COUGAR CONNECTION

GROWING IN KNOWLEDGE –
ROOTED IN KINDNESS

March 27, 2026

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Cook Cougar Community,

As we move into April, I continue to be inspired by the growth, kindness, and dedication I see throughout our school each day. Spring is a season of renewal and new beginnings, and it closely reflects the energy in our building as students, staff, and families continue learning, connecting, and growing together.

At Cook Elementary, we are deeply committed to creating a community of belonging and inclusion for all of our students. Every child deserves to feel welcomed, valued, and safe—just as they are. When students feel a true sense of belonging, they are more confident learners, more compassionate teammates, and more willing to take risks in their learning. Our goal is to ensure that every student knows they are an essential and respected part of our school community.

We are especially excited as we prepare to welcome new students next school year from Syracuse Elementary into our school. This is an exciting opportunity for our community to grow. We look forward to expanding our friendship circles, building new relationships, and embracing these new friends as valued members of our Cook Cougar Community. Together, we will work intentionally to ensure that every student—both new and returning—feels connected, supported, and celebrated.

I encourage our students to continue showing kindness, inclusivity, and respect toward one another. Our strength as a school lies in our ability to lift one another up, celebrate our differences, and create a culture where everyone belongs. Thank you for your continued partnership and support. Together, we are building a school community where every student can thrive.

Elizabeth Jensen
Principal, Cook Elementary

Data Update:

Last years RISE scores are listed below. Our goal for this year's scores are to increase school-wide proficiency by 3% in both English Language Arts and Math. So make sure you students get lots of rest and good breskfast before they test. Then they can show what they know.

English Language Arts 2025: 47.1% proficiency
Math 2025: 48.6% proficiency

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 30 - Apr 3 - Spring Break
April 6 - School Play Assembly
April 7 - 4th, 5th and 6th Grade Gun Safety Presentation
April 7 , 8, 9 - School Play 6:30
April 8 - Kinder & 6th Graduation Pictures
April 10 - PTA Meeting 9:15

Online Calendar
(Click for a full calendar)

TO DO LIST

1. Add our upcoming events to your calendar.
2. Sign-Up to join our PTA. This helps fund our school activities.
3. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and You Tube.

YOUR INPUT MATTERS!

Click on the link below to share your feedback with our school. Have you seen something awesome and want to give a shout out? We would love to hear about it here. Do you have a question, a need, or want to share a suggestion? If so, please take a moment to send us your thoughts.

If you have a need or concern that needs to be addressed quickly, please email or call the office at (801)402-2200 to report it directly.

LINK



FEEDBACK PAGE



Frequently Asked Questions

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Question: I have concerns regarding my childs needs for next school year. Where can I share my feedbacl?
Answer: Our educational concern form for next school year will be sent out after Spring Break. The form will also be available as a link in this newsletter this month due before April 30th.

Question: I received an attendance letter from the school stating that my child has had too many absences. All of their absences have been excused and were for reasons beyond our control. Why did I receive this letter?
Answer: Our school is required to notify parents when a student is chronically absent. A student is considered chronically absent when they have 15 absences in a school year, even if all absences are excused. The letter you received is a district-approved notice meant to meet this requirement. We understand that this letter has strong wording and it may feel concerning. We want families to know we are always happy to discuss any concerns as well as provide support if attendance has become challenging. As we move into fourth term, please be aware that more students start to reach this 15 day threshold, and we see an increase in the number of letters we are sending.

Questions: I heard that the Community Council voted on spending for the school. How does that process work?
Answer: Our School Community Council (SCC) is responsible for voting on how our Land Trust funds are spent. These funds are aligned with the goals outlined in our Teacher Student Success Plan (TSSP), which focuses on improving student growth and achievement.
The TSSP explains how funding will be used to support specific goals, initiatives, and improvements at our school. Community Council members review school needs, discuss priorities, and collaboratively decide how to best allocate Land Trust funds. Once consensus is reached, the council votes on a final spending plan.

2026 COOK ELEMENTARY

Yearbook



$15 each

LAST CHANCE!

Order on your MYDSD account no later than Tuesday April 7. We do not order a lot of extras so the only way to ensure you get a yearbook is to order now!

Follow these instructions on my DSD:

*Click on Menu *Go to payments *Click on pay lunch/fees *Select optional fees *select yearbook misc revenue and checkout



Enjoy Spring Break!

