November 2026

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Together, We Grow at Coronado Elementary

A Note from the Principal

Coronado Families,

As we move into November, it is hard to believe how quickly this school year is moving! We have had a great start to the year, and it has been exciting to see the growth our students are making both academically and socially. Each day, our students continue to learn, grow, build relationships and find new ways to be successful.

I want to take a moment to thank our families for the continued support you provide to Coronado. Whether it is helping students get to school on time, communicating with teachers, attending school events, dealing with construction or encouraging learning at home, your partnership makes a difference. We appreciate everything you do to help make Coronado a great place for students.

A Time to Be Thankful

With Thanksgiving approaching, this is a great time to reflect on the many things we have to be thankful for. I am especially thankful for our students, staff and families. We are fortunate to have a school community that works together to support one another and help every student succeed.

As you visit with your children, take some time to ask them what they are thankful for and what they enjoy most about school. You might be surprised by some of their answers!

Attendance Matters

As we move further into the school year, I want to remind everyone how important regular school attendance is. Every day provides students with opportunities to learn, practice skills, build relationships and participate in classroom activities. While we understand that illness and other situations sometimes keep students home, we encourage families to make regular attendance a priority whenever possible.

Learning and Growing

Our classrooms continue to be busy places! Teachers are working hard to provide meaningful learning opportunities and help students continue making progress toward their academic goals. We encourage you to ask your child about what they are learning, what they are reading and what challenges they are working through.

Remember, learning does not stop when students leave the building. Reading together, practicing math facts, having conversations, and encouraging curiosity at home all help support what is happening in the classroom.

November Reminders

- ParentSquare: Please continue checking ParentSquare for classroom updates, school announcements, and important reminders.

Tyler Burnett

Principal, Coronado Elementary

Notes from the Nurse

The school year is just flying by, here we are in November already and the Holiday season will be getting underway! With all the busyness this time of year brings, it is important to make sure your child is getting plenty of rest. School age children need between 9 and 11 hours of sleep every night. We are busy learning and working all day, it is important that your child be rested and ready to learn!

Please remember that if the temperature is above 32 degrees, we will plan to go outside for recess-please dress your student accordingly and send coats, hats and gloves if needed.

Here is a friendly reminder of when to keep your child home from school:

- Diarrhea, must be symptom-free for 24 hours prior to returning to school.
- Vomiting, must be symptom-free for 24 hours prior to returning to school (so if they threw up last night, they should stay home today—and they will tell us if they threw up last night!)
- Fever over 100.4, must be fever-free for 24 hours prior to returning to school.
- Rash from unknown cause, please bring a physician note saying that the rash is non-contagious.
- If your child has any symptoms on the list of possible Covid symptoms, please keep them home until the symptoms are resolved, or a physician has seen them and cleared them to return to school.

We must have a current working phone number for you and an emergency contact in case of emergency or illness. It is helpful, and recommended, to have a plan in place in case your child is ill. Who will pick them up? Who will stay home with them? With a plan already in place, an illness can be less disruptive to your life. Please do your part to keep everyone healthy. Students work and play closely with one another so germs can spread quickly!

Counseling Lesson

In the month of November kindergarten, grade 1 and 2's counseling lessons will focus on having students identify their own feelings and also the feelings of others through facial expressions and body language. Set aside some time to gather as a family and check in with each other. Ask each family member, “How are you feeling today?” “Tell me more about that feeling.” “Why do you think you are feelings that emotion?” Practice honesty when responding and listen carefully as each family member shares.

We will also be exploring what it means to be thankful and express our gratitude. One way to think about gratitude is “choosing to appreciate the people and things in our lives.” Practicing gratitude can increase our well-being and our happiness.

What are some small, specific things that you are grateful for? Maybe it is your favorite water cup, the way the cat sleeps on the chair, or when your grandma bakes banana bread. Spend some time as a family trying to think of at least 10 small things that you have gratitude for and then choose to notice them this week with a smile.

Review gratitude as a family! Remember that gratitude is choosing to appreciate the people and things in our lives. Find a place in your home to display a glass jar. Cut up small slips of paper and place them next to the jar. Use the jar to collect special people, places, events and memories that your family is thankful for. Find a time each week to add slips of gratitude to the jar and assist students in writing or drawing gratitude as needed. Having a gloomy day or a challenging time as a family? Pull out the slips of gratitude and read them aloud together as a reminder of your grateful moments.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 785-309-4156 or shirley.luce@usd305.com

Shirley Luce, LSCSW
Coronado School Counselor

News from the School Social Worker

Healthy Choices, Grateful Hearts & Positive Minds!

