

School Begins in Goodland USD 352, Monday, August 25

Buses will run • Lunch will be served

BACK 2 SCHOOL



The beginning of another school term is fast approaching. The **First Day of School** will be Monday, August 25. This will constitute a full day, regular class schedule. We expect approximately 1,000 students, kindergarten through the twelfth grade, in attendance at the various centers.

There will be **one new certified staff member**. **She is:**
 Junior High
 Connie Prather, Counselor

Board of Education Members are:

- Dick Short, President
- Jane Philbrick, Vice President
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- Fritz Doke
- Marty Melia
- Danny Whalen
- Ron Schilling
- Marvin Selby,
- Superintendent of Schools

A lot of work has been completed over the summer months. Thanks to many who have diligently worked toward getting the new school year off to a good start.

Dates within the school calendar have been designated as **No School Days**. (See 2003-04 Back to School Calendar of Events Box). Dates and activities, such as parent-teacher conferences, inservices, athletic events, etc., are subject to change as a result of availability of certain personnel or weather conditions. Parents please make note of the **Daily School Hours**.

Questions

Central Elementary: 899-6558,
 1311 Main - Marshall Kennedy
North Elementary: 899-3912,
 700 East 4th - Yvonne Koehler
West Elementary: 899-6163,
 912 West 12th - Roberta Pianalto
Grant Junior High: 899-7561,
 11th & Montana - Linda Enfield
Goodland High School: 899-5656,
 1209 Cherry - Patty Howard

Sports Participation

Any junior or senior high school student wishing to participate in fall sports (cross country, volleyball, football, cheerleading, or twirling) must have a physical examination form signed by both a doctor and his/her parents or he/she will not be allowed to participate. The first day of practice for fall sports is August 18. Doctors' offices in Goodland have forms available and it is the student's responsibility to make arrangements for his/her physical examination.

Although serious injuries in athletics are infrequent, any serious injury is catastrophic to the injured student, his/her family, and the school itself. USD 352 wishes to advise parents of athletic participants of the risk of debilitating injury while participating in athletics. Cheerleading, twirling and drill team groups have also had severe injuries during the course of their participation. An estimate is that annually there are about 35 quadriceps/deaths from heatstroke, and 1-20 deaths from spinal/head injuries (drowning, heart attacks, etc.). A rough estimate would be 60-70 deaths/disabling injuries per year from varsity sports, intramural sports, and physical education classes in colleges, high schools, and junior high schools. Football accounts for about 54% of the total, gymnastics for about 26%, wrestling for 9%, and the remaining 11% are distributed between baseball, basketball, diving, hockey, and track and field.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN IN DIFFERENT ATTENDANCE CENTERS MAY COMPLETE THE ENROLLMENT PROCESS FOR ALL STUDENTS AT ONE SCHOOL.

Immunizations: Sherman Co. Health Dept. 899-4888

Required Immunizations **PRIOR** to Kindergarten entry. Boosters - DPT, OPV & MMR. Students 15 years of age must have: Booster of TD (Tetanus Diphtheria) required every 10 years. School **MUST** have a record of the immunization date. Special Walk-In Immunization Clinic: Friday, August 22, 9 to 11:30 a.m..

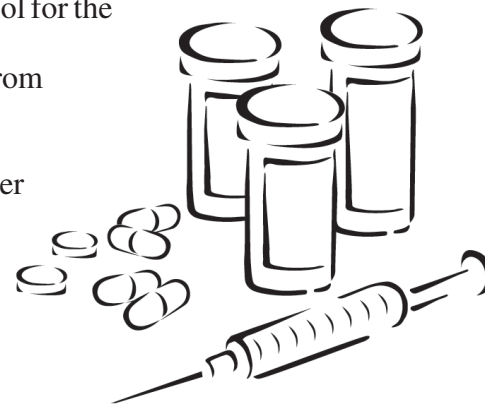
New Legislation passed in the 1994 Legislative session requires Child Health Assessment for new school entrants age eight and under. This includes preschool children enrolling in school for the first time.

The Child Health Assessment may be obtained from a family physician or from the Sherman County Health Dept.

The health assessment includes: Health history, physical exam and other screening tests as medically indicated. The provider determines which lab and other screening tests will be done.

Health assessment information should be forwarded to the school by the parent/guardian.

The health assessment needs to be done within 12 months prior to school entry or within 90 days after school entry.



