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Monday, May 19, 2025

- **Field Trips**
 - Spring has brought a flurry of field trips for all grade levels. Students have been exploring the Pipestone National Monument, the Public Library, First Bank and Trust, Pizza Ranch, Ecology Bus to Split Rock, Great Plains Zoo, the Butterfly House, and much more. These trips provide hands-on learning experiences for our elementary students.
- **Teacher Appreciation Week**
 - Teacher Appreciation Week was the week of May 5th - 9th. This week we celebrated the incredible staff at the elementary with treats, a staff grill out, words and actions filled with gratitude and spirit. The Elementary Booster Club provided our staff with a coffee bar.
- **Book Fair**
 - The Book Fair was Tuesday, May 6th - Thursday, May 8th. Our spring Book Fair was a big success, drawing families into the school and encouraging a love of reading. Students had the opportunity to purchase new books for home.
- **Art Show**
 - The 3rd Annual Art Show took place on Wednesday, May 7th from 5 - 7pm and featured a captivating Rainforest theme. Creative artwork from students in JK through 5th grade was proudly displayed, transforming the space into a vibrant black light gallery. Families explored an impressive array of student-created rainforest animals and ecosystems, brought to life through various artistic mediums. The event celebrated the importance of the arts in education and gave students a meaningful opportunity to showcase their talent and creativity.
- **Literacy Night**
 - Literacy Night, held on Wednesday, May 7th from 5 - 7pm, was a vibrant and well-attended community event focused on promoting essential literacy skills in a fun and interactive way. Students participated in a variety of hands-on literacy activities, and proudly shared their published books created during the school year. The evening fostered connections between home and school and the vital role families play in supporting literacy development.
- **Family and Community Engagement**

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- Ongoing efforts to involve families and community members is important. OM Wednesday, May 7th from 5 - 7pm our school held a family and community engagement event as our school continues to prioritize building strong relationships that support student growth and well-being. We had four community booths for families to visit sharing what they have to offer families this summer.
- **Carson's Cause**
 - On Wednesday, May 7th, 5th grade students participated in a Carson's Cause assembly. This community-driven initiative based in Luverne, Minnesota, focused on promoting youth mental health awareness. The presentation encouraged open conversations about emotional well-being, helped students recognize signs of mental health struggles, and introduced accessible resources for support. This meaningful event supported our ongoing commitment to student wellness and mental health education.
- **CLIMB Theatre**
 - The Booster Club has been raising money all year to provide this experience for our students and staff. The CLIMB Rallies are engaging and interactive assemblies that address topics like bullying and mental health by teaching skills like: empathy, manners, perseverance, ownership, well being, and self-regulation. CLIMB Rallies for students in JK - 5th grade will take place Monday, May 19th.
- **NWEA and DIBELS Testing**
 - Spring benchmarking with NWEA MAP and DIBELS assessments is underway. All students will be finished by Friday, May 23rd.
- **Field Day Events**
 - Field Day activities have been a fun end-of-year tradition filled with games, sports, teamwork, and fun. Each grade band has its own day to participate in age-appropriate events:
 - 5th Grade – Friday, May 9, 2025 - all day event
 - 2nd–4th Grade – Thursday, May 22, 2025 - afternoon event
 - JK–1st Grade – Friday, May 23, 2025 - afternoon event
- **Last Day of School – Friday, May 23, 2025 at 1:00pm**
 - The end of the school year is fast approaching. The last day will be on Friday, May 23, 2025 at 1:00pm. I am SO proud of all the growth and accomplishments our students and staff have achieved this year. We have INCREDIBLE students, staff, and families!

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● Summer School Dates:

- To support continued learning beyond the school year, we are offering a focused Literacy Week from June 9th - 13th. This week will provide targeted instruction and enrichment for students needing additional support or a boost in their reading and writing skills. Activities will include small group instruction, interactive literacy games, read-alouds, and writing workshops. The goal is to maintain and strengthen foundational literacy skills to prevent summer learning loss. Invitations were extended based on student data from NWEA and DIBELS assessments.
- Our Math Week will take place from June 23rd - 27th and is designed to reinforce key math concepts through engaging, hands-on learning experiences. Students will participate in math stations, problem-solving challenges, and real-world applications of math concepts. This week will also include math fluency practice and collaborative group activities. The program aims to build confidence and prepare students for success in the upcoming school year.

Current Enrollment

Preschool 3/4 year old	34	Preschool 4/5 year old	60	JK	11
Kindergarten	87	1st Grade	87	2nd Grade	72
3rd Grade	82	4th Grade	83	5th Grade	84
Colony	12	Total Enrollment: 612			

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