



# K-4 Connection

## Partners in Education

August—September 2018  
From the Principal's Desk

Hesston Elementary Families:

We are excited to start a new school year! Students have been working hard learning grade level expectations and reconnecting with classmates. We welcome our kindergarten families, new students, and previous students to the building. Also, join me in welcoming several new staff members to H.E.S.: Mrs. Melissa Baurle has joined the kindergarten team and Ms. Michele Janssens will serve as our speech pathologist.

Safety is a top priority at Hesston Elementary. I have a few reminders to help make our school safe for all students. The alley to the west of the school is reserved for **buses only** throughout the school day. **It is not to be used as a drop off or pick up point for students.** Students should not be riding their bikes up the alley, as this is a bus drop off zone. Also, if your child has to cross Amos Street to get to the front of the school, an adult must assist them across the street. Your help with these procedures is greatly appreciated. We also thank our crossing guards, who assist students safe to and from school. Thank you for all of your assistance in keeping our students safe.

The drop off and pick up lines can also be a frustrating place at HES. We have two drop off zones for your convenience, one in the east parking lot and one at front of the building. We ask your help to keep the process moving quickly, by not leaving your vehicle unattended. If you need to exit your vehicle, please find a parking spot in the lot or on the street. All students are required to enter the building through the front doors.

The official start time of the school day is 8:00 a.m. Please be aware, students need to be **in their classrooms by the 8:00 bell**. *If they arrive in the classroom after 8:00, they will be marked tardy. Please refer to the student-parent handbook for tardy policies. Thank you parents for ensuring your child is at school on time and off to a positive start each day.*

We appreciate the support of our parents at the Meet the Teacher Night and the Parent Open House. Each of these events provide opportunities for families to get into the building and to build a relationship with teachers and staff. We thank you for your support with reading and practicing math facts each evening.

The **WATCH D.O.G.S. (Dads Of Great Students)** program will continue again this year. Fathers and father figures are invited to sign up at the WATCH D.O.G.S table at Donuts with Dad on September 27 from 7:15-8:00 a.m. This program gives fathers and father-figures a chance to volunteer at their child's school and make a positive impact in students' lives.

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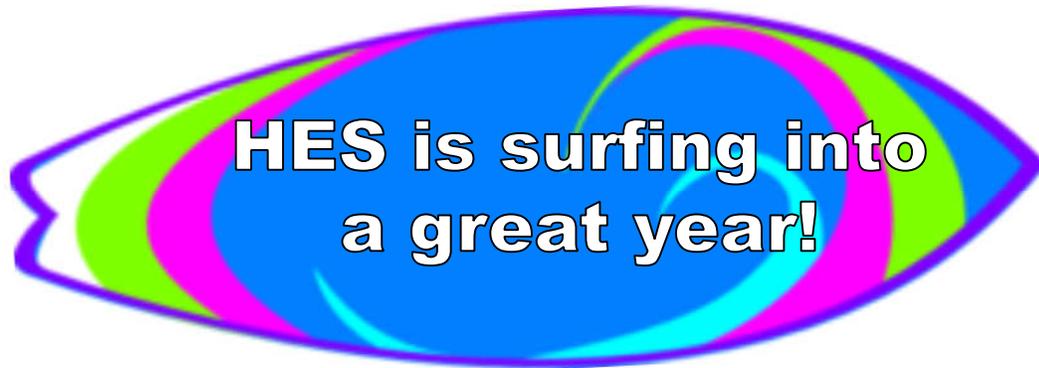
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## From the Principal

Thank you for your continued support, as we start a new school year. If you have questions related to Hesston Elementary, please to don't hesitate to contact me at [alisa.krehbiel@usd460.org](mailto:alisa.krehbiel@usd460.org) or at 620-327-7102. It is going to be an awesome year!

Alisa Krehbiel



## Counselor's Corner

Mrs. Dawn Lafferty

Welcome back to school HES Swathers!

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and all of you are as excited as I am to see what this year has in store! I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself and give you a preview of the lessons I will be sharing with your child this year. I am looking forward to teaching character education in the wheel, leading small groups and visiting with individual students. All students and parents are welcome in my office anytime. My job is to help promote positive attitudes and choices, help children learn how to make friends and solve conflicts, and encourage building stronger relationships.

This year, we will return to learning about the 7 Habits of Happy Kids and how they relate to our HES Pillars of Respect, Responsibility and Integrity. Your child will learn how to be proactive and set goals, do the important things first, how to think "win-win" and listen to other's feelings. We will talk about how working together is the best way to accomplish your goals! I will also focus on topics such as friendship, honesty, bullying and kindness.



