

# THE WHEATLAND NEWS

## From Mr. Armbrister:

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- Conversations About School

### Drop Off

Families: We need your help. We are having an increase in children being dropped off to come into the office early or walking to school early, which causes a safety concern. Some are being dropped off 30-60min before school begins and told to go to the office. Please understand that staff are not on duty to supervise until 8:30. Children should not walk to school or be dropped off until 8:30. We

understand that you may have a situation that comes up causing scheduling problems, but we do not provide childcare in the office for students. Please respect this practice so that we can keep everyone safe. Thank you in advance for your help in adhering to this. Please let me know if you have questions.

The district does have a partnership with the YMCA to provide a latchkey program called "Key Academy" if you need childcare in the mornings or after school. You can contact the Andover YMCA if you have questions about the program. It is very convenient because the program is located in the building. Thank you.

### Conversations About School

I shared this a year or two ago and recently was reminded about the importance of how we need to make the time to talk with our children. Sometimes children simply need to be heard. If you have a child who is more introverted, simply asking questions can get them to open up to you. Research shows that supporting your child's education at home is extremely important. Here are [conversation starters](#) that will help you stay involved.

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“Let’s see what you brought home.”

Look at completed work to find out what your youngster is learning and how well they’re doing. You could comment on their math work or social studies project. (“You know a lot about our state’s history!”) Also, respond to notes from their teacher, and sign their weekly folder or daily planner if required.

“Show me what you have for homework.”

It’s your child’s job to do their homework, but you play a role, too. Make sure they know what they’re supposed to do by having them explain the assignments to you. After they finish their homework, glance over the work to see that it’s complete.

“Describe a book you enjoyed today.”

This gives you an idea of what your youngster prefers to read. Then, build a daily reading habit by asking what they would like to read tonight. Encourage their reading and listening skills by reading aloud to them and letting them read to you. Alternating pages is a great way to do this.

“Tell me what you learned that you’d like to know more about.”

This is my personal favorite! Use their interests as jumping-off points for activities to share. If they like science, you might hunt for insects together. If they’re fascinated by how animals adapt to winter, take them to the library to research the subject or to the zoo to see live animals.



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# COUNSELOR'S CORNER

A photograph of a light gray sofa in a room. To the left is a dark gray bookshelf with some books and a small plant. To the right is a large green plant. The background is a plain white wall.

**MRS. KAITLIN ADWELL**

The counselors from AMS will be coming to talk to the 5th grade students about 6th grade enrollment on March 23. Enrollment sheets are due back by Friday, March 27.

## Guidance

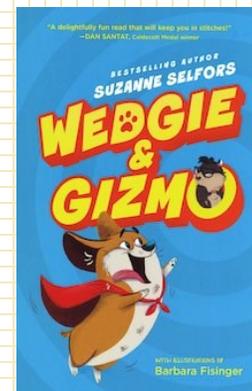
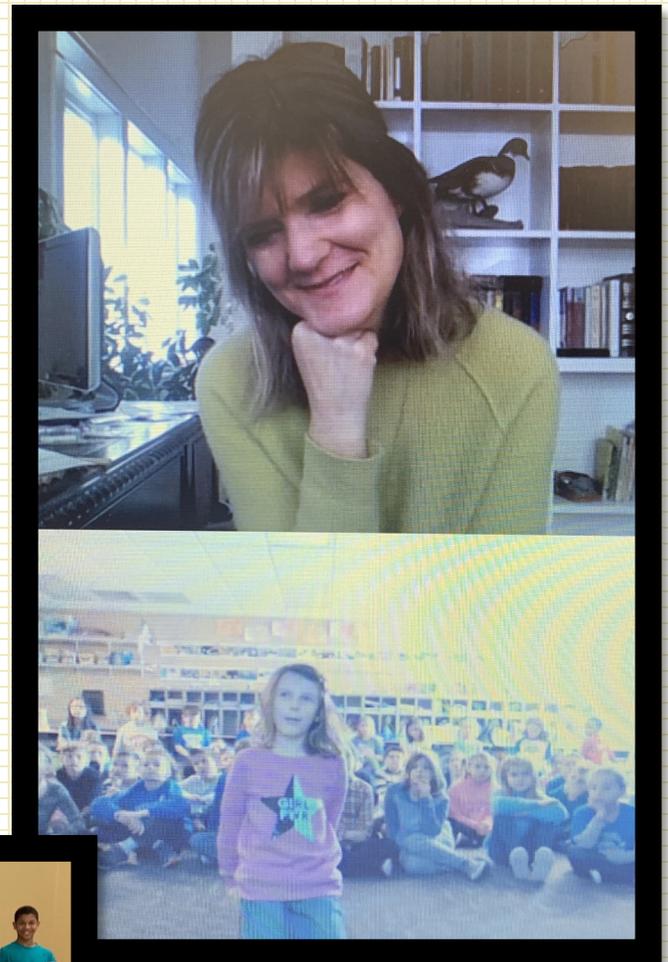
**3rd-5th:** We will be talking about how to prepare for the state assessments coming up in April. The students will play a fun game show to help them prepare for these tests!

