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CENTRAL ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL

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WELCOME to Central Elementary!

Building Relationships. Building Responsibility. Building Success.

Meet your new principal

Greetings Lion Family! I am so excited and incredibly blessed to begin this new chapter in my educational journey--and I cannot think of a better place to lead and learn than Central Elementary. I have 26 years of education experience; 12 years as a music educator; 10 years as a building principal; and the last four as superintendent. My wife Kimberly and I have 5 children and 5 grandchildren. Our two youngest are going to be students at the University of Kansas--ROCK CHALK!! All of our grandchildren live in Oklahoma, so this is a great move for our family to be closer to each other. Kimberly and I are thrilled to be part of the Baxter Springs community again - we lived here from 2005-2012! We have very fond memories of Baxter Springs and we're ready to settle and call it HOME! I look forward to the opportunity to serve the students, families, and staff at Central Elementary.

My #1 priority: Student Safety and Well-Being

Every child deserves to feel safe, valued, respected, and cared for at school!

Student Safety isn't limited to just physical safety. It includes:

- Emotional Well-Being
- A positive and respectful school environment
- Knowing that trusted adults are available when students need help
- Making sure that EVERY student feels like they BELONG

Communication and Partnership



Parents are an important part of the team! Communication is a two-way street.

I believe students are most successful when the school and home ***work together.*** I am going to do my best to ensure every parent/guardian feels comfortable when communicating with me or our staff. If you have a question, concern, idea, or simply want to share something that will help us better understand your child, please reach out--we're here for you.

My leadership style

Visible. Relational. Supportive. Accountable.

I believe strong leadership is about people first. I want to be a principal who is present in the building, visible to students and available to families (and knowing their name!), supportive of teachers and staff, and willing to have the difficult conversations when they are necessary.

We never stop building!

Every day, we have an opportunity to build relationships, build confidence, build responsibility, and build a school community where students can thrive!

Getting back into the school routine

The first few weeks of school are an adjustment for everyone--here are a few simple reminders!

- **Get plenty of rest--**consistent bedtimes and wake-up times make a BIG difference
- **Start the day with good nutrition-**--A healthy breakfast and regular meals help students have the energy they need to learn.
- **Establish routines-**--getting clothes, backpacks, homework, and other items ready the night before can make mornings much smoother.
- **Practice responsibility-**--students are learning to manage their belongings, assignments, schedules and expectations.
- **Talk about school-**--ask your child about their day and ask specific questions about school classes/subjects (what's their favorite?) and learning opportunities.

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Heat advisory

Please help us keep kids safe!



Hot Weather Reminder

With the heat advisory expected to continue over the next couple of weeks, student safety remains our top priority! Central Elementary will be monitoring conditions and making appropriate adjustments to outdoor activities when necessary. Please make sure your child comes to school prepared for the heat each day. Sending a water bottle with your child is strongly encouraged.

August Events

Activity	Date
Open House	Wednesday, Aug. 12th 4pm to 6pm
First day of School	Thursday, Aug. 13th doors open at 7:20am; school is dismissed at 3:45pm
School Pictures	Wednesday, Aug. 19th

Looking ahead: Monthly Principal Newsletter

Keep an eye out at the beginning of each month!

I plan to share a monthly newsletter with Central Elementary families at the beginning of each month. My goal is to keep you informed about what's happening at school, celebrate our students

and staff, share important reminders, and provide information that helps our school community stay connected.

Thank you for trusting us with your children. I am excited about what we can build together this year!

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