Sabetha Elementary School



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Building Report September 2020 BOE Meeting

Open House: SES held an Open House for kindergarten and preschool students and parents on August 20, 2020. Students with last names A-K attended at 4:00-4:45 pm. Last names L-Z came from 5:00-5:45 Families were able to be introduced to homeroom teachers and become acquainted with their classroom.

Enrollment Numbers: As of September 8, 2020, SES has an enrollment number of 376 students. All of our students are being served on-site. Our breakdown by grade is:

PreK: 22

K: 67

1st: 55

2nd: 67

3rd: 48

4th: 59

5th: 58

Social Emotional Learning: K-5 teachers at SES utilize the Second Step curriculum to address the needs of students social-emotional development. The curriculum focuses on the four units of Skills For Learning, Empathy, Emotion Management, and Problem-solving. Weekly lessons are presented and reinforced throughout the week. During the past two weeks, students completed a pre-assessment over these areas. This same assessment will be given at the end of the year to help determine skill development throughout the year.

Kindergarten Readiness: SES has asked our kindergarten and preschool parents to complete both the ASQ-3 and ASQ-SE2 questionnaires to help assess student development upon entering kindergarten. In October 2015, the Kansas State Board of Education announced a new vision for education in Kansas, giving direction for a student-focused system and resources for individual success. The Board identified Kindergarten Readiness as one of the five outcome areas to measure progress and now expects every district in Kansas to utilize a developmentally appropriate snapshot tool beginning with the 2018-19 school year. The state selected these two Ages & Stages questionnaires as its assessment tool.

The goal of Kindergarten Readiness is to ensure that each student enters Kindergarten at age 5 socially, emotionally and academically prepared for success. To do this, Kansas must have common kindergarten entry data sets across all elementary schools.

The data from the questionnaires will be submitted to KSDE by September 20, 2020.

MTSS: Fastbridge assessments in the areas of reading and math are being administered during the testing window of August 26-September 9. This data, combined with spring information, will be reviewed to determine instructional supports needed by individual students. Instructional supports will be implemented beginning September 16. Adjustments will be made as needed. Analyzing this data will be the main agenda item during the September 14 PLC meeting.

Picture Day: School pictures were taken on Tuesday, September 1, 2020. All students and staff had their pictures taken. All picture orders will be placed online this year. This was our first year working with Inter-State Studios. Their professionalism and engaging interaction with our students was very much appreciated.

Early Release: Our first early release of the 2020-21 school year will be held on Monday, September 14, 2020. In order to allow for our PLC meeting on that afternoon, our afternoon session of preschool will be rescheduled for Friday, September 18, 2020. This is an adjustment to our normal weekly schedule. Our morning session will not have any schedule changes.

Upcoming Events:

September 14: Early Release/PLC
September 17: Constitution Day
September 22: SES Site Council
September 23: Progress Reports Issued