Asbestos Issue in USD 352

Asbestos is an issue USD 352 has been dealing with for several years. The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act of 1986 was enacted by Congress. This Act determines the extent of and develops solutions for any problems schools may have with asbestos. USD 352 has recently had their facilities inspected by a certified asbestos inspector. The inspector located, sampled, and rated the condition and hazard potential of material and lab analysis records were turned over to a certified management planner to develop asbestos management plans. A copy of the asbestos management plan is available for your inspection in USD 352's Administration offices during regular business hours. Chuck Lutters is the asbestos coordinator of USD 352. All inquiries regarding the plan should be directed to him. USD 352 is implementing the asbestos management plan. It is the District's intent to comply with federal, state and local regulations. USD 352 plans on taking whatever steps are necessary to insure your child and the District's employees have a healthy and safe environment in which to learn and work.

**5th & 6th at North School
 Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd at West School
 3rd & 4th at Central School**

Elementary Enrollment:

Elementary enrollment will take place at Central, North, and West School between the hours of **8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** and from **12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.** - **Aug. 11-15**. A parent or guardian must be present to complete the enrollment for an elementary child. Proof of birth and immunization records are required for enrollment. Social Security cards are requested for enrollment in kindergarten even if previously presented at the kindergarten screening. All new students age 8 and under will be required to have a health assessment.

K-6 in Town Transportation

7:20 a.m. & 3:20 p.m. - West to Central and North, North to Central and West.

High School Practice Schedules Monday, August 18

H.S. Football Practice	12:01 a.m. and 6p.m.
H.S. Volleyball Practice	6 a.m. and 6 p.m.
H.S. Cross Country Practice (Meet at High School Gym)	6:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
Girls' Tennis	7 a.m.
Girls' Golf	6 a.m and 4 p.m. August 19, 2003

School Nutrition Program

In addition to our regular school lunch, a breakfast program will be offered in all schools for all students. Meal prices are the same. Extra milk price increased.

	Lunch	Breakfast
Preschool - 6	\$1.35	\$.75
7-8	\$1.45	\$.80
9-12	\$1.50	\$.80
Adults	\$2.50	\$1.20
Extra Milk	\$.25	\$.25

Reduced prices remain the same - lunch \$.40 and breakfast \$.30.

Students to Finalize Enrollment in Goodland USD 352 August 11-15, 2003

2003-04 Back-To-School Calendar of Events

August 2003
11-15 - Students finalize enrollment
11 - Enrollment for new students in USD 352
18 - First day of practice for H.S. fall sports...football, cross country & volleyball
Bring physical forms along
15 - Jr. High football checkout - 8th grade, 9:00 a.m.
 Jr. High football checkout - 7th grade, 10:00 a.m.
15 - Jr. High volleyball checkout - 8th grade, 1:00 p.m.
 Jr. High volleyball checkout - 7th grade, 1:30 p.m.
18 - Jr. High football & volleyball, 7th & 8th,
20 - Jr. High Cross country practice in the High School gym
18 - New teacher orientation, Administration Building, 8:00 a.m.
19-22 - Teacher/Staff inservice workdays
25 - **First Day of School** (full day) Buses will run on regular route time
11 - HS Football Checkout - 7:00 p.m.
21 - HS Football PRIDE Drill - 7:00 p.m. (Public Invited)

September:
1 - **Labor Day** / No School

October:
6 - Inservice Day / No School
27 - 1/2-Inservice-1/2 Teacher Workday-No School
30 - K-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences (4 - 8 p.m.)
31 - K-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences (8 a.m. - noon)

November:
26 - No School- Inservice
27-28 - **Thanksgiving Vacation**

December:
22-31 - **Winter Vacation**

January 2004:
5 - School resumes

16 - 1/2 Teacher Inservice-1/2-Teacher Work Day

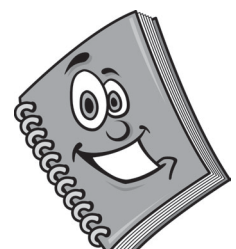
February:
16 - Inservice Day / No School

March:
19 -1/2 Teacher Inservice-1/2 Teacher Work Day-No School
22-26 - **Spring Break**

April
1 - K-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences (4 - 8 p.m.)
2 - K-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences (8 a.m. - noon)

May:
15 - High School Graduation
27 - Last Day of School (full day)
May 28, June 1-3...Storm days if needed

