

Eagle News



Florence Wilson Honored for Civic Engagement

The Kansas State Board of Education approved the creation of the Civic Advocacy Network award in 2016. The idea was to create a network of schools who provide outstanding civic engagement opportunities to their students. The criteria for being inducted into the Civic Advocacy Network are the "Six Proven Practices of Effective Civic Learning" created by the Education Commission of the States and endorsed by many civic education groups including the Center for Civic Education. Schools submitted evidence of how they had created programs addressing each practice. Those applications were scored by a panel on a scoring rubric. The higher the percentage of students engaged the more points the school scored on the rubric. Each practice was scored and those scores combined and the winners selected.

A recognition celebration will be held September 17th in Topeka. KSDE would like to congratulate the eight schools that make up the inaugural class of the KSDE Civic Advocacy Network and the four schools identified as having promising civic engagement practices in place.

The inaugural class of the Civic Advocacy Network

- *Complete High School USD #266 Maize*
- *Derby Hills Elementary USD #260 Derby*
- *Enders Community Service Magnet USD #259 Wichita*
- *Garden City High School USD #457 Garden City*
- *McPherson Middle School USD #418 McPherson*
- *Park Hill Elementary USD #260 Derby*
- *Starside Elementary USD #232 De Soto*
- *Susan B. Anthony Middle School USD #383 Manhattan*

Four Schools were awarded "Promising Practices" awards

- *Valley Heights High School USD #498 Blue Rapids* Practice 1 and 2
- *Florence Wilson Elementary USD #457 Garden City* Practice 2
- *Merriam Park Elementary USD #512 Shawnee Mission* Practice 3
- *Seaman High School USD #345 Topeka* Practice 1

Practice 2 was based on classroom discussion. Our scoring in this area was extremely high.

The panel complimented our teachers use of civil discourse in the classrooms. Students also advocated for a couple of the service projects we completed last year.

We are the EAGLES

**Eagerly
Achieving
Goals
Leading
Everyone to
Success**



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Sept. 3rd-Labor Day -No School
- Sept. 4th-Candy bar sales begin
- Sept. 4th-PTO Meeting-6:00 PM
- Sept. 17th-Constitution Day celebration
- Sept. 18th-Papa John's Night
- Sept. 19th-Fall Pictures
- Sept. 21st-Teacher Inservice-No School



All visitors must stop by the office to sign in and pick up a visitors badge. If you would like to walk your child to the gym or to the cafeteria just stop by the office for your badge.

FOURTH GRADE IPADS

The district is launching a one to one iPad initiative. This year all fourth and fifth grade students will be given an iPad to use for school work. In the following years the iPads will go to the next grade level below until kindergarten. The kindergarten students will not receive an iPad, however, there will be iPads in the classroom.

There are a couple of requirements that come with the device. Students and parents must sign an agreement. There is a technology fee of

\$15 that has to be paid by Sept. 4th. This fee ensures the student's use of the iPad and its protection in case of damage. If there is damage to the iPad the first instance no fee is charge. The second instance of damage is a \$50 assessment and a third instance will be based on the full repair cost of the device.

If a parent chooses not to pay the fee then parent/guardian will be responsible for the full repair cost of the device on each instance of damage.

*District Motto-
Learning Today...Leading Tomorrow*

MEET OUR NEW STAFF

Liseth Herrera

My name is Liseth Herrera, I am new to Florence Wilson and I am teaching 3rd grade. I grew up in Garden City. I graduated from Newman University and this is my second year teaching. I have a passion for what I do, I enjoy teaching and it makes me truly happy to be able to help students grow and expand their learning. But more importantly I hope to make a difference in my students lives so that they continue their education and becoming a young successful person in our society. The students of today are our future and they are so important.

Jenny Leogrande

Mrs. Leogrande moved to Garden City with her husband and daughters in June of this year from Austin, Texas. She has been teaching primary grades for the last 14 years and is excited to be part of the Florence Wilson family. In her off time her family enjoys attending the Broncbuster football games, where her husband is coaching, as well as spending time outside.

Imelda Ochoa

My name is Imelda Ochoa. I am happy to be at Florence Wilson. This is my 15th year as a teacher. I graduated from Newman University with a Bachelor of Science in Teaching in 2003. I taught Kindergarten at Alta Brown for 3 years, and 2 years in the Early Learning for Four Year Olds at Alta Brown also. I taught PreKinder at St. Mary School for the past 9 years. I have 2 daughters, Kristi and Yesi, both college students, and my husband Gil is a Trucking Company owner. I love to go to the movies and spending time with my family.

Literacy Integrated Family Engagement

Hello , my name is Sonia Duron and I am the Kansas Reading Roadmap Coordinator for Florence Wilson. I also run the after-school and summer programs. We have a program called LIFE stands for Literacy Integrated Family Engagement. This program is focused on bringing families together to support children's reading. LIFE strengthens bonds between parents and their children, and with other families and their schools. We have an 8 week session, one night a week for 2 hours. During that time we provide dinner, so you will not need to worry about making dinner once a week. There will be rec time for the kids , activities for parents. A one on one with your child and parent groups. We also have books and prizes each night. This is a program that you are going to love and is completely FREE! We plan to start September 27 and will run every Monday for 8 weeks.

