities help students develop important early literacy and math skills while building confidence in their learning.





2026-27 Sunset Staff

News from the nurse

November is usually recognized as the beginning of the flu season. This is a great time to schedule flu shots for the entire family. But that's not all you can do to protect yourselves from the flu. Be sure to wash your hands often as this is the easiest and most effective way to prevent illness. Other ways to stay healthy are also good routines to have year-round, such as making sure you and your family are getting plenty of sleep and eating healthy foods including fruits and vegetables high in Vitamin C.

Please also remember that as the weather turns colder, to make sure your student has appropriately warm clothing to be outside. We try to take all recesses outside if possible, as the fresh air and exercise is good for everyone.

For more information about the flu vaccine click on the link below.



Flu information from the CDC

Library book "tasting"



Primary students got to "get a taste" of the new books that will be added to the library shelves. They got a chance to preview several different books during their library time.



Strong Attendance Supports Student Success



As we approach Thanksgiving Recess and the holiday season, it's a great time to remember how each day at school supports student success.

Did you know that missing just two days of school each month can add up to chronic absenteeism? Every day at school is an opportunity for students to learn, connect and stay on track toward their goals!

As you plan for upcoming holidays and school breaks, take a moment to review our school calendar and schedule appointments, family trips and other activities

outside the school day whenever possible. Families can also support strong attendance by tracking attendance in Skyward, watching for patterns and communicating with their school when challenges arise.

By working together, we can make attendance a priority, support student success and help every student attend today and achieve tomorrow!



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Building Bridges 2026



Join us for Building Bridges 2026, a community event that brings together local businesses, industry partners, families, students, educators and community members to celebrate Career and Technical Education (CTE) in Salina Public Schools.

Guests will have the opportunity to tour our facilities, meet students, see their projects, hear their stories and enjoy hors d'oeuvres prepared by our talented culinary students.

This event is free and open to everyone. We hope to see you there!

- When: Thursday, November 12, from 3:30-5:00 p.m.
- Where: Central High School Cafeteria, 650 E. Crawford St.

November Calendar

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2 Day 4	3 Day 5	4 Day 1	5 Day 2	6 Day 3	7
8	9 Day 4	10 Day 5	11 Day 1	12 Day 2	13 Day 3	14
15	16 Day 4	17 Day 5	18 Day 1	19 Day 2	20 Day 3	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Day 4					

3 - STEM Night

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

10 - SEL classroom visits



11 - Picture retakes

13 - Family BINGO Night,

23-27 - Thanksgiving break

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