USD 352 School Calendar lists Thursday, May 27, as the **Last Day of School**, which under favorable weather conditions would attain the 1116 hours required. The May 28, June 1-3 dates are insurance days toward meeting this requirement. The 2003-04 School Calendars, listing the major scheduled events of the year, will be available for distribution to students when finalizing their enrollment. Interested school patrons may pick up a copy at the First National Bank, Eklund's Insurance Agency, Collingwood Grain Inc., Bankwest, Shores Bros. Auto Supply Inc or Frontier Equity. The Board of Education has provided a limited insurance program to cover all students in all scheduled school functions including travel to and from school or related activities. This is a limited amount policy which pays reasonable and customary charges as listed within the student group coverage policy. This insurance coverage is restrictive in that the policy pays claims only after a student's initial insurance and/or when charges are in excess of other insurance coverage; however, only to the extent considered reasonable and customary and as provided within the policy.



Grant Junior High

Monday, August 11-New Students
 8th Grade Enrollment
Tuesday, August 12-7th Grade Enroll
Friday, August 15-Football-Volleyball Checkout
 8th Grade Football-9:00
 7th Grade Football-10:00
Friday, August 15-8th Grade Volleyball-1:00
 7th Grade Volleyball-1:30

Monday, August 18
 First Day of Practice
Enrollment procedure:
 (1) Students/parents pick up forms in the hallway.
 (2) Junior high students who have questions about their class schedule or who need a schedule should see Mrs. Prather, the counselor. New students will work with Mrs. Prather in making out a schedule and getting T.A. and locker assignments.
 (3) The basic required textbooks will be provided for the students. However, there are special class and athletic fees, which will be paid by the student. These fees should be paid in the office.
Fees for 2003-04
Special Fees:
 Art Block. (7th grade) \$ 3.00
 Art II. (year) \$15.00
 PE towel fee \$6.00
 School Yearbook \$10.00
 Athletic Fee: \$ 3.00
 (covers all sports)

(4) Complete the Grant Junior High Pupil Registration sheet and return to Mrs. Enfield. At enrollment, Grant Junior High students will be given a planner, which includes a daily assignment book, a calendar of events, and the school's hand book, as well as numerous reference pages.

(5) **Students may not leave campus during lunch, unless their parent picks them up and returns them to school.** Students must sign out in the office each time they leave and return. Bus and physical forms will also be turned in to Mrs. Enfield.

(6) Upon completion of enrollment, students are encouraged to locate their assigned classrooms and lockers as well as become acquainted with the building. There will be student guides to help in locating rooms and lockers.

(7) Parents are encouraged to accompany their student(s), so questions they have can be clarified at this time. Be sure you have up-to-date health records for the school files. If you have information for your child's health records, please put it in writing and hand it to Mrs. Enfield. New students must complete the health form.



The building principals of USD 352 have set up the following recom- mended procedure for finalizing student enrollment.

Access to Student Records

Goodland Unified School District 352 will comply with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, as it regards educational records of students of the district. The Act grants the parents or guardians of any student the right to review the educational records of any dependent student. This right is granted to the student rather than the parents or guardians upon the student becoming eighteen (18) years of age.

Upon receipt of a written request to review a student's records, school personnel will provide the requested records as soon as possible and in no event later than forty-five (45) days following the request. Parents or guardians will be granted a hearing if they wish to challenge the content of their children's educational records.

Forms requesting access to student records are available upon request at each of the schools.

Schools may make directory information available without parent or eligible student consent. Directory information includes the following information about students:

1. Student's name, address, telephone number, and date of birth.
2. Student's major field of study.
3. Student's participation in officially recognized activities and sports.
4. Weight and height of members of athletic teams.
5. Date of attendance.
6. Degrees and awards received.
7. Most recent educational agency or institution attended.

If you do not wish any or all of the above information regarding your child to be released, a request not to release the information must be in writing and directed to the principal's office of your child's school within two weeks of first attendance each year. Except for the directory information, all student records are handled in a confidential manner. You will be informed of any transfer of such records in the event your child changes schools or in the event records are requested by judicial order for use in court.

A record will be kept of any authorized group or organization requesting access to a student's records and will be included with the student's educational records. All certified school staff have authorized access to records of students with whom they work.

Complete federal guidelines regarding the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act are on file in the principal's office of each school and are available for your inspection.

Daily School Hours

7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Teachers on duty.
 7:50 a.m. - High School classes begin.
 7:50 a.m. - Elementary School classes begin.
 8:00 a.m. - Junior High School classes begin.
 11:00 a.m. - Morning Kindergarten/Early Childhood Development classes dismissed.
 12:10 p.m. - Afternoon Kindergarten/Early Childhood Development classes begin.
 3:20 p.m. - Elementary School classes dismissed
 3:20 p.m. - High School classes dismissed
 3:25 p.m. - Junior High School classes dismissed.
 Lunch periods vary from building to building. Check with the building principal for information.

