



# K-4 Connection

## Partners in Education

October/November 2018

From the Principal's Desk

Swather Families:

The first quarter is successfully complete. Students and teachers have worked hard establishing classroom procedures and routines, while learning every day. As I walk through the hallways and classrooms, students are actively engaged in reading, writing, spelling, math, social studies, and science.

It was wonderful to see so many parents attending Parent/Teacher Conferences on October 18 and 22. Having the opportunity to meet with your child's classroom teacher and hear firsthand how they are progressing makes a huge difference in their success. Thank you for your support in reading with your child and practicing math facts as their regular homework. It is this type of home/school connection that helps us make great gains in the classroom. We could not do it without your support!

Safety is an important element in everything we do at the elementary. Here are 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. 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. The drop off and pick up lane can be a challenge at times, and so it is important to not leave your car unattended. If you need to come into the building, please find a parking spot in either parking lot or along the street. Following these procedures will keep everyone safe.

**Eight o'clock** is the official start time of the school day. 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 as tardy. Thanks for helping your child get off to a positive start each day.

Students in grades 2-4 received an invitation to watch a performance by The Cashore Marionettes on October 23 through the Hesston-Bethel Performing Arts Council. Students were entertained by the intricate marionette puppets, as they performed daily tasks set to music. It was an amazing performance in an art form new to many of our students.

Our students in grade K-4 are eagerly practicing and preparing for the annual music concert, which will be held on Thursday, November 15, 7:00 at the high school gymnasium. This is a tradition enjoyed by students, parents, grandparents, and community. Please mark your calendars for this exciting holiday event.

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## From the Principal

In addition to our hard working teachers and students, we want to thank the dads and father figures who have volunteered for the Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of GREAT Students) program. We appreciate these volunteers giving their time to support activities in the classroom and interact with students during lunch and recess. If you are interested in volunteering, please see the Elementary School's website for the electronic sign up.

It is a privilege to work with your child every day. If you have questions or concerns, please contact me or your child's teacher.

Alisa Krehbiel  
Principal

## Nurse's Update

Nurse Tammi Krehbiel

A huge thank you to Dr. Dillner's office for coming into our school on Oct. 5 to provide dental screens and offer free fluoride treatments. Also thanks to the Harvey County Health Dept. for coming on Oct. 2 to offer flu vaccine to our entire district! We should be set to have a healthy winter here at HES.

Vision and hearing screens are almost complete. KG-2<sup>nd</sup> grade got both vision and hearing checks. 3<sup>rd</sup> graders had vision checked and 4<sup>th</sup> grade had hearing checked. If you don't get a note from me, it means your child passed his/her screening. I am only sending home notes if further testing is necessary.

This past week we celebrated Red Ribbon Week at school and the kids learned about the advantages of living a drug free life. On that note, I'd like to call your attention to the fact that November 15 is the **Great American Smokeout**. If you are a smoker or smokeless tobacco user who wants to kick the habit, this may be a good day to set some goals. There are some great resources available to help you get started. Check out the American Cancer Society's site at: <https://www.cancer.org/healthy/stay-away-from-tobacco/great-american-smokeout.html> Involve your kids and let them know you are trying to quit. Smoking affects not only your health, but also the health of those that are breathing in your secondhand smoke. Gather all the support you can from family, health care providers, and friends. The more people you have cheering for you, the better your chances are of successfully kicking the habit. Good luck!



## Kindergarten

Mrs. Bauerle Mrs. Flaming Mrs. Kaufman

The kindergarteners have been hard at work this fall! We continue to practice routines, letters and sounds, numbers, and social skills. We have also spent lots of time strengthening our fine motor skills. The fall has been packed with exciting experiences like our walking community field trip to the library, fire station, and post office, as well as an apple taste test and experiments. We are looking forward to our field trip to Papa's Pumpkin Patch on October 30. After our trip, we will head back to school for an afternoon of pumpkin math and science activities. Happy Fall, y'all!

## Keyboarding

Miss Lindsay Jaso

Here is the link for you to download the program to your computer at home FOR FREE:

<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. Happy keyboarding!

## From the Office

You will notice that there is only one update from Team K in this K-4. Teams will take turns in the K-4 newsletter to share what they have been doing in the classroom. This will vary from Team to Team throughout the course of the school year.