I want to say a big thank you for all the school supplies that were donated to our school supply closet! Those supplies are greatly appreciated and will be used as needs arise throughout the school year as well.

Please feel free to contact me about any concerns you may have with your child and I am looking forward to getting to know everyone better this year!

Sincerely,  
Dawn Lafferty  
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## **Kindergarten** Mrs. Melissa Bauerle Mrs. Danielle Flaming Mrs. Kristin Kaufman

Kindergarten is off to a great start! We have been busy learning the routines and rules of school! We have enjoyed getting to know all of our new kindergarten friends. Our days have been packed with colors, songs, handwriting, counting, reading books together, and much more! We are also looking forward to all day Kindergarten, which begins on September 4. The Kindergarteners are excited to go to Wheel, art, and lunch in the lunchroom. Please remember that this will be an adjustment for the children and adequate sleep each night will be essential. We are looking forward to a wonderful year!

## **Team I** Mrs. Tammy Gunden Mrs. Danae Kaufman Mrs. Valarie Nickell

Welcome to first grade, we are excited to get the year started! Thanks to those who were able to come to Open House, it was great to meet so many of you. We look forward to working together to help your first grader grow this year.

We are working on reviewing skills from Kindergarten as well as building routines to help our day go more smoothly. Watch for their red folders coming home with things we've done in class as well as notes you may need to see. Reading groups will be starting soon, look for books coming home to read together. Remember to practice math facts for a few minutes each night. If you have questions about reading groups or math facts, speak to your child's teacher.

First grade is an exciting year with lots of growth, we look forward to a great one!

## **Team II** Mrs. Danni Frick Mrs. Jennea Heinrichs Mrs. Brenda Jaso

First, the THANK YOUS!

**Thanks** so much to everyone who's attended Meet the Teacher and Open House. It was so nice to meet you all!

**Thanks** to all the families who have donated to our classrooms for our Fish for Wish List. It helps more than you'll ever know all throughout the year.

**Thanks** to those who have signed up for Snack and for Parties. We each have a few spaces if you'd like to donate. 7 year olds are VERY hungry since we have Wheel in the morning, and lunch isn't until noon.

**Thanks** to the families who have signed up for Class Dojo. It makes communication SO much easier, and you can see what your child is doing in school!

We are currently studying Citizenship & Government in Social Studies.

Each 9 weeks, your child will have a different 2nd grade teacher teaching a different Science topic. Plants (Frick), Water (Jaso), and Matter (Heinrichs) are being taught by your child's Homeroom teacher. In the 2nd and 3rd nine weeks, they will study a new topic with a new teacher twice a week. In the last 9 weeks, your child will return to their Homeroom teacher for Science to study Animals and Habitats. The kids are VERY excited about this opportunity!

In Math, we are studying Addition and Subtraction within 100. Work on your Math facts 3-4 times a week for 10 minutes. It makes a HUGE difference! Watch for games and apps to try at home!

Finally, here's what's coming up:

September: Wear your Red, White, and Blue on September 11 for Patriot Day and again on September 18 as we celebrate The Constitution!

October: We'll be looking for volunteers for our 3rd Annual Camping Day. Watch Dojo and your child's folder for more info!

December: We'll be looking for volunteers for our CowTown/Kaufman Museum field trip. This is limited to only 3 adults/class for this field trip by CowTown.

Let's make 2018 GREAT!



## P.E.

Mrs. Brandy Coker

### P.E. REMINDERS FOR THE YEAR...

My policy is that everyone participates everyday! If someone does not feel well, I might ask them to “try their best today.” If a child is not going to participate in P.E. for any reason please send a note with them stating this so I am aware of the situation. If it is for an extended amount of time please indicate when they are able to return. I do believe that if a child can play at recess they can participate in my class and will ask that they do try their best!

Please also send your child to school with tennis shoes on or to change into...flip flops, sandals, boots and dress shoes aren't safe for PE!

### COMING UP...

September means it's time for Bike Safety!

Students will have the opportunity to learn about bike safety rules and practice riding their bikes and scooters in class. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders will have the chance to participate in the Bike Tour.

Bike Tour Dates:

Sept. 7<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> grade

Sept. 21<sup>th</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

## Library

Mrs. Rhonda Unruh

This school year is off to a great start in the HES library! Here are a few items and activities to be aware of...

**Wheel Checkout Day:** Just as we have done in past years, all classes have a designated "checkout day" once a week during their library wheel time. On this day students return ALL their library books either for check in or renewal. This process helps minimize the number of lost books, gives me the opportunity to focus on other lessons during the remaining library classes of the week, and encourages students to checkout new books more often. Students are welcome to visit the library on other days for individual checkout as well if they return their books early.

