November 2026

Take Flight at

Meadowlark Ridge

A Note from the Principal

As we embrace this holiday season, I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to each of you.

To our dedicated staff, thank you for your unwavering commitment, passion and creativity. Your hard work shapes our community and inspires our students every day.

To our incredible students, you bring energy, curiosity and joy into our lives. Your enthusiasm for learning and growth is truly inspiring, and we are so proud of each of you.

To our supportive families, thank you for your partnership and encouragement. Your involvement makes a significant difference in our community, and we are grateful for your trust and support.

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season filled with joy, peace, and cherished moments with loved ones. Together, we make this community a special place!

- Heather Galvan, Principal

Kindergarten at the Pumpkin Patch

Kindergarten classes got to visit Sunny Side Pumpkin patch in Assaria on Tuesday, October 13. Afterwards, they had lunch at the Assaria park. Thank you to the great parent volunteers and to our MLR PTO for paying for the buses that allowed them to ride to and from.







Reminder

November 5 PTO

November 17 Site Council

Reminder

November 18

Fall Picture Retakes

Reminder

November 19

Music Programs

Grade 2 6:15 p.m.

Grade 4 7:15 p.m.

Reminder

The holidays are right around the corner. If you need any assistance this holiday season contact Jessica Collins, MLR social worker, at 785-309-4300 or jessica.collins@usd305.com. There are many community resources available, let us help!

Grade 2 Music Program

Second graders will be performing "Don't Forget to be Thankful" on Thursday, November 19.

This program will be at 6:15 p.m. and will be held in the big gym at Meadowlark Ridge Elementary.



Grade 4 Music Program

Fourth graders will be performing "Songs for Autumn" on Thursday, November 19.

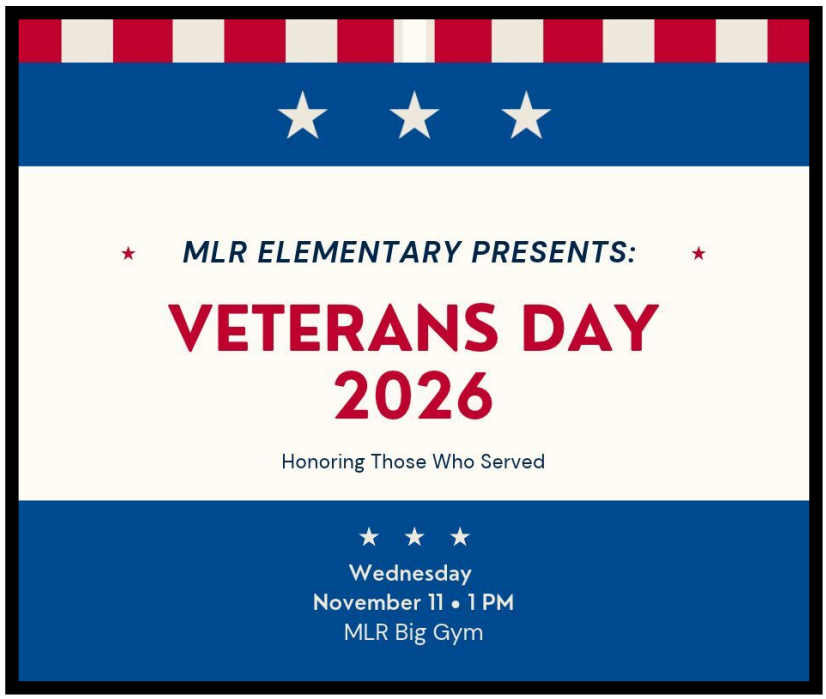
The program will begin at 7:15 p.m. and will be held in the big gym at Meadowlark Ridge Elementary.



Veterans Day Program

Please join us Wednesday, November 11 at 1:00 p.m. for a Veteran's Day Celebration as we honor Veterans across our community.

Students are preparing a special program to share with guests. The celebration will take place in the big gym at Meadowlark Ridge Elementary.







William Allen White Trip

These students were the top 10 William Allen White readers last school year.

We had a great day celebrating readers, authors and books at the William Allen White celebration in Emporia! The students met the authors of the winning books, toured the William Allen White house, and enjoyed time at the Peter Pan park. Beautiful weather for a fabulous day.

Thank you to the Salina Community Foundation for supporting this.

Rolling Hills Zoo

The Middlekauff Foundation graciously provides funding to allow all of the fourth graders in Salina to attend the Rolling Hills Zoo and Museum free of charge each year.

The trip also includes a free lunch and t-shirt for the students. During our time at the zoo, we go through three learning stations in the morning that reinforce our science standards on animal adaptations. They are fun, interactive activities that the students enjoy and include time in the museum.

After lunch, we have time to take the students through the zoo. They students truly enjoy observing real life animal adaptations as we walk through the zoo.



Fire Safety

Fourth grade students were able to learn about fire safety by going through the Salina Fire Department's Fire Safety House.

Thank you to Salina Fire for providing this hands-on experience!



MLR Marathon Finale

Grade Level Totals

Kindergarten - 1,620 miles

Grade 1 - 1,588 miles

Grade 2 - 1,670 miles

Grade 3 - 1,785 miles

Grade 4 - 2,038 miles

Grade 5 - 2,187 miles

TOTAL FINISHERS
305

Total Miles for MLR - 11,048









Winter Weather Ahead!

Friendly Reminder about Delayed Starts. There may be days when the start of school is delayed because of weather. This option may be used if snowy roads could be cleared given a few hours or if wind chills are too low during early morning hours but temperatures are expected to warm up within a few hours.

The advantage of a delayed start is that we can minimize the loss of instruction while maintaining the safety of students and staff. Whether a school cancellation or a delayed start is announced, the district will communicate as soon as possible using its rapid notification system. Notifications will be sent to families and staff via phone, email and text. (Parents and guardians are encouraged to update their contact information in Skyward.)

Details of a delayed start:

- Bus routes: General education and special education bus routes will proceed on a 2-hour delay.
- Pre-K: Morning classes will be canceled. Afternoon classes will run as normal.
- Food service: Breakfast will not be served and there will not be a choice lunch option at elementary schools.
- Elementary Band/Strings: Band/strings at elementary schools will be canceled.
- Heartland: a.m. Pre-K will be canceled. Breakfast will not be served.
- Salina Adult Education Center: All a.m. sessions and any GED testing scheduled for the day will be canceled.

Changes to the school schedule are not taken lightly. While calling cancellation and delayed-start days creates inconveniences for families and impacts instruction time, upholding the safety of students and staff is our priority. As always, the final decision about your students safety is yours. If you choose to keep your student home when inclement weather occurs and school is in session, please contact the school attendance office and follow the procedures to report an absence.

Learning Disposition of the Month

Be Resilient

Be Strong and brave enough to bounce back.



Character Strong Skill of the Month

Gratitude:

Choosing to appreciate the people and things in our lives.



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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5 - PTO

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17 - Site Council

18 - Fall Picture Retakes

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23-27 - Thanksgiving Recess

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