## Music Notes

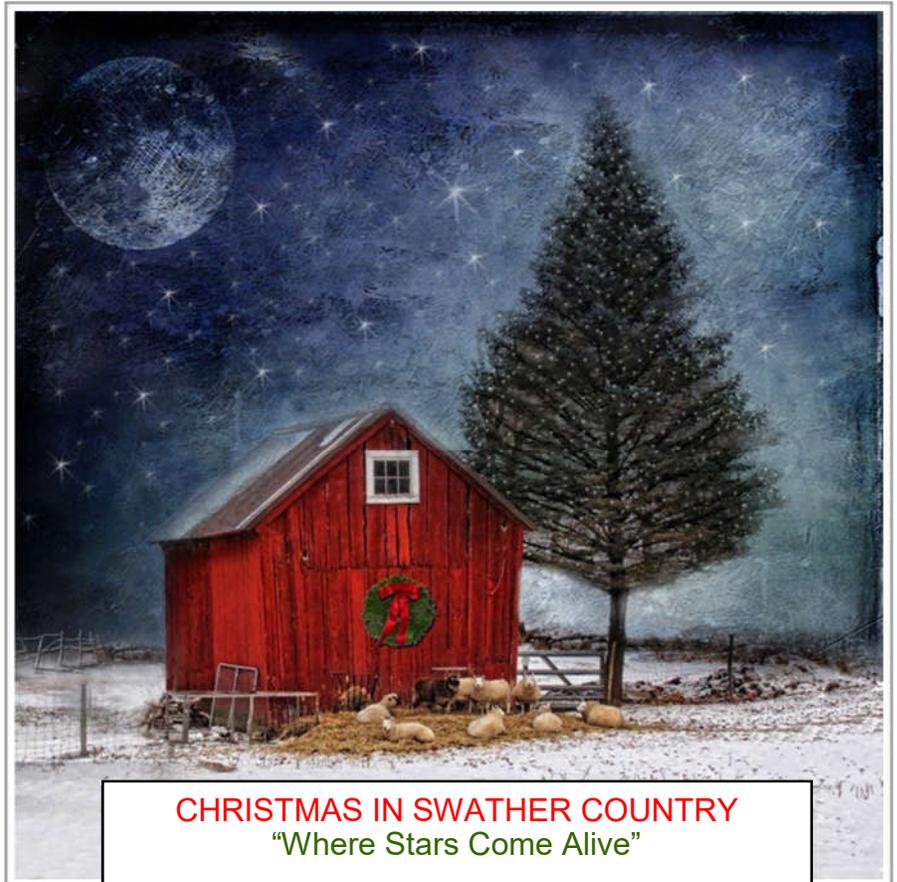


**Event:** Hesston Elementary  
Music Concert

**When:** Thursday,  
November 15  
7:00 PM

**Where:** Hesston High  
School Gym

**Attire:** *Students are encouraged  
to dress in country  
western clothing  
for the concert*



**CHRISTMAS IN SWATHER COUNTRY**  
"Where Stars Come Alive"

## Counselor's Corner

Mrs. Dawn Lafferty

School is in full swing and there have been many opportunities for HES Swathers to show their great character!

October brings Red Ribbon Week and the chance to focus on making healthy choices. To celebrate Red Ribbon Week, we are working together to collect canned goods for the Hesston Resource Center. I am impressed with the generosity of our students and their families to support this wonderful resource in our community.

HES students have also been busy practicing our pillars of respect, responsibility and integrity every day! I am privileged to teach all students in the wheel several times each month. Our lessons have centered around the Seven Habits of Happy Kids. It is important to be mindful of what characters traits we are practicing. How we treat each other each day becomes a habit that will last a lifetime. The Seven Habits teach kids to focus on forming positive habits that will produce positive relationships.

Conflict is something that happens in every relationship. My goal is to give your child tools to help them be able to solve conflicts in a positive, proactive way. Here are the steps that I am using to help students talk to each other in a respectful way while solving a conflict. These are steps you can use at home as well!

1. Cool off - Before you can problem solve, you need to be calm. This means it is important to pause, take some deep breaths or a walk before engaging in a conversation with the other person.
2. Share, Listen, Check - Share what you think happened using an "I" message: I feel \_\_\_\_\_ when \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_. Listen closely as the person sharing talks so that you can check understanding by rephrasing what the person said: "I heard you say you feel..."
3. Take Responsibility - Usually both people involved in a conflict have some degree of responsibility.
4. Brainstorm Solutions - Think of ideas that are win-win
5. Choose a Solution - What solution is likely to keep the conflict from happening again?
6. Affirm, Forgive, or Thank - End the conversation with kinds words. You can say "Thanks for talking this out with me."

(adapted from Social Emotional Workshop, 2017)

If you have any questions or would like to visit with me about your child, please do not hesitate to contact me! I am here to support teaching and learning and HES, and communication about student needs is my highest priority! You can reach me at 620-327-7102 ext. 4004 or through my email: [dawn.lafferty@usd460.org](mailto:dawn.lafferty@usd460.org).

**If you are cleaning out your closets, please consider donating your nice used clothes to the nurse's office. We are in need of girls shoes up to size 5, boys pants in sizes 4-7, and girls pants in size 10-14.**

## **Hesston Elementary Parents = H.E.I.P.**

Dear Hesston Elementary Parents-

WOW! September flew by! Grandparents Open House and Donuts with Dad were both a wonderful success! Thank you to the volunteers that helped to organize, serve, and lend support to make these events excellent.