**Volunteers Needed:** You are welcome to visit the library any time. If you have an extra hour or two once or twice a month, we would love your help with shelving books! Please contact the school if you are interested in volunteering in the library, or you can email me at: [rhonda.unruh@usd460.org](mailto:rhonda.unruh@usd460.org)

**Books Take Me To My Happy Place:** This year we have a new bulletin board in the library encouraging students to find their “Happy Place” in the books they like to read. We're encouraging students to take a picture of themselves reading a book about their own “happy place”. They may include props that give us a hint where their happy place is. If you decide to participate, please email the picture to me, and we will add it to our collection. I'm hoping to fill the bulletin board and overflow onto the walls around it. My email is [rhonda.unruh@usd460.org](mailto:rhonda.unruh@usd460.org).

**Save the Date:** Please mark your calendar to join us in the HES library during the Fall Book Fair on October 17-23!

We're looking forward to a fun-filled year of reading and learning in the library!



## Art

Mrs. Shea Neufeld

Welcome back to the Art room! I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to see all the bright and eager faces as they have returned to school.

First graders have spent the first couple weeks reviewing primary and secondary colors. We also read "ish" by Peter Reynolds before creating our very own "ish" pictures. I love their imaginations!

Second graders created themselves as crayons after reading the book, "The Crayon Box that Talked." Check these out in the hallway. We will begin working on designing "cats" as we review lines, shapes and patterns.



Third graders started with a Makerspace activity after reading Iggy Peck, Architect. Toothpicks and fruit snacks were so much fun to create with.

Fourth graders designed their individual hand before painting the background with their table team color. Team stands for, "Together Everyone Achieves More." We will begin studying Pablo Picasso as we try to recreate one of his artworks.

Kindergarten will begin visiting next week.

Looking forward to a great school year.

## Keyboarding

Miss Lindsay Jaso

IMPORTANT! HOW TO DOWNLOAD OUR KEYBOARDING PROGRAM AT HOME FOR FREE!

Welcome to a new year of Keyboarding! At HES, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders have Keyboarding class for 25 minutes, three or four times each week. Our hope is that this prepares them for all of the computer-based activities they'll be doing in their classrooms here and in the future at the Middle School and beyond!

In the 3/4 computer lab, students work on a program called *Type to Learn 4*. Ask them about it; it's lots of fun! It is game based; skills and keys are taught in a low-stress way that is familiar, rewarding and hopefully, self-motivating. It is also web-based. The district has purchased this program for our use, and **you may download it to use at home under our license at no cost to you**. That means that students can work at home, you can check their progress, and I can check their progress from any computer with access to the internet! Here is the link for you to download the program to your computer at home: <http://ttl4.sunburst.com/downloads/>

That character after the tt is the letter l, not a number 1.

(Please be patient when downloading—It takes lots of memory and time to download, and you may need to try several times.)

**Username:** your child's last name followed immediately by their first initial, no space or dot

**Password:** your child's 4-digit "lunch number" (They know it!)

**Account code:** 140327

**Practice is only helpful if students are keeping their hands over home row and reaching for the correct keys with the correct fingers**, so keeping an eye on them as they "play" would be helpful, (especially for third graders). Posture is also very important! Students should be sitting up straight with feet on the floor, and arms should not be touching the desk/table.

## Hesston Elementary Parents = H.El.P.

Dear Hesston Elementary Parents-

Wow! August flew by and September is already here. We have lots of exciting events coming up, so be watching for opportunities to volunteer!

Fall Pictures will be Wednesday, September 12th. You may place an order ahead of time or online after. Both ways support H.El.P.!

Grandparents Open House will happen on September 14th at 2:15pm. There will be fun activities in the classrooms and refreshments in the commons areas.

Donuts with Dad (a come-and-go event) is Sept. 27th from 7:15-8:00am. We will also be sharing information about our Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) program and have sign up dates available.

We are excited for the return of our fall fundraiser that is both yummy and delicious! "Kansas Maid" offers many delicious frozen pastries such as braids, cinnamon rolls, Italian bread, and more! Sales will return October 5-19. Check it out at [www.kansasmaid.com](http://www.kansasmaid.com).

Why should you consider supporting Hesston Elementary through a fundraiser? We receive 50% of profits from Kansas Maid! That's an amazing amount! And the money stays right here at Hesston Elementary to help support our students and teachers.

The Book Fair is planned for the week of October 17<sup>th</sup>- 23<sup>rd</sup> in the library. There will be many books to choose from to expand your home library, as well as lists provided by teachers where you may purchase books for their classroom.

