WCES MAY NEWSLETTER

Picnic/Tiger Relays

On Tuesday, May 19th, Washington County Elementary School will host a Tiger Family Picnic and Tiger Relays. Families (or a special someone) can come eat with the elementary students. Families can meet their child on the playground at the assigned lunch times below.

Kindergarten- 10:50 a.m. First - 11:00 a.m.
Second - 11:05 a.m.
Third - 11:10 a.m.
Fourth - 11:30 a.m.
Fifth - 11:35 a.m.
Sixth - 11:40 a.m.

Each meal costs $5.00. The meal(s) can be purchased on the day of the picnic. Meals can't be charged to the student account. To sign up for a meal, please fill out the following form no later than 8:30 a.m. on Monday, May 13th:

Picnic Meal Signup (click link to fill out form)

***Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs or blankets for the picnic and sunscreen! Tiger Relays start at 12:30 p.m. and will begin with all students and spectators sitting in the stands. Mr. Kirby, elementary PE teacher, will go over a few guidelines and then the events will begin. We will send out the order of events as we get closer to Tiger Relays.**

T.I.G.E.R.

The "E" in Tiger is for empathy. This is our focus in the fourth 9-weeks.

Book Fair

The spring book fair will be open on Thursday, May 7th from 12:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the elementary lobby. This book fair will directly benefit students. All proceeds from the fair will be used to purchase books for students to have for summer reading.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, May 6th - May Birthday Lunch

Thursday, May 7th - May Fete at 7:00 p.m. in the high school gym (see p. 6 & 7)
Book Fair 12:00-8:00 p.m. in elementary lobby

Friday, May 8th - Tiger Friday (wear any Tiger or red/black shirt)
4th Grade Ag Day
Muffins for Mom for Kindergarten students at 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, May 12th - 5th Grade Field Trip - Discovery Center (Manhattan)

Friday, May 15th - Kindergarten Field Trip - Ohlde Dairy, Marysville Park, & Astro 3
1st Grade Field Trip - Sunset Zoo, Manhattan Fire Station

Monday, May 18th - 2nd Grade Field Trip - Lincoln Zoo
3rd Grade Field Trip - Rolling Hills Zoo (Salina)
4th Grade Field Trip - Capitol Building (Topeka);
6th Grade Field Trip - Milford Nature Center

Tuesday, May 19th - 8:15 5th Grade D.A.R.E. gradution
Elementary Picnic 10:55-12:00 (see grade level times on first page)
Tiger Relays start at 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 20th - Last day of school - dismissal at 11:30 a.m. (no lunch served)

MENU

May 2026 MENUS

Menus are subject to change with or without notice.
A variety of fresh vegetables are available for all students – not all grades are offered the same choices.
Selection is also based upon availability.
MILK IS SERVED WITH EVERY MEAL.

April 27	28	29	30	May 1
breakfast mini donuts fruit cocktail / juice **lunch** taco crunch carrots mandarin oranges fresh veggies	**breakfast** pancakes mandarin oranges / juice **lunch** pizza corn peaches fresh veggies	**breakfast** glazed donut peaches / juice **lunch** ham patty sandwich peas pears fresh veggies	**breakfast** pb & j pears / juice **lunch** chicken fried steak mashed potatoes w/gravy green beans rosy applesauce fresh veggies	**breakfast** breakfast bowl / toast rosy applesauce/ juice **lunch** corn dog broccoli w/cheese fruit cocktail fresh veggies
4	5	6	7	8
breakfast glazed donut / sausage fruit cocktail / juice **lunch** chicken strips tri tater carrots peaches fresh veggies	**breakfast** chicken patty sandwich peaches / juice **lunch** soft shell taco spanish rice corn pineapple fresh veggies	**breakfast** muffin pineapple / juice **Birthday Lunch** oven fried chicken leg mashed potatoes / gravy green beans mandarin oranges birthday cake	**breakfast** waffle mandarin oranges / juice **lunch** grilled chicken sandwich peas pears fresh veggies	**breakfast** breakfast pizza pears / juice **lunch** crispito broccoli applesauce fresh veggies
11	12	13	14	15
breakfast cook's choice fruit / juice **lunch** cook's choice vegetable fruit fresh veggies	**breakfast** cook's choice fruit / juice **lunch** cook's choice vegetable fruit fresh veggies	**breakfast** cook's choice fruit / juice **lunch** cook's choice vegetable fruit fresh veggies	**breakfast** cook's choice fruit / juice **lunch** cook's choice vegetable fruit fresh veggies	**breakfast** cook's choice fruit / juice **lunch** cook's choice vegetable fruit fresh veggies
18	19	20		
breakfast cook's choice fruit / juice **lunch** cook's choice vegetable fruit fresh veggies	**breakfast** pb & j fruit / juice **lunch** hamburger in a bun fresh baby carrots potato chips frozen fruit juice / cookie	**breakfast** breakfast nuggets peaches / juice **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL** **DISMISS AT 11:30AM** **NO LUNCH SERVED**	***Have a Great Summer!!*** Enrollment for 2026-2027 is Tuesday, August 4th The 2026-2027 School Year begins on Wednesday, August 19th.	

