Osage City Elementary School Newsletter

A Note From the PRINCIPAL

September , 2026

Dear Osage City Elementary Families,

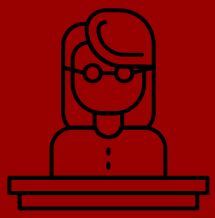
Welcome to a new school year! It has been wonderful to see our hallways and classrooms filled once again with the energy, excitement, and smiling faces of our students. I am grateful for the warm welcome I have received as your principal and feel incredibly fortunate to be part of the Osage City Elementary community.
Our teachers and staff have worked hard to create classrooms where every child feels safe, supported, and ready to learn. During these first few weeks, students have been building relationships, learning routines, and setting the foundation for a successful year. I am already impressed by their enthusiasm, kindness, and willingness to help one another.

A strong partnership between home and school plays an important role in each child's success. I encourage you to stay connected, ask questions, and reach out whenever we can assist your family. Regular attendance, arriving on time, reading together at home, and talking with your child about their school day are simple but powerful ways to support learning.

As we begin this year together, our focus will remain on helping every student grow academically, socially, and emotionally. We want our students to feel known, valued, and confident that they belong at Osage City Elementary.

Thank you for trusting us with your children and for being an important part of our school community. I look forward to getting to know our students and families and to celebrating the many accomplishments ahead. Together, we can make this a wonderful year!

Warmly,
Melinda Patterson, Principal
Osage City Elementary School

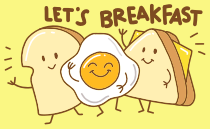


Important Dates:

Wednesday, September 2: Early Release 12:30pm
Monday, September 14 - Friday, September 18: Scholastic Book Fair
Thursday, September 17: School Pictures
Thursday, September 17: 5-7pm, Family Night at the Book Fair

MORNING

REMINDER





Doors Open: 7:35AM

Breakfast Served: 7:35 - 7:55AM

School Starts: 8:00AM

Thank You, PRESCHOOL PARENTS!

To help keep our routines smooth and our little ones feel secure,
PLEASE DROP THEM OFF INSIDE THE FRONT DOORS.
instead of coming into the high school gym.

PLEASE DO:

Drop them off INSIDE the FRONT DOORS.

Our staff will take great care of your child from there!



PLEASE DON'T:

Enter the high school gym.



When parents come into the gym, it can cause extra emotions for all of the kids— exciting some, upsetting others, and making goodbyes harder.
Your help keeps our mornings calm, consistent, and caring for everyone.

Thank you for partnering with us!



SPOTLIGHT ON STAFF!



Name: Jenn Brown

Grade Level(s) Taught: Preschool

How many years have you worked in education?: Too many to count. 25, I think.

Where did you go to college? I received my bachelors degree at College of the Ozarks in Missouri and was certified to teach SpEd preschool at KU

Where did you go to Elementary School? Warsaw Elementary School, Warsaw, MO

What was your favorite school lunch as a kid? The rectangle pizza slices

What was your favorite book as a child? Fox in Socks by Dr Suess

What is your favorite candy or snack? Reece's Peanut Butter cups

What is your favorite music or musician? I like almost all music, with heavy metal being at the bottom of the list. Lately, I have been listening to songs from musicals.

What is your favorite way to spend a Saturday? Visiting family, reading, or just hanging with my cat, Booger.

What is the best piece of advice you've ever received? Never play leapfrog with a unicorn. Never give up. Keep trying different things and ways to solve problems.

What do you love most about being part of our school family? I love the atmosphere of the school. Everyone is kind and helpful. I also love knowing that I am making a difference in the lives of my students.

Name: Jenny Long

Grade Level(s) Taught: ECSE

How many years have you worked in education?: 10 years

Where did you go to college? Washburn University

Where did you go to Elementary School? Iola Elementary School

What was your favorite school lunch as a kid? Pizza

What was your favorite book as a child? The Secret Garden

What is your favorite candy or snack? Reese's Peanut Butter Cups and Popcorn

What is your favorite music or musician? Pop music or top hits

What is your favorite way to spend a Saturday? Spending time with family

What is the best piece of advice you've ever received? Don't let worry or fears stop you from trying new experiences.

