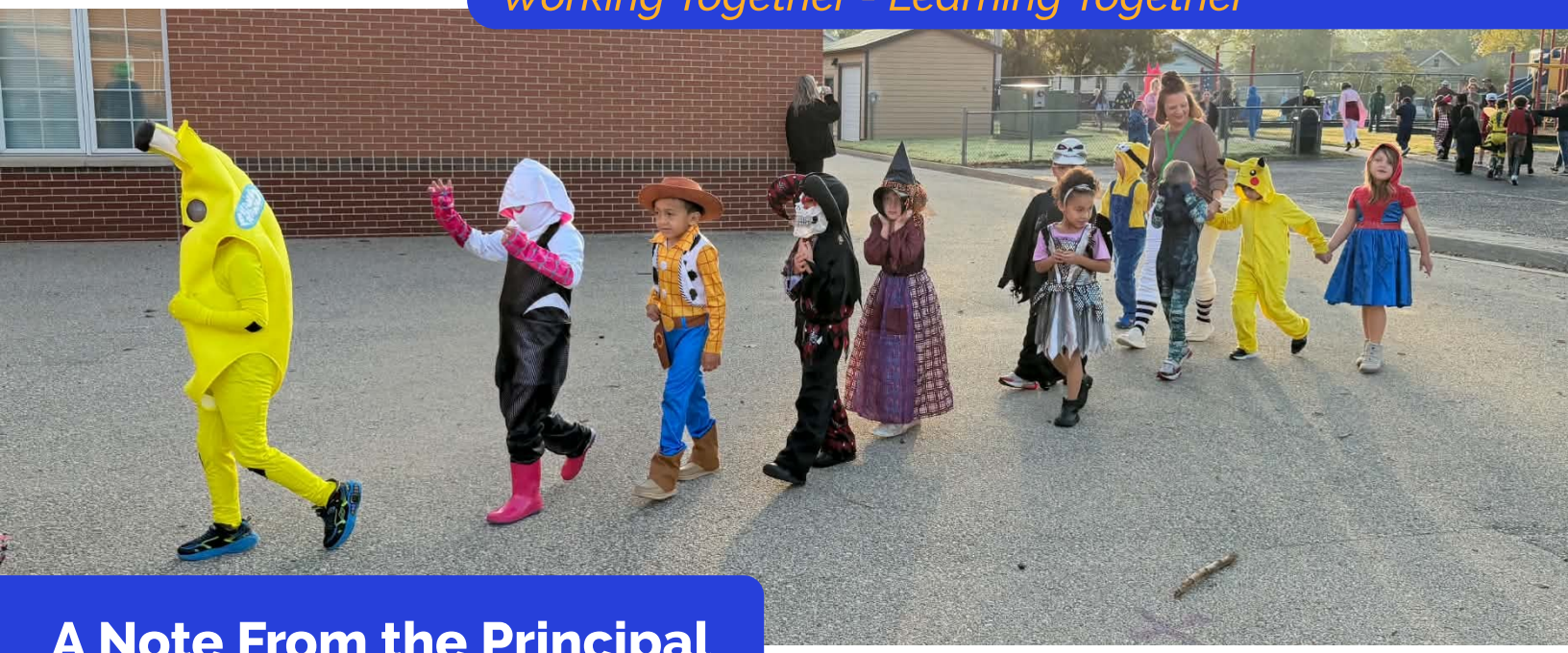
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The Cottonwood Chronicle

Working Together - Learning Together



A Note From the Principal

Dear Cottonwood Families,

I am excited to share that our chronic absenteeism rate has dropped by almost half! This is a great accomplishment, and we appreciate our families' efforts in making school attendance a priority.

At Cottonwood, we celebrate attendance through classroom challenges, attendance awards and our fun Mystery Attendance Day activities! We want students to be excited about coming to school and recognize the importance of being here every day.

Thank you for helping us keep this momentum going. Every day counts, every student matters and together we are building a stronger Cottonwood community!

Sincerely,
Cody Stockwell, Principal

Upcoming Events

Dec. 7- Grades 3 & 4 Music Program

Dec. 8- Grades 1 & 2 Music Program

Dec. 10- Kindergarten Music Program

Dec. 18- No School/Teacher Workday

Dec. 21-31- Winter Recess

Jan. 1- Winter Recess

Jan. 4- No School/Inservice

Jan. 18- No School

Teacher Pumpkin Decorating Contest

Our pumpkin decorating contest was a success! During in-service, teachers partnered up to decorate pumpkins, showing off their creativity, teamwork and Halloween spirit. The pumpkins were displayed during parent-teacher conferences, where parents, students and staff voted for their favorites.

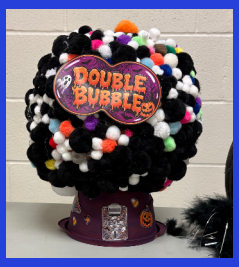
The votes are in! Here are our winners:

Fourth (Tie)





"House Divided"





"Double Bubble"

Third





"The Black Cat"

Second





"I Smell Children"

First





"Mr. Potato Head"

Congratulations to our winners, and thank you to all the teachers who participated! We also appreciate our families, students and staff who voted and helped make this a fun fall activity for our Cottonwood community.



Bingo Night

Bingo Night had a fantastic turnout, bringing Cottonwood students and their families together for an evening of fun, food and community! Families enjoyed playing bingo, entering raffles and visiting with one another while sharing a delicious meal of chili and hot dogs.

The excitement continued throughout the evening as students won bingo rounds and got to choose their own prizes from a table filled with generously donated items. Everyone enjoyed the friendly competition and the chance to win something special! To wrap up the night, raffle winners were announced, adding one last bit of excitement to the event.

A big thank you to everyone who attended, donated raffle items and prizes, and helped make the evening possible. We are grateful for the wonderful support from our Cottonwood families and community. Events like these are a great way to bring everyone together and create lasting memories!

Mr. Beach Visit



Mr. Beach recently visited Cottonwood's first-grade and kindergarten classrooms to teach students all about the life cycle of pumpkins! Through an engaging combination of music, movement, and hands-on learning, students explored how pumpkins grow and change throughout their life cycle.

The children were enthusiastic and receptive to his teaching, enjoying the opportunity to learn in a fun and interactive way. Thank you to Mr. Beach for sharing his knowledge and helping make learning about pumpkins an exciting experience for our Cottonwood students!

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.

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9- PTA Meeting
8:25 a.m. - 8:55 a.m.

23-27- Thanksgiving Recess

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