**K-2nd:** We will be learning about personal safety with the help of the book “Smarter Than the Scoopers” by Julia Cook. If you would like more information about the book, feel free to visit <https://ncyi.org/product/smarter-than-the-scoopers/>

## One School, One Book

We wrapped up our One School, One Book title with a Skype with author Suzanne Selfors. Students were able to ask her questions and we learned that she did not become an author until age 39, has a new book coming out that she wrote with her son, and has a real-life Wedgie the dog. At an assembly, twelve students won a Wedgie and Gizmo prize pack which included copies of *Wedgie and Gizmo vs. the Toof*, and *Wedgie and Gizmo vs. The Great Outdoors* and a plush Wedgie the dog. Thank you to the Wheatland PTO for sponsoring our One School, One Book project!

~Mrs. Platzer, Library Media Specialist



# Wheatland Artists

**Congratulations to the following artists who have their art on display at the Andover Public Library (in no particular order):**

**Emily Y.**

**Grayson R.**

**Tanner R.**

**Nash R.**

**Lauren P.**

**Ethan S.**

**Alli Z.**

**Lively T.**

**Henry P.**

**Malak I.**

**Kendall S.**

**Tess E.**

**William H.**

**Miranda M.**

**Genevieve C.**

**Kyler L.**

**Pierce R.**

**Avery H.**

**Dotsie F.**

**Danielle D.**

**Millicent M.**

**Ella G.**

**Claire C.**

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**Rylee S.**

**Abby T.**

**Carter A.**

**Mia E.**

**Samantha S.**

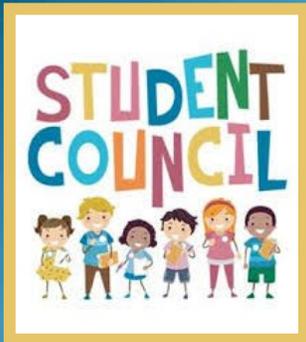
**Caitlin D.**

**Tasha P.**

**Fiona L.**

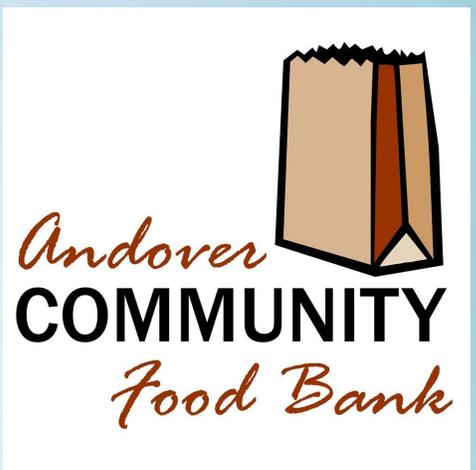
**Brenna R.**

**Hunter K.**



# What's Happening in Student Council this Month?

StuCo will be doing our Food Drive for Andover Food Bank March 6-31. We will be collecting pantry items and non-perishable food. The class with the most donations gets a free recess with Mr. Armbrister! Our school goal is to raise 1,000 pounds of donations. Here is a picture from last year when we donated over 900 pounds.