Bus Transportation and Routes

USD 352 will be transporting approximately 300 students. Cooperative compliance with Kansas School Transportation Laws and USD 352 Board of Education Student Transportation Guidelines is a must in fairness to all concerned. Bus students will receive a copy of these rules.

It is the policy of the Board of Education to provide transportation for all students outside the city limits. Regular bus routes are maintained. In some cases it will be necessary that students meet the bus at some point other than their home, depending on road and weather conditions.

Get to know your bus driver, so you may communicate with him or her when problems arise. Routes are determined by many factors which include road conditions, home of driver, number of children in the area, and the least miles needed to be driven to pick up and return all children. Rather than list all of the bus routes, drivers will contact you by phone or in person and let you know the bus number and approximate time of pickup. New persons on bus routes must contact the USD 352 Bus Barn (phone: 899-3011) to be placed on a bus route. Whenever regular bus route transportation is impractical, mileage will be paid in lieu of transportation. **All private transportation must be approved in advance before payments will be approved by the Board of Education.** NO exception. If a bus is not available to pick up a student, private transportation will be reimbursed at the rate of 10¢ per mile.

There can be mix-ups the first day of school. If you have any questions, please call Bob Harkins (phone: 899-3011) or the USD office (phone: 899-2397) and every effort will be made to resolve any difficulties. Remember, however, adjusting your schedule so your child can be picked up later or taken home earlier, means someone else's schedule also must be adjusted. As everyone must realize, someone has to get on the bus first in the morning and get home last at night.

See K-6 Bus Schedule in the Grade School portion of this ad.

Message Machine

The Administration Building has a message machine available for patron use, (785)899-8507, with recorded messages regarding any change from normal routine. If there is no message, everything is as scheduled. Examples of messages would be regarding school closing, buses needing to run mud routes only, bus schedule changes, such as earlier or later departure and arrival times including the activity buses, and any athletic schedule changes.

Equal Rights

USD 352, Goodland, Kansas, in compliance with the Executive Order 11246; Title II of the Education Amendments of 1976; Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended by the Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1972; Title IX Regulation Implementing Education amendments of 1972; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; and all other federal, state, school rules, laws, regulations and policies, the Goodland Unified School District 352, Sherman County, Kansas, shall not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin, or handicap in the education programs or activities, which said district operates. It is the intent of the Goodland Unified School District 352 to comply with both the letter and spirit of the law, in making certain discrimination does not exist in its policies, regulations, and operations. Grievance procedures for Title IX and Section 504 have been established for students, their parents, and employees who feel discrimination has been shown by Unified School District 352, Goodland, Kansas, Sherman County. Specific complaints of alleged discrimination under Title IX (sex) or Section 504 (handicap) should be referred to:

USD 352 Administration Building
 Title IX and Section 504 Coordinator
 The above named can be contacted by dialing (785)899-2397.
 Title IX complaints can also be filed with the Office for Civil Rights: Regional Office for Civil Rights
 324 East 11th Street
 Kansas City, Missouri 64106

All students attending Goodland Unified School District 352 may participate in educational programs and activities including, but not limited to, health, physical education, music, and vocational and technical education, regardless of race, color, national origin, age, handicap, or sex.

Needs of Exceptional Students are BEING MET

State and federal legislation specifies that all exceptional children have a right to a free public education based on their needs. Local schools must identify all exceptional children and provide the needed special education in the least restrictive educational environment possible. Exceptional children are defined as mentally retarded, specific learning disabled, gifted, hearing impaired, language or speech impaired, personally and socially maladjusted, physically impaired, multiple handicapped, deaf, and visually impaired. USD 352 does provide for the above, and where necessary, calls upon support agencies for additional assistance. The above is in keeping with district goals and philosophy to provide a quality educational program for all children. Parents are informed immediately upon referral of their student for special education services with the assurance that parent and student due process rights and confidentiality will be maintained. The school's regular and special education personnel work closely with the student's parents throughout all steps, from testing and evaluation, writing an individual educational program for the identified student, and determining placement. If the parents disagree with the school's special service team's decision, they may request a due process hearing. This is usually not necessary if the school personnel and the parents work toward that which they have in common - the welfare of the student.

Additional information concerning USD 352's Special Education Program can be obtained by contacting your student's attendance center

