November 2026

Growing Creative Minds & Caring Hearts

Heusner Elementary

A Note from the Principal

Did you know Heusner Elementary has a Parent Advisory Council made up of 14 dedicated parent volunteers? We are excited to have this group of parents partnering with us to strengthen the connection between home and school!

Our goal is to ensure that parents are full partners in their child's education and have a voice in decisions that support student success. We believe that when families and schools work together, we create stronger relationships and better opportunities for all students.

Each year, a committee of parents and teachers comes together to reflect on family engagement at Heusner Elementary. The council works to:

- Strengthen Family-School Partnerships: Establish a focus goal and help Heusner continue building strong, meaningful relationships with families.
- Increase Parent Involvement: Identify barriers that may prevent families from participating in school activities and help design opportunities that encourage greater involvement.
- Shape Family Engagement: Help develop and revise Heusner's Parent and Family Engagement Policy to ensure families have a voice in our school community.

What Are We Working on This Year?

During our first meeting, we began identifying a focus area for our collaborative work this year. We celebrated many of the wonderful things already happening at Heusner and reviewed student data as we considered opportunities for continued growth.

Together, we narrowed our focus for this year to: Standard 3 – Supporting Student Success: Exploring ways families and schools can work together to support student learning and achievement.

At the next meeting, we reviewed and revised the Heusner Parent-Student-School Compact, and took a closer look at our Parent and Family Engagement Policy.

Our Parent Advisory Council will continue meeting throughout the school year, and we would love to have you join us if this is work you are interested in helping with!

Together, we make a difference!

- Lori Munsell, Principal

Heusner Family Thanksgiving

Thursday November 19

Reservations are due by Monday November 2!

Guest lunch price is $5.75

Please fill out your envelope and place the exact cash or check in the envelope sealed and return it to the school.

Please note: There will be no refunds.

Contact Clarissa Eichenauer, FNS Lead with any questions.

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MENU

Turkey and noodles

Mashed Potatoes

Greenbean casserole

Dinner roll/butter

Strawberry Craisins

Pumpkin Chocolate Chip Cookie

LUNCH Schedule

11:05-11:25 KHarman

11:09-11:29 KWestling

11:13-11:33 KYoxall

11:31-11:51 1HGrant

11:34-11:54 1MGrant

11:37-11:57 1Wood

11:40-12:00 0'Brien

11:42-12:02 2Stoss

11:45-12:05 2Wespe

11:48-12:08 2Xidis

11:52-12:12 3Araujo

11:55-12:15 3Kelly

11:58-12:18 3Tafolla

12:07-12:27 5Armstrong

12:10-12:30 5Moyer

12:13-12:33 5Wiswell

12:20-12:40 PreK

12:21-12:41 4Walsh

12:25-12:45 4Albers

12:28-12:48 4Dickerson

Math and Reading Night



Heusner Elementary's Flurry of Fun!

Family Activity Night

- **Thursday, Decemeber 3, 2026**
- **6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.**

Please join us for a night filled with math games, cookies, prizes, STEM projects and lots more fun!









Dental Screenings

November 16-17

Permission/Consent forms have been sent home with your students for our upcoming Dental Screening that is provided through Salina Family Dental.

The signature on the front page is only to be singed if you do not want your child to be screened.

The consent on the back side is to be signed if you consent to your child receiving a fluoride treatment while being screened.

All students will be screened unless the form is returned with a signature that says you do not want them screened.

Note from Mrs. Cash

We are having our third grade music program on November 12th.

The third grade classes are preparing for their music program on November 12 at 6:00 pm. This year's program is a Salute to Veterans. We would like to invite retired and active soldiers to attend our program.



We Salute Our Veterans.
Thank you for your service.

Reminder:

Heusner schedule 2026-2027

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

Kindergarten- Fifth grade 8:25 a.m. - 3:35 p.m.

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

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

Drop Off for Breakfast 7:55 a.m. on the blacktop at the back of the school.

Student supervision begins at 8:00 a.m. Teachers and staff are not on duty until 8:00 a.m. so we ask that students not be dropped off before that time.

Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe and keeping our morning routine efficient and positive for all students and families.

Marathon Celebration

We are so proud of our students for their hard work and commitment to completing their marathon. We celebrated their accomplishment at Kansas Wesleyan University on October 28.

2026 Heusner Marathon Stats:

175 total marathon finishers

7,576 total miles ran as a school!

15 students completed two marathons (52.4 miles)

Fourth grade ran the most miles with 1,469.53 miles

Way to go Heusner! Greatness Grows Here!



Parent Advisory Meeting

Thank you to all the families who took time out of their busy schedule's to attend our parent advisory meetings this year! Our next meeting is scheduled for **November 3 at 6:00 p.m.** We will meet in the Heusner library. Thank you for volunteering your time and partnering with us to make Heusner Elementary great! We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday!

High Five Fridays

High five Fridays will begin in November!

We enjoy having community groups in our building on Fridays. Our community groups bring encouragement, smiles and a fun beginning to our Fridays.

If you or someone you know, has a community group of at least six people, have them contact Ms. Cash.

Cathy.Cash@usd305.com



Looking Ahead

Dec. 3 Math and Reading Night

Dec.7-11 Fifth Grade- Starbase

Dec. 17 End of second quarter

Dec.17 Winter class parties at 3:00 p.m.

Dec.18-Jan. 4 Winter break

Jan. 5 All classes resume



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!

Skyward

Calendar Page

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

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Nov. 2 Site Council-12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Nov. 3 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 Heusner Thanksgiving/Picture Retakes

Nov. 23-27 No School-Thanksgiving Break



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