

Upcoming Events

In-person Enrollment for K-12:

Wednesday, Aug. 4
9am- 6pm, GMS Gym

Meet the Teacher Night at RVH:
Wednesday, Aug. 11, Time TBA

First Day of Classes:
Thursday, Aug. 12

Back to School Bash on the

Girard Square:
Friday, Aug. 13 from 6 - 9pm

GHS Fall Athletic Practice

Begins:
Monday, Aug. 16



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Girard Schools Welcome New Staff Members

Girard schools are excited to welcome several new staff members for the 2021-2022 school year.

At RVH Elementary, Heather Flannigan has 9 years experience in the Miami, OK district; she will be teaching 4th grade. Heather Culbertson, a recent PSU graduate from Gardner, KS, will be joining the 5th grade team. Linda Gage has 11 years experience, most recently at Southeast Middle/High Schools, and will be the K-2 Special Education teacher. Janel Frazier has 11

years experience; she will be the new Speech and Language Pathologist at RVH.

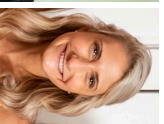
New to Girard Middle School are Cearrah Robin and Geoff Beatty. Ms. Robin, who has spent the last 4 years at Frontenac, will be teaching 8th Grade English and will coordinate the middle school yearbook. Mr. Beatty, who will be teaching 6th and 7th grade Social Studies and coaching MS football and boys basketball, has been teaching in Dewey, OK, for the last 4 years.

Girard High School welcomes two new staff members as well. Girard native Marachla Kugler will be teaching high school math. Katrina Froebe, a recent PSU graduate from Columbus, KS, will be teaching Girls Physical Education and Health.

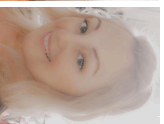
In addition to new staff, RVH 4th grade teacher Kim Curran is moving to grade 6th and 7th grade Social Studies and Anna Drenick is moving from Middle School English to High School English.



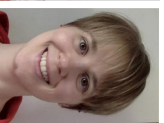
Heather Flannigan
4th Grade



Heather Culbertson
5th Grade



Linda Gage
K-2 SPED



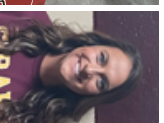
Janel Frazier
RVH Speech



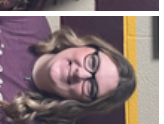
Cearrah Robin
8th Grade English



Geoff Beatty
6th/7th Social Studies



Katrina Froebe
GHS GHS PE/Health



Marachla Kugler
GHS Math

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Fall 2021

USD 248 Schools Plan a Safe Return to Normal

During the 2020-2021 school year, USD 248 School District pursued and maintained full-time in-person learning for our entire K-12 student population throughout the year while offering high-quality streaming remote learning for some students as needed. Many protocols were put in place to allow this to happen in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The district's goal as we enter the 2021-2022 school year is to continue full-time in-person learning, but to do so without many of the COVID-19 protocols that were deemed necessary during last school year. Given the extensive planning and logistical work done during the pandemic, USD 248 is well-positioned for a safe return for the upcoming school year. Although some

health protocols that were put in place during the last school year will remain in place for the 2021-2022 school year, the goal is to have Girard schools "look" like they did prior to COVID-19. Of particular interest to most students and parents is the question of mandatory masks. As of this writing, masks will not be required at school, but will be optional.

Again, this is assuming the current health climate continues in a positive direction. If it does not, USD 248 schools will amend the Return to School Plan accordingly based on past practices and guidance from our health officials. This plan is part of the American Rescue Plan (ARP), that the U.S. Congress requires of all school districts that receive ESSER III grants.

Outlined health and safety mitigation tactics will only be utilized for the 2021-2022 school year if required/recommended by local, state and federal guidelines. Our local Crawford County Health Officer will serve as our first point of contact for any possible health protocols that may or may not be put in place.

To maintain the health and safety of students and staff, this plan will address the universal correct wearing of masks (optional); the modification of facilities to allow for physical distancing; hand washing and respiratory etiquette; cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities; contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine (if needed); diagnostic and

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screening (as needed); efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities; appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and coordination with state and local health officials. To ensure continuity of services, this plan will address services related to student academic needs, as well as students and staff social/emotional/mental health and other needs which may include student health and food services. Patrons can read the entire

to seek input/guidance on any changes that may need to be made. The USD 248 Board of Education and administrative team are so grateful for the support and cooperation of district patrons throughout the past year as we worked to keep our school buildings open during the COVID-19 pandemic. It was a challenge for our staff, students and parents, but the many steps taken to keep our school buildings open for face-to-face instruction were well worth it!

Enrollment Information for USD 248 Students

USD 248 is excited to announce online enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year. A letter and/or email will be sent to parents of returning students by the end of July with instructions on how to use the PowerSchool Parent Portal for enrollment. New students can enroll online by going to www.grand248.org and clicking "New Student Enrollment" under "News". New students are asked to bring in a recent physical (done within the last 12 months) and documentation of their immunizations if possible, either at the in-person enrollment or on the first day of school.