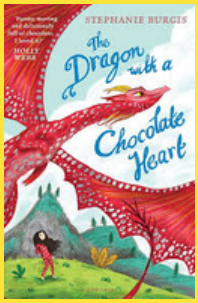
DISTRICT BOOK BATTLE

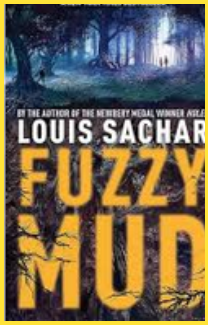


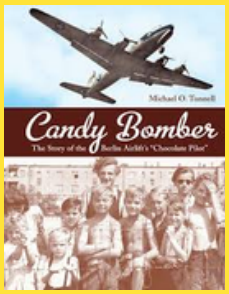
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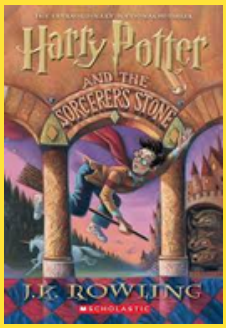


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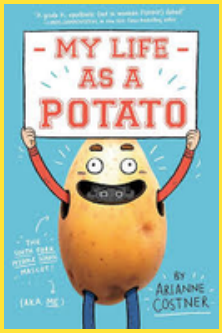




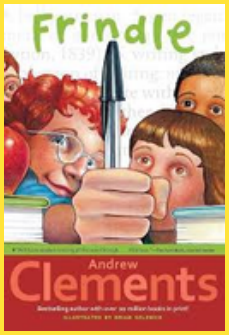


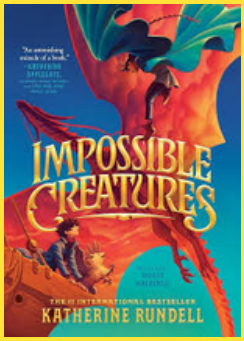


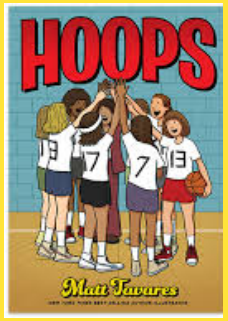






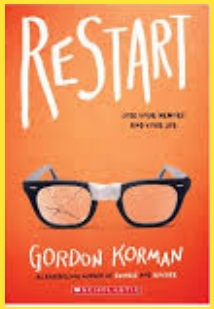


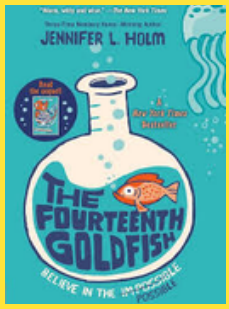


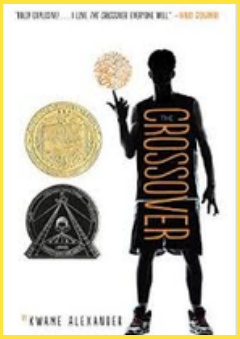












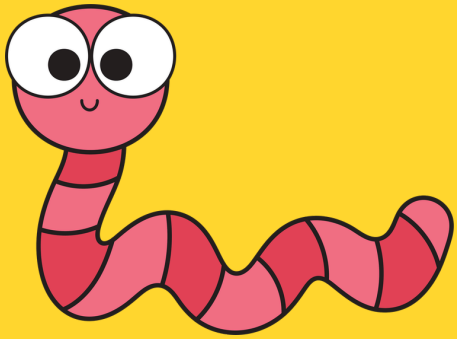
SCHOOL BOOK BATTLE

PARTICIPANTS











3rd Grade Team



4th Grade Team

BLUFF RIDGE

STUDENT COUNCIL

2026-2027

Are you interested in joining Bluff Ridge Student Council?

Join us for a parent meeting on April 7 at 3:45 PM in the school library, or pick up an application in the office. Applications open on April 7 and close on April 17.

Go Bison!

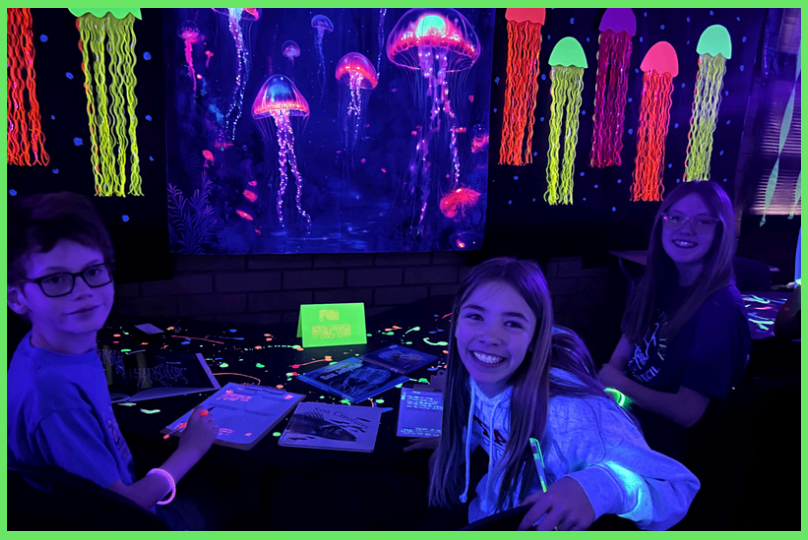


For Students attending Bluff Ridge
Next year that will be in 5th and 6th Grade



6th Graders Dive into a Jellyfish Bloom









We received an awesome donation of Books for our SIPPS Program!