# IMPORTANT DATES

<b>MARCH 2</b>	Site Council, 4-5 pm in the WES Library
<b>MARCH 5</b>	StuCo Meeting, 3:45-4:30 pm
<b>MARCH 6-31</b>	StuCo Food Drive
<b>MARCH 12</b>	4th Gr. Skype Around the World End of 3rd Quarter
<b>MARCH 13</b>	No School—Professional Learning Day
<b>MARCH 16-20</b>	Spring Break
<b>MARCH 24</b>	PTO Meeting & Basket Wrapping, 6-7 pm Kindergarten Roundup, 6:30-7:30 pm
<b>MARCH 25</b>	1st Gr. Humane Society Classroom Visit, 2 pm
<b>APRIL 2</b>	StuCo Meeting, 3:45-4:30 pm
<b>APRIL 3</b>	PTO Family Fun Night 1st Gr.—Botanica Gotta Go! 9 am
<b>APRIL 6</b>	Site Council at Andover Dairy Queen, 4-5 pm
<b>APRIL 10</b>	Kindergarten Easter Egg Hunt, 9 am

# A MESSAGE FROM THE ESOL DEPARTMENT

## KELPA Testing and Information

The Kansas English Language Proficiency Assessment (KELPA) measures the English language proficiency of EL (English Learner) students. Kansas administers the KELPA to measure student progress toward such proficiency based on English Language Proficiency Standards. Each KELPA assessment is broken into four parts, corresponding with the four language domains: listening, reading, speaking, and writing. All students who are identified as ELs must take KELPA, whether or not they are receiving ESOL instructional services. Building test coordinators (counselors) and ESOL teachers will administer the KELPA to all EL students in grades K-12 between February 3rd and March 13th. EL students continue to qualify for services until they score “proficient” in all four language domains for one year.

## A note from the... HEALTH OFFICE

Shauna Hanna, RN & Karen Padzensky, Health Clerk

Students who have been diagnosed with influenza must stay home from school for at least 7 days from the onset of symptoms. They must be fever free without medicine for 24 hours before they can return to school.

# Kindergarten Roundup

Tuesday,  
March 24, 2020  
6:30 pm -  
7:30 pm

- For Andover School District residents.
- Children must be 5 years old by Aug. 31, 2020.

Learn about Andover's kindergarten programs and speak with teachers, transportation personnel, Parent-Teacher Organization and the YMCA Key Academy (latchkey).

Roundup is at your child's school!

(School Assignment Locator available at [usd385.org](http://usd385.org))

For more information, visit our website at [usd385.org](http://usd385.org) or call one of our elementary schools:

Cottonwood Elementary | 1747 N. Andover Rd | 316-218-4620  
Meadowlark Elementary | 1411 N. Main | 316-218-4630  
Prairie Creek Elementary | 654 YMCA Drive | 316-218-4830  
Robert Martin Elementary | 2342 N. 159th St | 316-218-4720  
Sunflower Elementary | 616 E. Douglas | 316-218-4730  
Wheatland Elementary | 15200 E. 21st St | 316-218-4820

Please bring the following for your child:

- Copy of birth certificate
- Immunization records
- Proof of residence

## Pre-Kindergarten Program

Available at Prairie Creek and Robert Martin elementaries. Apply at [usd385.org/prek](http://usd385.org/prek).

To qualify for state-funded Pre-K, children must be 4 years old by Aug. 31, 2020, AND meet at least ONE of these qualifications.

- Single-parent family
- Teen-parent family
- Low income
- Limited English speaking
- Parent with no high school diploma/GED
- Lower than expected developmental progress



Half-day, fee-based Pre-K is available for students ages 3, 4 or 5 years old by Aug. 31, 2020. Tuition is \$300 per month.

Full-day, fee-based Pre-K is available for 4-year-olds. Tuition is \$700 per month.

Visit [www.usd385.org/prek](http://www.usd385.org/prek) for more information.



Click for  
March  
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Menus



**PTO  
FAMILY FUN  
NIGHT!**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 3  
5:30-8:30 PM**



Enjoy your Spring Break!  
No School March 13-20