I have 4 spots open spaces are limited. Your child does not need to attend the after school program to participate. If you would like to be a part in this or would like more info my office number is 805-7446 or email me at duronsonia@gckschools.com you will not want to miss out on this amazing program.

I will be contacting you to let you know if you will be in the program and give more information regarding start date.

Science Classes Plan Interesting Lessons

Zoo Visits! One of the favorite activities in Science class is when the zoo visits! In the next couple weeks, the zoo will be visiting all the grades during their Science class. And they always bring animals!

Kindergarten will be learning about habitat. 1st graders already had their visit. The zoo lady brought a tarantula and a dove.

Very exciting! 2nd grade will be discussing seed dispersers. For 3rd grade, the students will learn about how animals grow. And finally, 4th grade will learn about senses.

It's always a fun day when the zoo comes

Student Council

We are gearing up for our Student Council to get underway again this year. Two students from each third and fourth grade class will be selected. At semester a new set of students will have an opportunity to serve second semester. This year we are going to have a President and Vice President. The students interested in these positions will give a speech to the student body and then students will cast their ballots. We feel this will give our students first hand experience in listening to speeches and how the voting process works.

Our STUCO members greet students in the morning, assist in the cafeteria, lead morning announcements, help with movie nights and other fundraisers and give input to the staff about student wants and issues.

PTO News

Don't forget to snap your receipts using the Shoparoo app.

PTO meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00 everyone is encouraged to attend.

Candy bar sales run from Sept. 4th through the 18th. The proceeds from the sales will go to buy technology for our building.

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Soaring Eagles

Our Soaring Eagles Club is a service oriented group that meets once a month to complete projects to enhance the lives of others. This group is for second through fourth grade students. The students meet after school and during this time they learn about the organization they are helping.

Some of the projects we have completed in the past two years have been making blankets for the Linus Project, collecting items for Stocking for Soldiers and stuffing the stockings and preparing them for shipping, making Easter baskets and encouraging notes for children who would be spending Easter in the hospital, making gifts and reading to the residents at a senior living complex.

We are very proud of the students and their willingness to help others. If you know of an organization that could benefit from this type of project please let us know. Parents if you are passionate about a cause and would like to help out please contact the school as we would like to continue to grow this group.

This year we are stressing We before Me. Our intent is to teach the kids to recognize the needs of others and how to help those in need.

WAYS TO ENCOURAGE GROWTH MINDSET

STOP SAYING
"You are so smart"

AND START SAYING...

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1. You tried really hard on that.
 2. You never gave up, even when it was hard.
 3. You have such a positive attitude.
 4. You have really improved on _____.
 5. What a creative solution to that problem!
 6. You work very well with your classmates.
 7. What a great friend you are!
 8. I love how you took ownership of that!
 9. That was a very responsible thing you did.
 10. I like the way you are doing _____.
 11. I admire the way you _____.
 12. You really handled that situation well because _____.
 13. It was brave of you to _____.
 14. I love that you are always prepared for class.
 15. You did a great job of helping _____ with her assignment.
 16. You have taken great care of your desk/locker/book.
 17. You remembered to bring _____ to class! Great job!
 18. I know I can trust you because _____.
 19. I can tell you studied very hard!
 20. I appreciate how helpful you were when you _____.
 21. You did a great job of participating today!
 22. I could tell you worked well with your group because _____.
 23. It is so nice that you value other people's opinions.
 24. I can tell you tried your very best because _____.
 25. You really encouraged your classmates today when you _____.
 26. What a creative way to solve that problem!
 27. You are not afraid of a challenge! I like that!
 28. You thought of that all by yourself!
 29. You remembered to _____ (specific skill)! Great thinking!
 30. I am so proud that you made that choice.

THIRD GRADE UPDATE

We have enjoyed having Mrs. Jackson here while Mrs. Lollar has been out on maternity leave. She has been a wonderful addition to begin this school year. We look forward to Mrs. Lollar returning next week and hearing all about her baby boy. Third Grade students have been working on classroom procedures and expectations, CHAMPS procedures throughout the building and working on being SUPER HEROES in many aspects of our day. How can we help others? How do we do our best work? What is role model behavior?

Academically we began working with multiplication- taking skip counting and repeated addition from last year's strengths as a foundation for multiplication and ultimately division. Ask your student what his/her favorite "Black Lagoon" book was as we used these titles to help prepare us for ELA centers.

Wishing you all the best and please contact your child's teacher if you ever have questions or concerns.

READING TO YOUR CHILD

Reading aloud to our youngsters helps to build reading skills.

Many times our children like to read the same types of stories over and over. Repetition is great for prereading skills. However, try to read different genres, different types of books such as fiction and non-fiction to your child so they are exposed to the variety of books to choose from. You might read Winnie the Pooh and then a non-fiction book about bears. Compare the pictures, the different types of food Winnie eats versus a real bear, the habitat they both live in. This way your child will understand that some books were meant for enter-

tainment while others are informational.

Make reading fun too. Change up your voice to match the characters. Substitute your child's name for the main character and add other family members names in as well.

If your child has older siblings, bring books along to activities and read while waiting for practices to finish or between games.

You'll make memories during these opportunities.

Happy
Grandparents
Day

