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The Cottonwood Chronicle

Working Together - Learning Together

A Note From the Principal

Dear Cottonwood Families,

The holiday season is quickly approaching. Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday of the year. It is a time to spend with family, eat good food and watch football. It is also a time to be grateful for what we have been given. An attitude of gratitude is a great lesson we should spend time teaching our children and it is also a lesson we should teach by example. Thankfulness, appreciation and unselfishness are all words that go hand in hand with gratitude. Spend some time over the holidays discussing the reasons why we should all have an attitude of gratitude.

Thank you, Kyle Griffitts

Upcoming Events

Dec 4 - Cottonwood Holiday Program

Grades 3 & 4

Dec 5 - Cottonwood Holiday Program

Grades 1 & 2

Dec 7 - Cottonwood Family University Day

Dec 20-Jan 2 - No School / Winter Break

Jan 3 - No School / Inservice

Jan 15 - No School

Fall Back
Daylight Saving Time Ends November 5

The first **Sunday of November** marks the time when Daylight Saving Time ends in the United States and Canada, and the clocks go backward one hour. This means that the days become shorter and it becomes dark earlier.

Daylight Saving Time ends on **Sunday, November 5, 2023, at 2:00 a.m.** At this time, we “fall back” one hour.

Thanksgiving Fun Facts

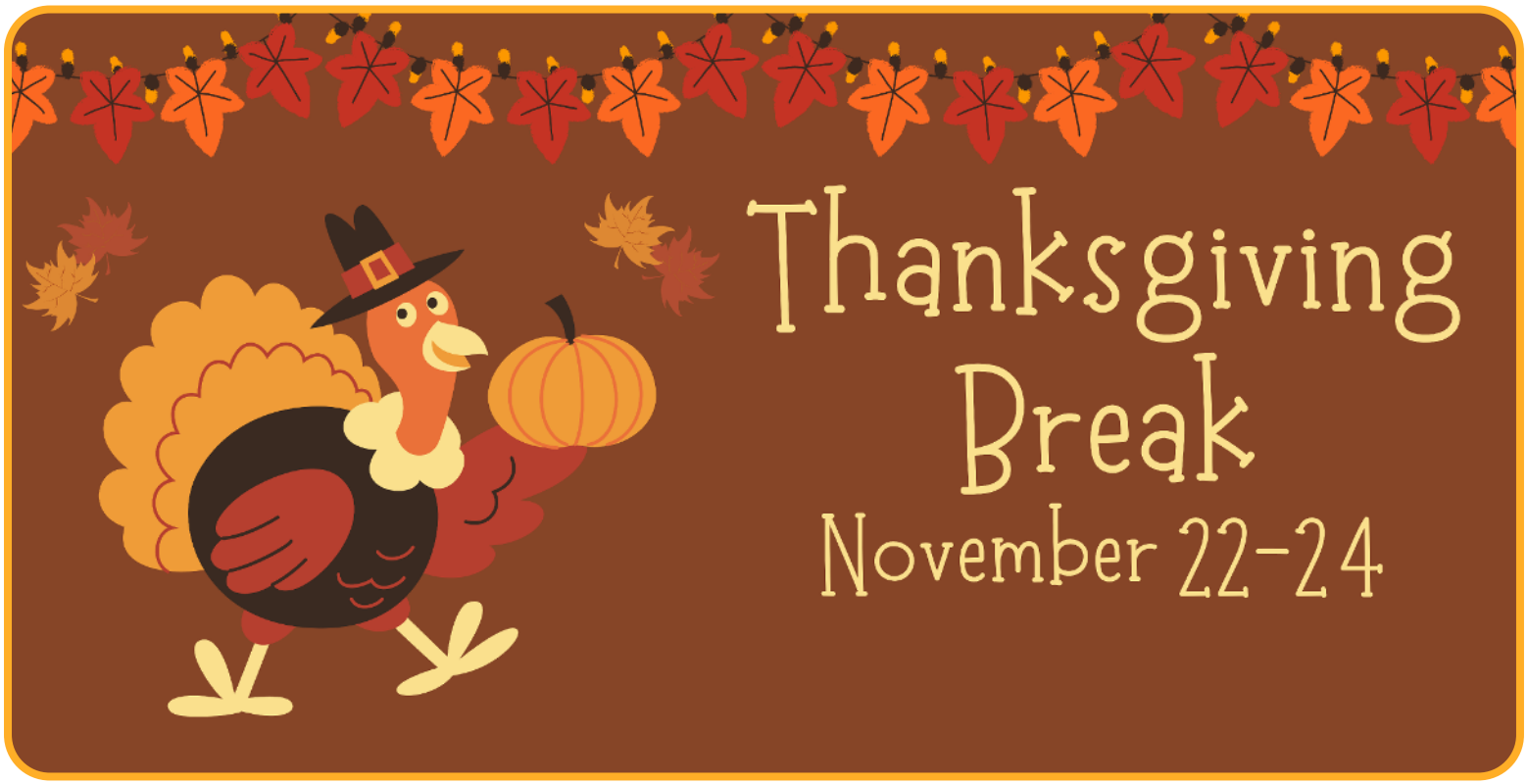
- "Jingle Bells" was originally a Thanksgiving Day song.
- The tradition of football on Thanksgiving began in 1876 with a game between Yale and Princeton.
- Snoopy has made the most appearances of any balloon in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.
- Thanksgiving leftovers led to the invention of iconic TV dinners.
- President George H. W. Bush was the first to pardon a turkey.

American Education Week

Take the time to celebrate greatness in your school community during November 13-17 for American Education Week! SPS is growing greatness and we wanted to share some of the latest news. Our district is proud of who we are and what we do!

- SPS is always looking for new and engaging ways to make STEM approachable and fun. At South Middle School, students are learning how to fix, fly, and fine tune their technical skills with the brand new Drone Club. Students meet once a week to practice using a simulator and take turns piloting the drones around the classroom.
- The Growing Greatness Award is a new program celebrating the staff in our buildings. Our very first winner in September was Jayne Benson, an FNS cook.

Check out our district social media pages from November 13-17 to learn more about the greatness that takes place every day, thanks to the amazing staff and community in our buildings.



William Allen White Children's Book Award Ceremony

The William Allen White Children's Book Award is the oldest statewide Children's book award in the United States.

It was established in 1952 by the late Ruth Garver Gagliardo, a children's literature specialist at Emporia State University.

To honor the memory of one of Kansas' most distinguished citizens, the award was titled The William Allen White Children's Book Award. William Allen White was an American author, politician, leader of the Progressive movement and the newspaper editor of The Emporia Gazette.

On October 7, Emporia State University held the William Allen White Book Award Ceremony.

Three students from Cottonwood Elementary School attended (20 students across the district).

Two students from Meadowlark Ridge Elementary were chosen to present the awards to the winners Lindsey Currie (Scritch Scratch author) and J.L. Esplin (96 Miles author).

Afterwards, students toured William Allen White's home and then visited Peter Pan Park.

5th Grade student, Lucas Mewhinney and Lindsey Currie (WAW Children's Book Award Winning Author of Scritch Scratch).

At Peter Pan Park, USD 305 students pose in front of a statue dedicated to William Allen White.

USD 305 students in front the William Allen White House before going on a tour of the historic home!

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2- CW Family University Day

5-Daylight Savings Time Ends

11-Veteran's Day - Thank You Veterans For Your Service!

22-24- No School/Thanksgiving Recess

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