Just a reminder that the Kansas Maid Fundraiser Distribution will be happening on Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-6:00 at the Elementary School. Please make sure someone is there to pick-up the orders your child submitted and if possible, please bring totes of some sort to carry your order. We will have plastic bags available but sometimes with larger orders, the bags don't withstand the weight. We thank everyone who helped to make this fundraiser a success!

We're excited about our third annual Mother/Son Night of Fun on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. (This night is the partner event to our spring Daddy/Daughter Dance.) The night starts at 7pm and will be lots of fun for sons and their mamas. Wear your jammies and come and join us for some popcorn and prizes! (We'll also need Dad's help to make this work, so please consider volunteering!)

Dads, Grandpas, Uncles, Brothers...we can always use a Watch DOG! Who are WatchDOGS? Fathers, grandfathers, step-fathers, uncles, and other father figures who volunteer to serve at least one day a year in a variety of school activities. Come and try it just one day! We'll even buy your lunch! Check the website to sign up. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084aa5ac2aa31-20172018>

Box Tops for Education submissions are being tallied! We ask that our Swathers continue to collect Box Tops and Sunny D UPCs for the Winter Submission. Don't forget to ask family & friends to help you collect them, too!

Another exciting happening is the winter concert that will be here before we know it. Mrs. Funk always puts on an amazing show! We can hardly wait!! If you'd like to help sell DVD's before the concert or help organize, please contact us. We can always use a few extra hands.

If you're still wanting our "Small Town Big Dreams" t-shirts, you have one last opportunity to order them. They make great Christmas gifts for family members and friends too. Last chance order forms are due November 17<sup>th</sup>, and the shirts will be delivered by Christmas break. Order form on next page.

If you ever have a question or concern, please do not hesitate to contact us at [hes460parents@gmail.com](mailto:hes460parents@gmail.com). Thank you for your support! By helping out, you make H.E.S. a fun learning environment for our children!

**Shelley Duerksen** – Coordinator

**Sarahanne Unruh** - Fundraising Chair

**Elsbeth Kuhn** – Communication Chair

**Kate Jelle** - Family Events and Staff Support Chair



# H.E.I.P. 2018 Shirt Order Form

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Child Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Items: \_\_\_\_\_

Grand Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cash / Check / Card \_\_\_\_\_

Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

## **GREY T-SHIRTS**

**Youth T-Shirts (YS-YL) \$10 each**

Size: Youth S Youth M Youth L  
Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

Item Total: \_\_\_\_\_  
\$ Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Adult T-Shirts (S-XL) \$10 each**

Size: Adult S Adult M Adult L Adult XL  
Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

Item Total: \_\_\_\_\_  
\$ Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Adult T-Shirts (2XL-3XL) \$12 each**

Size: 2XL 3XL  
Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

Item Total: \_\_\_\_\_  
\$ Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## **RED T-SHIRTS**

**Youth T-Shirts (YS-YL) \$10 each**

Size: Youth S Youth M Youth L  
Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

Item Total: \_\_\_\_\_  
\$ Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Adult T-Shirts (S-XL) \$10 each**

Size: Adult S Adult M Adult L Adult XL  
Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

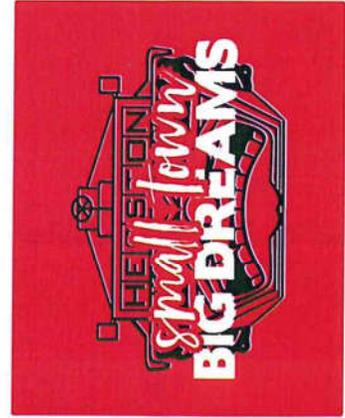
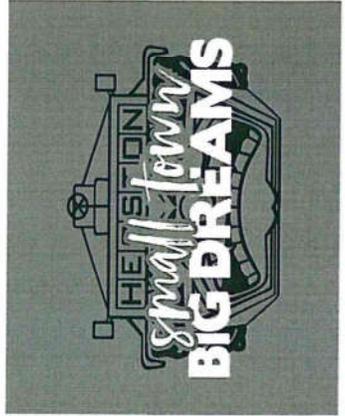
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NOTES:



All orders must be paid for at the time of purchase.

## Meal Prices for November—19 Meals

HES meals are the same as HMS and HHS meals—can be found on  
USD 460's website or in the Hesston Record

Full Pay	Lunch—\$50.35	Breakfast—\$39.90
Reduced	Lunch—\$ 7.60	Breakfast—\$ 5.70
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!

## Important Dates



**October 26 & 29**— No School

**October 31**— Fall Classroom Parties—  
2:40 pm— NO costumes

**November 2**— Mother/Son Night of Fun— 7-8 PM

**November 6**— Fundraiser Pickup 3-6pm  
in ES cafeteria

**November 12**— HELP Meeting 5PM

**November 15**— Music Concert 7pm—  
Hesston High School

**November 21-23**— NO School—  
Thanksgiving Break