What do you love most about being part of our school family? Everyone works together for the success of the students.

Name: Chelsi McCoy

Grade Level(s) Taught: 3rd, 1st, PreK

How many years have you worked in education?: 18

Where did you go to college? Barton County Community College, Emporia State University

Where did you go to Elementary School? Osage City

What was your favorite school lunch as a kid? Fiestada

What was your favorite book as a child? The Monster at the end of this book

What is your favorite candy or snack? Cheez-Its, Rolos, Reeses Peanut butter cups

What is your favorite music or musician? I like country music, and am a Swifty

What is your favorite way to spend a Saturday? I love to grab a coffee, go shopping, out to lunch, then home to relax!

What is the best piece of advice you've ever received? You will never regret treating people with kindness

What do you love most about being part of our school family? I love that I get to work with and see my friends every day!

IT'S ALWAYS A GREAT DAY IN PK!!!

Hello, Parents!

I'm

Michelle Nicholson

Your School Counselor

AT OSAGE CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



September , 2026

I'm so excited to be part of the Osage City Elementary family!

My goal is to support your child's emotional, social, and academic growth so they can feel confident, capable, and cared for at school.

Right now, I am working with your kiddos on:

GETTING TO KNOW ME AND EACH OTHER

I am building relationships with students, learning about them, and helping them feel comfortable talking with me.



BREATHWORK AND SELF- COPING SKILLS

We are learning simple breathwork techniques and healthy ways to manage big feelings, reduce stress, and make positive choices.



Some skills we practice:

- Deep belly breathing
- Calming our bodies
- Positive self-talk
- Mindful moments
- Asking for help

I'm here to support your child and partner with you!

- A safe place to talk and be heard
- Building confidence and kindness
- Learning strategies for emotional well-being
- Encouraging growth, resilience, and success

Thank you for trusting me with your most important people.

If you ever have questions or want to connect, I'm just an email or phone call away.

Together, we can help our kiddos shine!

School Nurse NEWSLETTER

Here to help your child learn, grow & thrive!



♡ WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL! ♡

Lisa Crettol, RN
District Nurse
Osage City USD 420

Hello Students & Families!

I'm so excited to welcome everyone back to another amazing school year!

I'm here to keep our students healthy, safe, and ready to learn.

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

HEALTHY STARTS HERE!

- ☑ Get plenty of sleep
- ☑ Eat a healthy breakfast
- ☑ Wash hands often
- ☑ Stay active
- ☑ Bring a water bottle
- ☑ Be kind & take care of each other!

REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

- Update contact information & emergency contacts
- Let us know about any medical conditions, allergies, or medications
- Medications at school? Talk to the school nurse. Forms are required.
- Keep your child home if they have a fever, vomiting, or are feeling too sick to learn.

WHEN TO KEEP THEM HOME

- Fever 100.0°F or higher
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- Persistent cough
- Sore throat with fever
- Rash of unknown origin
- Not feeling well (trust your gut!)

WHAT I CAN HELP WITH

- Illness & injuries
- Medication management
- Health screenings
- Health education
- Supporting your child's health & well-being

A HEALTHY STUDENT IS A READY TO LEARN STUDENT!

Let's work together for a happy, healthy, and successful year!



JUST A NOTE...

I'm always here with a listening ear, a caring heart, and an ice pack when needed!

We're going to have a great year!

THANK YOU FOR PARTNERING WITH ME TO KEEP OUR STUDENTS HEALTHY & STRONG!

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Have a safe, happy, and healthy school year!









BOOK FAIR!

Scholastic Bookfair is coming to OCES September 14-18. The students will have an opportunity to preview and make a wish list during that week.

Family Purchase Night will be the evening of Thursday, September 17 from 5:00-7:00 in the Elementary School Library. The students will still have an opportunity to purchase the morning of Friday, September 18.

Keep your eyes open; A note will be coming home soon.