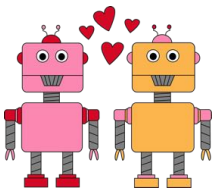


From the Principal:

We recently celebrated a couple of milestones at school. Kansas turned another year older and we flew through the first 100 days of school. We have also grown so much academically! Kansas Reading Roadmap after-school camp is in full swing, and the LIFE team has been spending time with five new families for our spring LIFE sessions. March brings us to testing season with grades 3-5 beginning State Assessments. Parent-Teacher conferences will be held on Monday, February 24. We look forward to having parents fill our hallways. Thank you for supporting your child's education and being partners with us!

Miss Raile



Class Valentine parties will be on Friday, February 14, and begin no earlier than 2:45. Please communicate with your child's teacher if you have questions.

Valentine balloons, flowers, candy, etc., are to NOT be sent to the school for your child(ren).

100th Day of School

St. Francis Elementary celebrated the 100th Day of School! Many classes did special activities throughout the day. We ended the day taking our annual 100th Day School picture!



Happy
100
Days!



4th grade: Emelline Luncsford, Aspen Wiswell, Madisyn Hays, Derek Rodriguez

The 2020 Cheyenne County Spelling Bee was well represented by students in grades 3-8. The overall winner for the county was Kieran Nider, 7th grade.

5th grade: Jesus Fernandez, Hunter Wiswell, Gus Gardner, Daily Rose



Sign up to receive important updates from St. Francis Elementary. Please contact your child's teacher or Miss Raile if you have questions.

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Due to allergies, please do not bring nuts/peanuts (or any foods that contain them) into the USD 297 schools.



Kansas Day was celebrated on January 29. Several classes learned Kansas facts, read about Kansas, and made Kansas snacks. The day concluded with all grades singing Happy Birthday and Home on the Range around the Kansas flag, before 5th grade students told interesting Kansas facts.



February Classroom in the Spotlight

This year in Fifth grade we have been busy! We have done fun things with our Kindergarten buddies like play bingo, celebrate Kansas Day, and make Witches' Brew. We also enjoy Cooking with Karen. Recently, we added a large Aquaponics tower garden for tomatoes, cucumbers, and lettuce. During recess we play tag, hide & go seek, and infected tag with our classmates. Currently, we are working on our presentations for the Living Museum. We will dress up and present about many famous people. We have a lot of fun in Fifth grade!

By: Gus Gardner, Brecken Tiegs, & Hunter Wiswell



5TH GRADE



In art all students (K-5) have spent time learning about artist, Georgia O'Keeffe. After learning about her life, Mrs. Moberly taught them how to draw flowers or a still life inspired by her work.



5th Grade helped Mrs. Pottorff (school counselor) clean up her yard when she was in need. What a great way to show compassion for others!



Henzley
Matthies



Cashlyn
Donohue



Audree
Schlepp



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It's time for the Kids Heart Challenge!

DID YOU KNOW?



HAVE IDEAL HEART HEALTH?

We hope to establish physical and emotional heart-healthy habits in your student NOW to provide the foundation for a healthy and successful future!

YOUR STUDENT WILL:

1. Learn our Five for Life Heart-Healthy Habits
2. Take a pledge to improve their own health
3. Participate in a service learning program that builds character, teaches them to care about others, and raises donations for our lifesaving mission!



SIGN UP TODAY!

STEP 1: Register



Download the Kids Heart Challenge app on your phone or visit <http://www2.heart.org/goto/StFrancisElem>

STEP 2: Take a Challenge



As soon as your student chooses a challenge they get to bring home this FREE buildable wristband!

STEP 3: Collect and Earn

Discover the simple ways that you and your family can collect lifesaving donations!



SCHOOL INCENTIVES BELOW:

TOP FUNDRAISER IN EACH CLASS GETS TO BE PE TEACHER FOR THE DAY! TOP FUNDRAISING CLASS GET EXTRA PE TIME!

IF A STUDENT RAISES \$100 ONLINE THEY GET A PURE HEART SQUIBBY!



IF A STUDENT RAISES \$250 ONLINE THEY GET A KC CHIEFS GIFT PACK (NO TICKETS)



IF STUDENTS RAISE \$4,000, THE TOP FUNDRAISERS WILL GET TO BILLY STRING MRS. HINGST!

Our school can earn physical education equipment, and your student can receive fun thank you gifts!

* Attaches to wristband

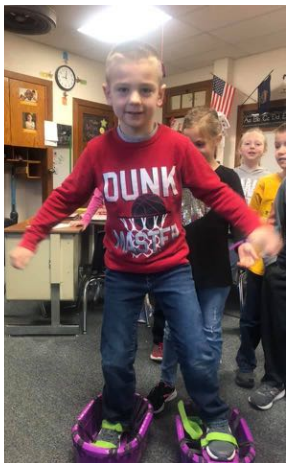


If 63 students from our school take the challenge on your phone app or home computer, our school receives a \$300 US Games certificate! Please have your child's form turned into Mrs. Hingst by Thursday, February 13.



Aspen Wiswell and Gus Gardner presented to fellow peers in Oakley. They spent several weeks prior to February 5, researching and building their slideshows. Gus spoke about the *Mars Rovers* and Aspen researched *Koalas*.

After learning about space, the moon, and moon phases, first grade students got to experience what it feels like to walk on the moon using moon shoes!



Starting your morning off with a high-quality smoothie that is packed with nutrients is the perfect way to celebrate Valentine's Day. Best of all, it's 100% kid-approved!

Cupid's Vanilla Berry Smoothie

Ingredients

- 8 ounces Horizon Organic low-fat Vanilla Milk
- ½ cup Horizon Organic Fat-Free Plain Yogurt (can substitute with vanilla flavored yogurt for a sweeter smoothie)
- ½ cup frozen red berries (I like a combination of strawberries and raspberries)
- ½ cup ice

Instructions

1. Place all ingredients in a blender and puree until smooth. Divide between two glasses and serve immediately.



You are invited to experience the 4th/5th Grade Living Museum. The students have been researching famous people, creating display boards, memorizing their speeches, and finalizing their dress attire. Please plan to attend! You will not be disappointed!



Friday, February 14

1:00-2:30 p.m.

Grade School gym



February



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	NO SCHOOL Teacher Inservice		Cheyenne County Spelling Bee @ 1:30 p.m. (grade school gym)		100 th Day of School	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
					Happy Valentine's Day! 4 th /5 th Grade Living Museum 1:00-2:30 p.m. (grade school gym)	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	NO SCHOOL Presidents' Day					
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	NO SCHOOL Parent-Teacher Conferences				2-Hour Late Start Teacher Inservice	 It's a Leap Year!