The menu for the last days of school is "Cook's Choice" the cooks are using up what we have stored in the freezers and pantry so we don't have carry-over to the next year. Tuesday, May 19 is the Elementary Cookout before Tiger Relays.

Sunday, May 17 - HS Graduation
Monday, May 18 – 8th Grade Promotion
Tuesday, May 19 - Tiger Relays

Days identified with the Power Tiger are serving items that were made with locally donated beef or pork. Call 785-325-2261 x 3 for more information on Farm to School donations. Thank you for your generosity!
Together we are #TigerStrong!!

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Counselor's Corner

May, 2026

CONNECTION POINT

Summer break is an exciting time as it marks the end of another school year. Summer is a time for family and friends to connect, to relax, and to slow down, and to create fun memories. It's also important to balance summer fun with some academic skill building to keep students' brains growing. Summer enrichment does not have to take a lot of time and energy. It can be as simple as picking up a good book and reading.

Encouraging mental health for children during the summer months is very important as well.

Here is a link that provides great ideas for summer activities to encourage mental health. https://archive.cdc.gov/www_cdc_gov/healthyschools/features/active_summer_2.htm

THIS MONTH AT WCES

It's hard to believe that we are in the last month of school at WCES.

We have been busy in the classroom with various activities to round out our school year.

6th graders have been finishing up presenting their Passion projects and I am so proud of well they have done! It has been a fun project!

K-3rd grades have been learning about different types of careers and what skills and personality traits might be required to have those jobs. 4th-6th grades will also start talking about careers and then the last couple weeks of school all classess will go over summer safety!

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer break!



[Accuweather Link]

SCHOOL Nurse

May

May is National PE & Sports Month.
60 minutes of activity per day can have an immediate impact on kids'
*Mood *Sleep *Grades





TIGER RELAYS MAY 19TH

At Home

- Bust out those hula hoops and jump ropes and compete with your family members for longest hoop record or best jump rope trick! These may not be official sports, but they're a great way to get moving and have fun with your family!
- Catching a little TV? Not a problem! Participate with your family and see if you can hold a plank for an entire commercial break or spend the breaks running in place for a quick and fun family workout.
- Compete with your family in an Olympic Style event! Who can run the fastest sprint or jump the furthest?
- Try a new sport together! Frisbee, badminton, croquet and bocce ball are all easy sports to learn and play in your yard.

Report to Parents: Exercise Kids' Minds During the Summer

If kids don't exercise their minds over summer break, they can lose up to a month of learning—especially in reading and math. Keep them engaged with fun, brain-friendly activities.



Devise a Plan
Tell your child reading and learning will be part of their summer, but they'll still have plenty of time for play.

Gather Activity Books
Give children an activity book with crossword puzzles or number games and let them work on it at their own pace.

Strategize Screen Time
Educational computer games or apps can engage students' minds, but manage the amount of screen time your child gets.

Teach Mini-Lessons
Children can count change, read directions for a trip, write a shopping list, or calculate a recipe's measurements.

Initiate a Writing Project
Have your child keep a summer journal, write letters to family members or friends, or craft a play to perform.

Designate Daily Reading Blocks
Set aside at least 15 minutes a day for your entire family to read. (That means parents, too!)

Go Global
Cook a meal with recipes from a different nation. Learn basic words in that country's language. Find the country on a map.

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[Get-Kids-Active Link]

[15 Min Morning Stretching Routine For Kids]

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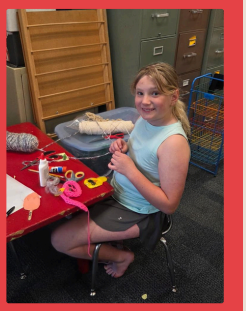
Stay home if:

***VOMITING OR DIARRHEA *FEVER OVER 100 DEGREES**
(Be symptom-free for 24 hours before returning.)
***SORE THROAT WITH FEVER OR SWOLLEN GLANDS**
***PINK EYE(S) WITH YELLOW DISCHARGE**
***SEVERE OR PERSISTENT EARACHE**
***SHARP OR PERSISTENT ABDOMINAL PAIN**
***HEAD LICE UNTIL TREATED ONCE**