An enrollment fee of \$30 per student will be collected upon enrollment. However, qualifying families may have these fees waived if they fill out the Home Economics Survey in the online enrollment process. Credit cards will be accepted for an additional 3.64% fee. If internet access is not available, enrollment can be completed at the district's in-person enrollment on Wednesday, August 4th from 9:00am to 6:00pm in the GMS gymnasium. Students, grades 6 and up, will be issued an iPad at enrollment or on the first day of school. Parents will have the option of paying an additional \$50 technology fee, which allows their child 24/7 access to the iPad checked out to them. Please note that this technology fee is an annual usage fee only, which

helps offset the cost/depreciation of the iPads. It is not an insurance policy; it does not purchase the iPad, and it will not be applied toward any necessary repairs to the device. Damage to the device will be charged to the parents. If the iPad/Device user policy has been signed by both the student and the parent, and all current and past due enrollment and technology fees have been paid by the first day of school, the student will be allowed 24/7 access to the device. If not, the student will check in the iPad at the end of each school day. New students who pay the 24/7 access fee will be issued an Apple Certified 12W USB Power Adapter and an Apple Lightning to USB Charging Cable. Students who were 24/7 last year will continue to use their previously issued Power Adapter and Charging Cable. These items will be kept by the student for the duration of the iPad cycle or until the student leaves the district, and must be replaced if lost or damaged. Students will be expected to purchase a replacement from USD 248 or Apple if either item becomes inoperable for any reason. Students grades Preschool through 5 will not have the 24/7 access option.

The following services will also be available at the district's in-person enrollment on Wednesday, August 4th. Food services director, Koray Kimrey, will be on hand with

information and forms pertaining to food services. He will also be available to offer assistance with the Home Economics Survey. Transportation department director, Rick Neil, will be present to answer busing questions. School district nurse, Tara Bowin, will address immunizations, food allergies, Emergency Care Plans, and any other medical issues. Parents are also asked to see her if their child will be taking any prescription medication(s) at school.

The Dental Clinic from Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas will have representatives present to address any questions or concerns about the services they provide at school. Staff from the Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas will be on hand from 10:00am to 6:00pm, offering free physicals as well as immunizations. They will also provide COVID vaccinations - first or second shots - for students (12 and older) with signed parental consent, and to any individual that wishes to receive it. We hope that you will join us in telling these medical professionals "Thank You!" for the free services.

Classes resume for all USD 248 students on Thursday, August 12. We look forward to seeing you!

RVH News

RVH SUMMER PROGRAM

The RVH summer program was offered for four weeks in June, Monday-Thursday from 8:00-11:00 to kindergarten-5th grade students. There were 64 students enrolled. Students were offered academic support, along with enrichment and fun activities each day. Taylor, Bernot, Christa Meyer, Sabrina Murphy, Hilary Rieck, Lindsay Schossow, and Missy Sisany provided instruction to these students throughout the four weeks. Focus items included math facts, reading fluency, and comprehension, and sight word practice. We also offered a reading challenge for the students to practice reading at home over the summer.



The Kindergarten JumpStart program began on July 30th and was in session for four weeks. Monday-Thursday from 8:00-11:00. This program provided incoming kindergarten students an opportunity to prepare for the new school year and work with Lindsay Schossow, Christy O'Brien, and Joanna Rose on beginning skills in reading and math. An extended school year was offered to current preschool students. This summer program was held June 7th - 24th from 8:00-11:00. Monday-Thursday. Intercol staff offered these students an opportunity to practice foundational skills and work on building these skills each day.

LITERACY TRAINING

RVH teachers will have an opportunity to attend a literacy training on-site in July. The focus will include instructional practice, literacy framework, and building connections across the grade levels.

GMS News

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

The new school year brings added excitement with the thought of getting back to "normal." As students enter the building on the first day, they should place their belongings in their locker. If eating breakfast at school, they should go to the cafeteria, then report to the gym. Teachers will be in the hallways to help new students with lockers and navigating the building.

WELCOME NEW STAFF!

We have three new teachers in the building: Mrs. Robin - 8th grade English, Mr. Beary - 6th and 7th grade social studies, and a familiar face will be joining us, Mrs. Curran - 6th and 7th grade reading.

GMS PLANNERS

All students will be given a planner on the first day of school. This is a great tool for students to stay organized. Students can use the planner to write down assignments, important dates, and keep track of schedules. Parents are encouraged to look over the planner each night to see what their students are doing in class, and to encourage students to complete any homework that is assigned.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

All 7th and 8th grade students are encouraged to participate in extra curricular activities. Fall sports include football and volleyball. All students who are planning to participate must have a physical on file before being allowed to practice.



GHS News

DUAL CREDIT CLASSES

The following concurrent enrollment college classes will be offered to GHS juniors and seniors this year during the fall semester through Pittsburg State University and Fort Scott Community College, as noted: English 101 (PSU), American Government (FSCC), General Literature (PSU), and Performance Appreciation (PSU). All classes are offered for three college credits.

Students taking classes through PSU must apply for admission online (some seniors will have already done this if they previously took a PSU class). When applying for admission to PSU, students need to apply as an "Undergraduate Student" and then select the "Non Degree Seeking or Guest High School Student" option. The cost per semester class will be \$315 (\$105 per credit). A PSU representative will come to GHS about a week after school begins to enroll students in their classes (students must have applied for admission prior to this). After the representative enrolls the students, tuition will be billed to the student through his/her PSU online account. Students may pay a check or cash to the PSU representative on enrollment day, or set up a payment plan with PSU. Setting up a payment plan with PSU costs an additional \$25 and is done online through the student's GUS account.

Students taking classes through FSCC must apply for admission through FSCC's website and enroll in the classes through FSCC's website. You may not be able to enroll at this time, but the enrollment will open soon. The cost for each semester class will be \$315 (\$105 per credit). Tuition will be billed to the student through his/her FSCC online account. Students may pay online with a credit/debit card, mail or take a check to FSCC, or set up a payment plan with FSCC.