5-08-2026 Weekly Update

K-5 Dragon PRIDE Awards

The following students have earned **K-5** Dragon PRIDE (**P**ositive attitude, **R**espect, **I**ntegrity, **D**etermination and **E**xcellence) awards this week. The recipients should be bringing home the certificates for you to see. **CONGRATULATIONS! Anthony Welsh, Odin Eddy, Emmett Adcock, Bryer Bunde, Gabe Stevens, Alicia Demby, Avery Coker, Jackson Hale, Boston Frost, May Warth, Booker Hernandez, Layton Maltsbarger, Eastyn Herbster, Cambree Alvarez, Addi Esser, Zander Sparks, Kolson Wynkoop, Skiler Eddy**



May 7, 2026



April 30, 2026

6-12 SPRING CONCERT

Our last concert of this school year is Tuesday, May 12, at 6:30 pm in the east gym. Students must be in the band room at 6:00 pm wearing proper attire. Please see the flier for details here

SUMMER READING OPPORTUNITIES

Join the Delaware Township Library to celebrate the start of their Summer Reading Program with special guest Cody Wells, a popular LEGO artist, on Wednesday, May 27 at 6:00 pm at the Delaware Township Hall. Click here for lots more details.

Every Friday at 10:00 am is the Summer Reading Program at the Delaware Township Library. Sounds like a lot of fun and learning will be happening! Details here

SCHOOL SCHEDULE CHANGES

The BOE approved the following at their meeting on 4/13/2026:
The last day for students was moved from May 20 to **May 19**, and the last day for teachers moved from May 22 to **May 21**. A staff development day with no students will be on **Wednesday, May 6.** Seniors last day will be Tuesday, May 12.

THE POWER OF SHOWING UP

Parents and caregivers can sign up now for "The Power of Showing Up," a FREE six-session course on Tuesday nights from May 19 to June 23.

This unique parent training is based on brain and attachment research. It emphasizes the importance of consistent, quality parental presence for a child's healthy development, happiness and success. It's not about being a perfect parent, and it's not about being with kids 24/7. It's about offering a quality of presence that helps kids feel secure. Every parent can use a few more tools in their parenting toolbox... and these tools are FREE! There's nothing to lose!
To sign up and get more information, go to AstraKS.org/ShowingUp

MENTAL HEALTH REFERRAL FORM

We have a new way for the community, families and students to communicate a mental health concern. On our USD 338 website, under Counseling Connection, there is a link titled "Click Here for the Mental Health Referral Form". This will allow people to communicate a mental health concern and will be forwarded to the mental health team. This form is not checked when school is not in session. Text 988 for immediate help with suicidal thoughts or concerns.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR A CHILD IN OUR COMMUNITY

Court **A**ppointed **S**pecial **A**dvocates (**CASA)** is seeking volunteers to support children involved in the foster care or court system. Become a voice for a child in need - learn more at: https://linktr.ee/SunflowerCASA

CHANGE IN DATE-RETIREMENT RECEPTION

Retirement Reception for Margo Ellerman, Brenda Lloyd, Amy Sherretts and Larry Welborn will be on TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026 (not May 20) from 1:30 to 3:00 in the lunch room. Come celebrate and honor these great staff members, and share your memories and appreciation! The reception is open to the public and refreshments will be served.

2026-2027 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Start planning for the next school year! Here is next year's school calendar.

SMILES AT SCHOOL

Smiles @ School is an on-site dental care program provided by AllWays Community Health Center for schools in Northeast Kansas - https://www.achc-ks.org/ . Your child can receive dental care at school. Smiles at School Registration Link ➡️ https://app.formdr.com/practice/MTUxMjE=/form/rkFIqSNOKwfi7_Qc9xmxffdoTFrIlmo9

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Be sure to check the Activity Calendar on the website for updates:
https://www.usd338.com/page/district-activity-calendar

May 8	Varsity Track @ JCN @ 4:00 pm
	Last day to check out library books
May 9	HS JV Softball Tourney @ Holton @ 9:00 am
May 10	FFA Banquet w/Dinner @ 4:00 pm in east gym
May 11	Board of Education Mtg. in Library. @ 6:30 pm
May 12	Senior Checkout & Rehearsal
	JV Softball @ Santa Fe Trail in Carbondale @ 4:00 pm
	6-12 Spring Concert @ 6:30 pm
May 13	High School Awards Banquet @ 7:00 pm-East Gym
May 14	Varsity Track @ Riverside-NEKL @3:00 pm
	Regional Baseball @ HOME @ 5:00 pm
May 17	VFHS Graduation @ 2:00 pm-East gym
May 18	Pre-K Promotion Ceremony @ 2:45 pm-East Gym
	8th Grade Promotion @ 7:00 pm-East Gym
	Regional Softball @ HOME @ 5:30 pm
May 19	Last day of school-Dismiss @ 11:00 am-No lunch served
	Teacher Work Day in Afternoon
	Retirement Reception in Lunchroom 1:30-3:00 pm
	End of Year Carnival 8:00-11:00 am
May 20	Professional Learning for Teachers
May 21	Driver's Ed begins in Mr. Hansford's Rm 8:00-11:00 am
	High School Track Regional Meet at JCN
	Teacher Work Day



Supporting Your Child

TIPS in honor of May
Mental Health Awareness Month….

- **Sleep-** Good quality and quantity sleep helps our emotional, intellectual, mental and physical health.
- **Exercise**- Regular physical activity improves our mental and physical health and can help us live longer.
- **Nutrition-** Research shows that diets high in processed, fried and sugary foods can increase the risk of depression by 60%.
- **Social Support-** Poor social support makes it harder to recover from mental illness, while a strong social support system improves overall outcomes and the ability to bounce back from stress.

Taken from Mental Health of America of the Heartland “Lifestyle for Mental Health”