March Clubs for 3rd–6th Grades

Spring Crafts



STEM - Windvane & Egg Rockets





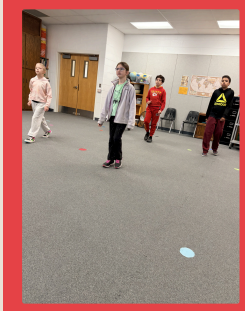

3rd/4th Whiffle Ball



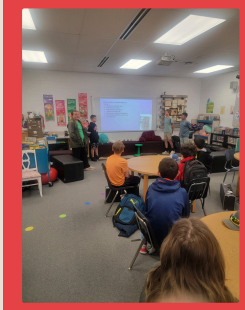
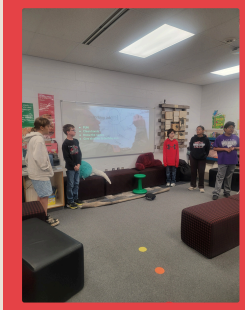



Line Dancing



6th Grade Job Presentation


May Fete Concert Information
K-6 Choir and 5-6 Band

Date: Thursday, May 7, 2026
Time: 7:00 at night
Location: High School Gymnasium

Dear K-6 Parents, please read carefully!

Our May Fete concert is quickly approaching and will be here before we know it! Your student has been actively preparing for their concert and we are so excited for you to hear all of our new songs this spring. First, please note that all **K-4 students** must be at school the night of the concert at **6:40 pm** and will meet in their regular classrooms. This will give them time to warm up to their peers.

Our May Fete theme is "Let Freedom Sing…It's Spring!". Our dress code will be an assigned color for each grade level: Kinder - Red, First - White, Second - Blue, Third - Red, Fourth - Red, white and blue, Fifth - White, Sixth - Blue. Fourth grade can dress in as much red, white, and blue as they want because they will be winding the May Pole. As for the other grades, dress is as much of that color as you want. Or keep it simple, up to you, but I do at least want their main color to reflect what they were assigned. Make sure your student can move comfortably for their various actions during the concert. Simple shoes are preferred, nothing with super high heels. I trust your judgment, but if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. If any families are able or interested in donating a variety of different colored shirts at least for the program for those who might not be able to get one, that would be fabulous, please contact me to let me know if you're able and willing.

5th and 6th grade band parents, your student should arrive at the gymnasium on this night at 6:30 to warm up on their band instrument with Mrs. Sawin.

After the concert, your student can be picked up from their classroom. Please wait to leave the gym until after the students have left. We appreciate your cooperation on this matter. Your student's attendance for this concert is required. We have been working extremely hard on these songs and have been preparing for months to show off our musical skills. Please invite family members and friends as well. The more the merrier!

Again, if you have any questions, feel free to ask. My email is jstevenson@usd108.org or you can call the school and ask for me.

May Fete Concert Information
K-6 Choir and 5-6 Band

Fecha: jueves, 7 de mayo, 2026
Hora: 7:00 de la noche
Donde: Gimnasio de la escuela secundaria

Estimados padres de K-6,

¡Nuestro concierto May Fete se acerca rápidamente y estará aquí antes de que nos demos cuenta! Su estudiante ha estado preparándose activamente para su concierto y estamos muy emocionados de que escuche todas nuestras canciones nuevas este año. Primero, tenga en cuenta que su **estudiante de K-4** debe estar en la escuela la noche del concierto a las **6:40pm** de la noche y se reunirán en sus salones. Esto les dará tiempo para practicar con sus compañeros.

El tema de nuestro programa de mayo es "¡Que la libertad cante…llegó la primavera!" y el código de vestimenta sera un color asignado individualmente a cada grado: Kinder - rojo, Primero - blanco, Segundo - azul, Tercero - rojo, Cuarto - rojo, blanco, y azul Quinto - blanco, Sexto - azul . El cuarto grado puede vestirse con todo el color rojo, blanco, y azul que desee ya que participaran en el May Pole. Los estudiantes de los demás grados pueden usar la cantidad deseada del color que se les asignó. Asegúrese de que sus hijos puedan moverse cómodamente con su vestimenta para sus diversas acciones durante el concierto. Se prefieren zapatos sencillos, nada con tacón muy alto. Confío en su criterio, pero si tiene alguna pregunta o inquietud, no dude en comunicarse conmigo.

Padres de los alumnos de la banda de 5 y 6 grado, su estudiante debe llegar al gimnasio esta noche a las 6:30pm para practicar con su instrumento de banda con la Sra. Sawin.

Después del concierto, se podrá recoger a su estudiante en su salón de clases. Espere para salir del gimnasio hasta que los estudiantes hayan salido. Agradecemos su cooperación en este asunto.

Se requiere la asistencia de sus estudiantes a este concierto. Hemos estado trabajando muy duro en estas canciones y nos hemos estado preparando durante meses para mostrar nuestras habilidades musicales. Invite también a familiares y amigos. ¡Cuantos más, mejor!

Nuevamente, si tiene alguna pregunta, no dude en preguntar. Mi correo electrónico es jstevenson@usd108.org o puedes llamar a la escuela y preguntar por mí.