November is a wonderful time to focus on making healthy choices and having grateful hearts! During our weekly counseling lessons, students grades 3-5 will begin learning about healthy choices and substance use, using lessons from both the USD 305 district curriculum and CharacterStrong curriculum. These age-appropriate lessons will focus on making safe and healthy decisions, understanding how choices affect our bodies and brains, recognizing peer pressure and developing the confidence to make positive choices. Our goal is to help students build the skills they need to make healthy decisions now and in the future!

Students will also continue working in their Gratitude Journals each week, taking time to recognize the good things in their lives, both big and small! We encourage families to continue these conversations at home. Taking just a few minutes each day to talk about what you're thankful for can help shift your mindset, bring a little positivity into your day, and sometimes even turn a tough day around. Gratitude doesn't mean every day is perfect; it simply reminds us that there is something good to be found in every day!

A Little Gratitude Challenge for Families!

"Pass the Thanks!" During dinner, on the drive home or before bedtime, have each family member share one thing they're thankful for and one person who made them smile that day. For an extra challenge, encourage your child to tell that person why they're appreciated! Sometimes the smallest words of kindness make the biggest difference.

"It's not happiness that makes us grateful. It's gratitude that helps us find happiness!"

Wishing all of our Coronado families a November filled with kindness, gratitude, and healthy choices!

Rhonda Lagroon, LMSW

Kindergarten

Our little learners have been busy practicing their counting skills by counting up to 10 objects and matching each group to the correct number. We are building strong number sense one step at a time!

We have also been exploring tangram shapes, using our problem-solving skills to recreate pictures and letting our imaginations run wild as we create designs of







Grade 1

We are thankful for our gracious PTO for purchasing our Cougars shirts! We love them! We appreciate all you do for Coronado!



Grade 2

In science students have been learning about how plants grow. In this simulation students are placing mesquite seeds to see where the best place for them to grow is. The students then had a discussion about why certain places were better than others.





Grade 3

Grade 3 has had fun exploring our first two reading modules. The first module was all about using your words and talking about how you are feeling.



The second module was all about different character's and understanding their perspective in the story. We are currently in module three which is a nonfiction unit that is all about U.S. National Monuments, documents, and places! Students love learning the history of our country.

As for math, we have spent a lot of time learning the basics of multiplication and division. We are currently diving deeper in to place value to help us understand two and three digit addition and subtraction, as well as rounding.



During our science time, we have spent a lot of time learning about magnets and forces. We are moving in to animal traits and what makes them able to survive in the wild!

Finally, students loved learning about Constitution Day and the state wide event that took place for thousands of third graders.

Grade 4

Grade 4 students learned about the importance of fire safety, including how to prevent fires, recognize potential dangers, and respond in an emergency. Students discussed the importance of having a safe meeting place outside.

These lessons help our students stay prepared and make safe choices at home and school.







Grade 5

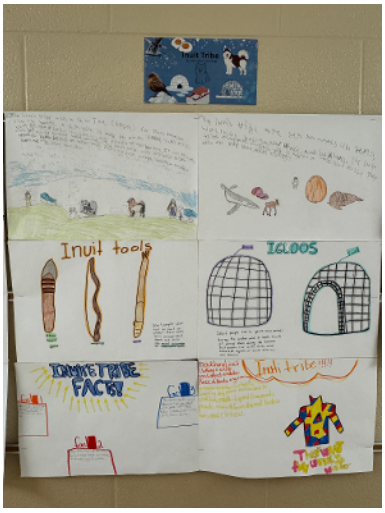
We recently wrapped up our Native American unit in Studies Weekly, and the students put their learning into action with our Tribe Exhibit Project!

Each student researched a Native American tribe and created an exhibit sharing the information they gathered. They explored each tribe's history, culture, homes, food, traditions and more while learning about the unique characteristics of different tribes.

This project was a great opportunity for students to practice their research skills, organize information, collaborate with peers, and share what they learned in a creative way.







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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2 - PTO Fundraiser/Chick-Fil-A

3 - PTO Meeting 6:00 p.m.

5 - PTO Bingo Night 6:00 p.m.

6 - Rock Rally 2:30 p.m.

11 - Veteran's Day Assembly 2:00 p.m.

17 - Site Council 11:30 a.m.

19 - Family Thanksgiving

23-27 No School/Thanksgiving Break

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