Speaking of books and the library-Mrs. Unruh could sure use some help in the library. This time is flexible, can be as little as 30 minutes, or as much as an afternoon! She's needing some help once or twice a month. Please contact her at [rhonda.unruh@usd460.org](mailto:rhonda.unruh@usd460.org).

If you ever have questions, please contact a member of the H.El.P. Board at [hes460parents@gmail.com](mailto:hes460parents@gmail.com). Thank you for your support! You help make our school a fun learning environment for our children!

Shelley Duerksen – Coordinator

Sarahanne Unruh - Fundraising Chair

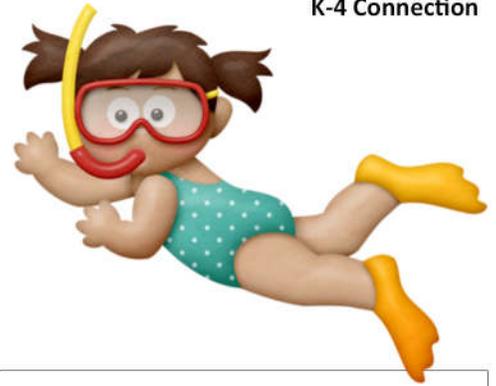
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# Important Dates



**Sept 3**—NO School,  
Labor Day

**Sept 4**—All Day

Kindergarten Begins

Sept 10— HEIP Meeting 5PM

**Sept 12**-Fall Pictures

**Sept 14**—Grandparents' Open  
House 2:15-3pm

**Sept 17**—No School,

School Improvement

**Sept 27**—Donuts with Dad  
7:15-8am (Watch DOG Kickoff)

**Oct 8**—HEIP Meeting 5 PM

**Oct 12**—NO School,  
School Improvement

**Oct 19**—1st Quarter Grades  
Posted

**Oct 17-23**—Book Fair

**Oct 18**—P/T Conferences

**Oct 22**—P/T Conference

**Oct 26 & 29**—NO School

**Oct 31**—Fall Parties

## Meal Prices for September—18 Meals

HES meals are the same as HMS and HHS meals—

They can be found on USD 460's website or in the Hesston Record

Full Pay

Lunch—\$47.70

Breakfast—\$37.80

Reduced

Lunch—\$ 7.20

Breakfast—\$ 5.40

Extra Milk—\$ .40

Guest Prices—\$ 3.65

### ATTENTION LUNCH VISITORS!!

Our students love having guests in the lunchroom. If you would like to eat lunch with your student, please take the following steps:

1—**Call the school by 8:30am** to let us know you're coming, so the cooks can be prepared.

2—Please stop in the office for a **visitor's pass** before heading to the lunchroom.

3—Please bring **exact change** and pay in the lunch line.

All guest meals are \$3.65 each. Thank you and enjoy your lunch!

## Nurse

Mrs. Tammi Krehbiel

Welcome back! We are hoping for a healthy 2018-2019 school year. On that note here are some things you can do to keep your child healthy.

Two things needed for a great start to each day:

Make sure your child gets plenty of rest:

Kids ages 6 to 9 need about 10 hours of sleep a night, while children ages 10-12 need a little over 9 hours a night. Since not every child needs the same amount of sleep, it is up to parents to judge the exact amount of rest their child needs and make sure they get to bed in time for them to have the required amount. Lack of sleep can cause kids to be irritable, have a hard time concentrating on schoolwork, and even physical symptoms like headaches and stomach problems.

Feed your child a good breakfast:

A healthy breakfast refuels the body and replenishes blood sugar (glucose), giving a person the energy needed to start a new day. Children who don't get breakfast have a hard time concentrating in class, and often come to the health office complaining of stomachaches. A hot breakfast is offered at school every day of the week, so if your morning is too busy your child can eat at school.

Some preventative things that are offered at school:

**Flu Clinic:** The Harvey County Health Dept. will be offering flu vaccines at school on Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Watch your child's backpack for more information.

**Dental Screens:** Dr. Dillner's office will be coming in for dental screens Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>. They will be offering free fluoride treatments again this year. Fluoride treatment does require a signed consent form. Watch your child's backpack for more information.

I will also be starting vision and hearing screens soon. K-2 gets both vision and hearing checked. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade gets vision screens and 4<sup>th</sup> gets hearing screens. You will be notified if your child does not pass his/her screening.

Things to watch for:

We have seen some upset stomachs and fever since school has started. Please remember if your child has thrown up in the last 24 hours or has had a fever of 100 degrees or higher, we ask that you keep them at home so that they don't expose others to the illness.

**Children are to be fever free (without medication) for 24 hours before returning to school.**

