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Welcome to 2024-2025 School Year

We are excited to introduce our new instructional framework, designed to enhance teaching and learning across the district. This framework provides a consistent approach to instruction, focusing on engaging lessons, clear learning objectives, and strategies that support all students. With this model, teachers will be better equipped to meet the diverse needs of students, ensuring that every child receives the support they need to succeed academically and emotionally. You'll notice this framework in action as we continue to prioritize high-quality education and student growth throughout the year.

FastBridge Assessments

Our FastBridge assessments have been successfully completed across the district. These screener assessments help us track student progress in key areas like reading and math, providing teachers with valuable data to inform their instruction. The results will be shared with you during upcoming parent-teacher conferences, giving you insights into your child's current academic strengths and areas for growth.

What is FastBridge?

FastBridge is a research-based screener assessment that helps teachers identify students' learning needs early in the school year. It includes brief, reliable assessments in reading and math that are given three times throughout the year. The data from FastBridge helps our teachers tailor instruction to meet the individual needs of each student, ensuring that every child receives the support they need to succeed.

Kansas Apply Free Days Oct. 7-9

Parents and guardians of high school seniors, mark your calendars for Kansas Apply Free Days happening from October 7-9, 2024. During this time, Kansas residents can apply for free to a wide range of colleges and universities across the state. This includes all six state universities, such as the University of Kansas (KU) and Kansas State University (K-State), as well as private colleges like Baker University and Friends University. Several community colleges, including Johnson County Community College and Hutchinson Community College, are also participating.

This is a great opportunity for students to explore their options without worrying about application fees. Be sure to take advantage of this limited-time event!

For more information, you can visit the participating institutions' websites or check with your child's counselor for guidance on applying. Don't miss out on this chance to support your child's future!

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