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Looking ahead! The facility planning committee met on April 12th to start the discussion about “What does the district need in terms of facility upgrades and facility usage?” There are several more meetings planned and engineers and architects will be studying the buildings to discover what needs replaced, what is still working efficiently, and what needs a little tune up. June 22nd and July 12th are scheduled as COMMUNITY MEETINGS to update everyone about the progress and possible next steps. As always, please feel free to share your opinions with Robert Framel, Superintendent or any of the school board members.

With Mr. Trahern and Mrs. Dechant retiring, the district will be trying to replace 72 years of tradition. The BOE just completed some interviews and the candidates will be chosen soon. We wish Mr. Trahern and Mrs. Dechant the best in their retirement and hope they get to enjoy the free time.

The four day a week preschool program is finishing its first year and I can't be happier with the results. Watching these young boys and girls develop their social, emotional, math, reading and writing skills has been fun to watch. I am excited about the level they will enter Kindergarten with. I look forward to next year's newest Wildcats!

Next year's calendar has 10 Wildcat Wednesdays built into it. These Wednesdays are designed to work on social-emotional skills for the students and provide time for professional development for the teachers. Students will still be arriving at the normal time, but will then be directed to different social-emotional trainings. The staff will be in professional development until the start of second hour. Students will rejoin the normal school day at the start of second hour. For me as the superintendent this is a win-win. I am able to work with staff as we enhance our craft and our students will be able to discuss and learn about important social-emotional topics to help us provide an education for the whole-student.

Spring MAPS, we are finishing up Spring MAPS testing and the early results are positive and showing that our students are not only above the national average, but individual student growth is increasing.

May is full of activities and field trips as we wind down the year. Please check the calendar often and come support the girls and boys as they show off their academic and athletic skills.

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Internet Info:

Kcsdr1.org Access daily bulletins, class schedules, activity calendar and more!

Summer Slide:

The famous summer slide is almost upon us. Below are ideas to help you child this summer.

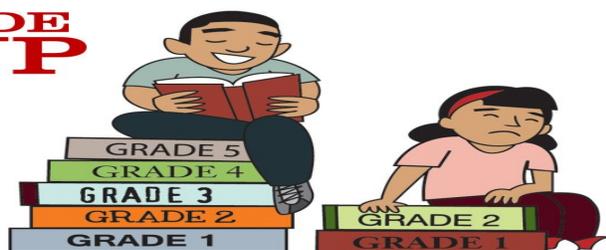
Visit your local library! Help your child find “right fit” books. Right fit books are books that are of high interest to your child and are not beyond their reading level. Be sure your child reads at least 20 minutes a day. According to research, a child who reads only 1 minute a day outside of school will learn 8,000 words by the end of sixth grade where a student who reads 20 minutes outside of school will learn 1,800,000 words! That's huge! If reading isn't one of your child's top priorities, you may need to set up an incentive program. If you have access to an iPad, there are tons of interactive books and apps that address phonics and early reading skills. There are also many websites that offer free reading related games.

The next school board meeting will be May 16th at 7:00pm in the library.

SUMMER SLIDE ADDS UP

When kids don't read over the summer they fall behind.

By the end of 5th Grade, kids in need are nearly 3 grades behind their peers in reading skills.



Source: Alexander, K. L., D. R. Entwisle, and L. S. Olson. "Lasting Consequences of the Summer Learning Gap." American Sociological Review 72.2 (2007): 167-80. Web.