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UPDATES!

Preschool and CHILD FIND screening is May 4th. Please sign up your child in the office. This is for all preschool age kids and lower.

The Health Committee is working diligently on developing a plan for the 2019-2020 school year and beyond. It is working on comprehensive physical activity, supportive nutrition environments and healthy food and beverages, School culture's impact on student and staff health and wellness, Health education, Student health services, and Student behavioral health needs. The committee consist of teachers, students and community members. If you are interested in joining please contact Robert Framel at the school.

The Sources of Strength organization did a two day workshop for some of our students and teachers as part of our positive behavior support program. Here is their mission and vision: **Mission:** Our mission is to provide the highest quality evidence-based prevention for suicide, violence, bullying and substance abuse by training, supporting, and empowering both peer leaders and caring adults to impact their world through the power of connection, hope, help and strength. **Vision:** We believe that many strengths are more powerful than one, and our united goal is to activate and mobilize these strengths in ways that positively change individuals and communities.

BEST grant: May 16th will be our chance to talk to the committee on why the state should fund our project. We will have two minutes to let them know our passion toward the project and provide them some personal narrative. We will then be able to answer any questions they have. We should know by May 18th if we receive the grant or not.

Wind Turbines: I have been attending meetings on the new wind turbines potentially coming into our area and what impact it would have on the district. Each turbine that is built in the Kit Carson School District attendance area will provide some tax money to the district and county. This money will help offset and lower the total number of mills for the rest of us. The exact amount isn't known yet and will be based on the total number of towers.

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.



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 your child this summer.

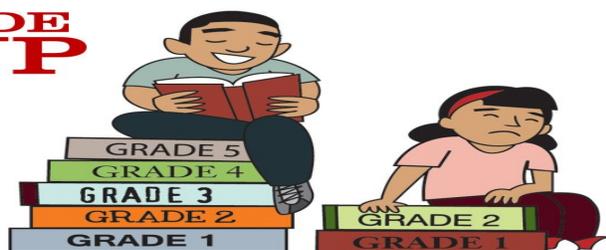
Visit your local library!
Help your child find "right fit" books. Right fit books are books that are of high interest to your child and are not beyond their reading level.
Be sure your child reads at least 20 minutes a day. According to research, a child who reads only 1 minute a day outside of school 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 15th 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.