WE ARE ROLLING!

We are now back into the swing of things. I will tell you it has been the BEST beginning of the year EVER!!! Thank you for sending the BEST students EVER!! Fifth grade is LEADING the dog pack. Both 5th Grade classrooms have earned the PRIDE award. This award is given when there are 5 perfect attendance days for the class.

Whoooppppeeee!!! If they are here we can teach them.

A couple of house cleaning issues for parents and guardians that haven't read the family handbook:
7:30 breakfast begins. NO ONE is on duty to watch children prior to that time.
7:50 the doors close. This give students 10 minutes to eat before school starts.
8:00 students are tardy. This is when students begin learning.
3:15 dismissal. No students should be on campus after 3:20 unless the school is contacted. Students left beyond the school day are considered, "Child in need of Care."

The NEW PLAYGROUND is wonderful. We are having our Ribbon Cutting Dedication on September 2 at 2:00. Please join us to recognize this WONDERFUL playground created by USD 475 for our community. WE encourage you to use it on the WEEKENDS to play with your students. We won't tell if you also decide to play on it. It's a fantastic playground with lots of fun obstacles to encourage health and fitness.

I hope you have a great beginning of FALL. The days will start getting shorter, the new TV programs begin, FOOTBALL season (go K-State and da Bears) and school is fully underway. It's going to be another GREAT year of success and opportunities.
Pre-K News!

Things are going well in the Pre-K room! Our first day of school was Aug.24. We are learning how to share, make friends, and school routines. In the month of September we will begin learning about our families and our community. We will also be working on patterns, colors and shapes. We have lots of fun while we are learning and growing in Pre-K!

Mrs. Nicole Bergeron  
Pre-K Teacher

Kinder: This month in kindergarten we will be working on things that are the same or similar and why. Your child should be able to explain their reasoning. In math we will also be working on counting objects. Don’t forget to complete nightly math homework. In reading we will begin learning letter sounds. Please read with your child Monday- Thursday and sign the green read and respond.

Thank you,  
Kindergarten Team

First:

This month we will be beginning work in our new SFA reading groups. Remember to have your child read to you 20 minutes every night! In math, first graders are working hard to become more fluent with numbers to 10. Math homework is sent home three nights out of the week. Also be on the lookout for the games that your child brings home! In addition to reading and math work, first graders are learning about schools of the past, their five senses, and Johnny Appleseed.

Second:

Welcome back to school and welcome to second grade! We are so excited that you are here! We are going to spend time learning about new math skills, social studies, grammar and writing this year. We are going to be busy! Mrs.Davies and Miss Lehwald

Third: Hello from 3rd Grade! We are very excited to welcome you all to the 2015-2016 school year! In math, we are already hard at work studying multiplication and division patterns. Writing for first quarter will be all about personal narratives; you can help us with these by talking with your student about a memory that they have and asking for them to give you more details. We have also started a year-long study on maps that will cover everything from settlement to how modern laws and communities are established and maintained.
Fourth: Welcome back parents!!! We are very excited to have your students in our 4th grade classes. Mrs. Randles and Mr. Talley are excited about the New Year and new activities we will be doing. Mrs. Randles joins the Bulldogs this year and is excited about the opportunity. Mr. Talley is back and ready to go. This year we are using a new math curriculum called Engage New York. We will also be starting SFA the first week of September. We have our tablets back and are using them already. If you weren’t able to join us for the Stop and Drop night before the school year started we hope to see you September 15th. You can come in, meet the teacher, and also ask any other questions you may have. Again, we are excited to have you and your student be a part of our classroom this year. ~Mr. Talley

Fifth: Fifth grade has been going so well so far! We’ve been having a wonderful time learning about place value, writing letters to our teachers, and building relationships with our peers. This is going to be a great year and a fantastic time where we can learn all sorts of new things. We have been doing a spectacular job setting the example for the rest of the school and will continue to do so. It’s going to be a great year in fifth grade, Bulldogs!

Music Room News.

The goal of general music class is to help students realize their full potential and raise their self-esteem through musical activities and performances. Each child will have the opportunity to succeed at their own grade level. In addition, two extra curriculum classes will be opened for 4th and 5th grade students after school. The drumming class is open to students with no audition required on Tuesdays from 3:25-4:00 pm. The keyboard class is open to students on Thursdays from 3:25-4:00 pm. This year is promised to be a very exciting, educational, and rewarding for all students at Washington school!

Washington Library News

To our returning students, welcome back, and to our new students, welcome!!! Our Washington library has undergone a rearrangement over the summer, but we still have wonderful new and classic books for you to check out. We will help you find them.

Once again K-1 grade levels will be able to check out one item and 2-5 grades will be able to check out two items. We look forward to assisting you in any way we can and hope to see you in the library soon!
*Additional Information*
We are always looking for parent volunteers to help out during recess/lunch time and with other things as well please contact Tatiana Rodriguez at 785-7174697 or Bobby Whitten at 785-717-4689.

The bulldog store will open after Labor day and we are accepting donations throughout the year :)

⇒ WE HAVE NOTICED THAT STUDENTS ARE BEING DROPPED OFF BEFORE 7:30 A.M. (THIS CAN CAUSE SAFETY ISSUES DUE TO STAFF NOT HAVING TO REPORT UNTIL THAT TIME),

⇒ WE WANT TO EMPHASIZE AGAIN THAT DROP OFF TIME IS 7:30 A.M. AND PICK UP TIME IS 3:15 P.M.

⇒ WE ARE TRYING TO MAKE OUR STUDENTS MORE INDEPENDENT SO WE ASK THAT PARENTS REFRAIN FROM COMING IN DURING BREAKFAST. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO COME IN FOR LUNCH AND MAKE SURE TO CHECK IN WITH THE OFFICE. THANK YOU!