

**GARDEN PLAIN  
ELEMENTARY**

# The Owl



January 11, 2019

## UPCOMING DATES...

1/12 - CPMSL Semi-Finals Basketball Tournament @ GPHS 8th grade girls play @ 9:00

1/14 - CPMSL Championship Basketball game @ Conway Springs

1/14 - BOE Meeting @ 7:00 @ Central Office

1/15 - 4th - 8th School Spelling Bee @ GPE Gym @ 1:30

1/16 - Parent University on Yellow Ribbon @ 5:30 in Library

1/16 - HSO Meeting @ 7:00 in Library

1/16 - KIDS Bond Committee meeting @ Andale K of C building @ 7:00

1/17 - Scholar's Bowl @ Independent @ 4:30

1/18 - Student Advisory Council @ 11:30

1/21 - No School - Martin Luther King Jr Day

1/22 - 5th - 8th Geography Bee @ GPE Gym @ 1:30

1/24 - Scholar's Bowl @ Conway Springs

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## Campbell's Hoot & Holler

Welcome to the second semester! I've enjoyed listening to the students and talking with them about what they did over break. Our family time Wednesday focused on resolutions and goal setting. The students discussed character goals to make them a better person and academic goals to make them better students. Next week they will write their goals down in a booklet they made, signed by the rest of the family members to show support of everyone's goals. We will continue to revisit the goals to see if everyone is on track throughout the semester.

With basketball coming to a close, our upper elementary and middle school students start putting their

academic skills to the test. Battle of the Books competitions begin in February, Scholar's Bowl competitions begin next week, and we have our school Spelling Bee and Geography Bee in January. As always, we invite parents and family members to attend any event being hosted here. The Spelling Bee will be in the gym at 1:30 on January 15th and our Geography Bee will be in the gym at 1:30 on January 22nd. Come out and support our students putting their academics to the test!

Our next Parent University will be on January 16th at 5:30 in the Library. This night we will be explaining our suicide prevention program, Yellow Ribbon. This program will be presented to our middle school students on January 24th and we'd like parents to be informed with the same

information, allowing for good communication after we've discussed with the sixth through eighth graders. Even though only our middle school students will be taught the Yellow Ribbon Program, we encourage all parents to attend so you are aware as well.

Great things are happening this semester! We have our 100th day of school activities coming up, Kansas Teacher of the Year group will be visiting our STEAM class and Family time in February, we will be trying to pass a bond on April 2nd for safety and security, and in May we will have our community project night. Please be sure to check our social media and newsletters for all the wonderful things our students are accomplishing!

Jenny Campbell, Principal

### Language Arts Grades for Middle School

Language Arts will be entered as one grade going forward. We no longer have separate classes for writing and literature; it made more sense to combine those grades into one grade that will give a better evaluation of the students' overall performance in Language Arts. Assignments in the gradebook will be labeled as Writing, Reading/Literature, Grammar, and Vocabulary so students and parents can still track the different categories and skills that fall under Language Arts.

### Family One-Minute Share

"Share what you did or what you liked about the break."



Our Kindergarteners are **READING!!!**