THANK YOU



5th/6th Grade Cook School Play

Tues April 7, Weds. April 8, Thurs April 9,

at 6:30 pm in the gym.

$5 per person, tickets sold at the door or presale online.

General admission: no saved seats, first come first serve. Doors open at 6:00 pm.
Line forms at the old front doors by the gym.

Concessions: $2 candy $1 popcorn and $1 water bottles.
All proceeds go to continuing the arts at Cook!

Preorder tickets at Davis Gives by going to the websites below:

Tues April 7th: https://dsdgive.net/event/7322

Weds April 8th: https://dsdgive.net/event/7323

Thurs April 9th: https://dsdgive.net/event/7324

Parent Guidance.org

April

MENTAL HEALTH SERIES

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START TIMES
5:00pm and 7:00pm MT

Explore this month's virtual sessions covering today's most important parenting topics. Join as many as you'd like!

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
		1 School Avoidance	2 Building Your Child's Confidence
6 Tools to Support Your Child's Mental Health	7 Parenting Through Anxiety & Depression	8 Emotional Regulation: Recognizing What's Wrong	9 Your Active Child: ADHD
13 ABCs of Substance Use & Vaping	14 Depression: You're Not Alone	15 Emotional Regulation: Interrupting Negative Emotions	16 Mindfulness for Improved Mental Health
20 Compassionate Parenting & Self-Compassion	21 Navigating Divorce When Children Are Involved	22 Supporting Your Child After Trauma	23 Emotional Regulation: Strategies to Replace Negative Emotions
27 Talking with Your Child About Pornography	28 Supporting Your LGBTQ+ Child	29 Recognizing Child Abuse	30 Helping Your Child Succeed: Three Parenting Styles

ASK A THERAPIST LIVE — April 21 @ 6pm • Register at cookcenter.info/ATLApr21

WATCH TOGETHER SERIES — April 8 @ 6pm • Register @ cookcenter.info/WTPApril

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For support, contact: info@cookcenter.org

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Abril

SERIE DE SALUD MENTAL

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HORAS DE INICIO
5:00pm y 7:00pm MT

Explore las sesiones virtuales de este mes que cubren los temas de crianza más importantes de la actualidad. ¡Participe en todas las sesiones que desee!

Lunes 6 de Abril:
Herramientas para Apoyar la Salud Mental de Su Hijo

Miércoles 8 de Abril:
Evasión Escolar

Martes 14 de Abril:
Depresión—No Está Solo

Miércoles 22 de Abril:
Apoyando a su Hijo Después de un Trauma

Jueves 30 de Abril:
Ayudar a sus hijos a tener éxito

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On behalf of the Davis Education Foundation Board of Directors and the Davis School Board, we invite you to support the upcoming Davis Education Foundation Annual Fundraiser on Wednesday, June 10, 2026 at the Centerville Megaplex as we present **Lights, Camera, Take Action!**

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- Corporate name and logo displayed at venue entry
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- 2 full-color DSD ads distributed to 8k DSD employees
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- Social media recognition
- Acknowledgment in Foundation's Annual Report

GOLD SPONSOR — $7,500

- Corporate name and logo displayed at venue entry
- Dinner, movie and popcorn package for 16 guests
- Logo displayed on opening credits in all 14 theaters
- Corporate name and logo on the Foundation's website
- 1 full-color DSD ad distributed to 8k DSD employees
- Post-event thank you and recognition with logo
- Social media recognition
- Acknowledgment in the Foundation's Annual Report

SILVER SPONSOR — $5,000

- Corporate name and logo displayed at venue entry
- Dinner, movie and popcorn package for 14 guests
- Logo displayed on opening credits in all 14 theaters
- Post-event thank you and recognition with logo
- Acknowledgment in the Foundation's Annual Report

FRIENDS & FAMILY — $1,500

- Dinner, movie and popcorn package for 10 guests
- Acknowledgment in the Foundation's Annual Report

BRONZE SPONSOR — $2,500

- Corporate name and logo displayed at venue entry
- Dinner, movie and popcorn package for 12 guests
- Logo displayed on opening credits in all 14 theaters
- Acknowledgment in the Foundation's Annual Report

SILENT AUCTION

- Everyone is invited to join us for a fun silent auction featuring hundreds of incredible items and experiences.

AUCTION SPONSORS

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PLAY THERAPY FOR CHILDREN RECOVERING FROM TRAUMA

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Waves of Healing

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No-Cost Resources Available On-Demand

PARENT GUIDANCE.ORG MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES





Information Links

- **School Events Calendar**
- **Cafeteria Menu Breakfast and Lunch**
- **Counselor Corner Links: Ask a Therapist with Dr. Kevin Skinner Flyer link**
- **Davis School District's Statement on Discrimination and Harassment**
- **Report Harassment or Discrimination**
- **Cook Elementary Handbook**
- **Cook Elementary School Website**

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