

December 2025

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November was a vibrant and busy month at CAC, filled with activities that celebrated our community and challenged our students.

Honoring Our Heroes: Veterans Day Assembly

We had the privilege of hosting our community Veterans on November 11th for our annual Veterans Day Assembly.

- **Our talented band and choir delivered outstanding performances of patriotic music.**
- **Students presented insightful lessons on the history of our military and shared the profound meaning behind “On Flounder’s Field.”**
- **A wonderful addition this year was a special Breakfast for our Veterans, generously served by the High School FFA chapter. A huge thank you to the FFA for providing such an outstanding start to the day!**

A Feast of Fellowship: Annual Thanksgiving Dinner 🦃

This month also featured our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner. This cherished tradition invites teachers and community members to sit and share a Thanksgiving lunch with tables of mixed grade-level students. It was an outstanding event enjoyed by students and adults alike, fostering connection and gratitude.

We hope you enjoy the pictures from both of these wonderful events on the next page!

Focus Forward: Finishing the Semester Strong!

As we transition into December, the long-awaited Winter Break is just around the corner. While it’s easy to lose focus, I strongly encourage you to push your student to work hard and finish the semester strong!

Please help us by ensuring your student:

- **Gets to bed and up on time.**
- **Arrives at school on time each day.**

Let’s keep our eyes on the prize—the reason we are here: To Learn!



Nursing News ...

As we move into flu season, we want to take a moment to share some important information to help keep our students, staff, and families healthy.

Every year, influenza (“the flu”) circulates in our community, and schools can be places where illnesses spread quickly. To reduce the risk of flu outbreaks and keep our classrooms running smoothly, we ask for your partnership in following a few simple health practices:

1. Keep sick children home.

If your child has a fever, vomiting, diarrhea, persistent cough, sore throat, or other flu-like symptoms, please keep them home until they are symptom-free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.

2. Encourage good hygiene.

We are reminding all students to wash their hands frequently with soap and water, cover their coughs and sneezes, and avoid sharing personal items. You can help reinforce these habits at home.

3. Consider flu vaccination.

Health experts recommend an annual flu shot as the best protection against influenza. If you have questions about vaccination, please consult your child’s healthcare provider.

4. Notify the school if your child is diagnosed with the flu.

This helps us track illness trends and take appropriate steps to protect other students.

Our school will continue regular cleaning and sanitizing of classrooms and common areas, and we are encouraging healthy habits throughout the day.

Thank you for your support in keeping our school community healthy this season. If you have any questions, please contact the nurse for your students’ building.

Interventions Update

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In the upcoming weeks we will be taking our winter FastBridge assessments. These include testing in both math and reading. Scores from these assessments are used as a data point for student interventions as well as for guiding future instruction. Based on our winter FastBridge test scores, our 4-8 literature labs will be regrouped for second semester as well as 4-5 math groups. All 4-5 students will complete an additional reading fluency assessment as well as 6-8 students who score below benchmark on their winter reading assessment.

StuCo News

by Tiffany Burget

StuCo has had a great month. They hosted the Thanksgiving Dinner here at CAC. Students were in charge of serving food, bringing water to guests and escorting community members to their tables. Our StuCo members also set up the tables and cleaned up the area after each lunch. They were great leaders and showed how responsible and respectful chargers can be.

KAY News

by Preston Fordham

In November, KAY representatives traveled to a leadership conference in Leavenworth. Students collaborated with other schools and discovered new ideas to help serve their school and community!



In December, KAY will be selling candy canes to students and staff at CAC. All proceeds will be donated to the Topeka Rescue Mission.

December 2025 | by Kara Holbert

CHOIR & MUSIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Students in 6th grade Choir are very excited to perform in the concert. They have been working very hard all semester and cannot wait to show off all of their hard work! Come see the 6th Grade Choir perform at the 6th Grade Band/Choir Concert on Thursday, December 4th at 7pm in the CAC Gym!

Students in 7th and 8th Grade Choir did an amazing job performing at the Veterans Day Assembly in November. Students are excited to sing some Holiday music for their December Concert & the Christmas Sing before Winter Break!

Upcoming Performances:

- Dec. 3rd @ 7pm - 7th/8th Grade Band/Choir Concert @ CAC
- Dec. 4th @ 7pm - 6th Grade Band/Choir Concert @ CAC
- March 10th @ 7pm - JH/HS Spring Choir Concert @ SFTHS

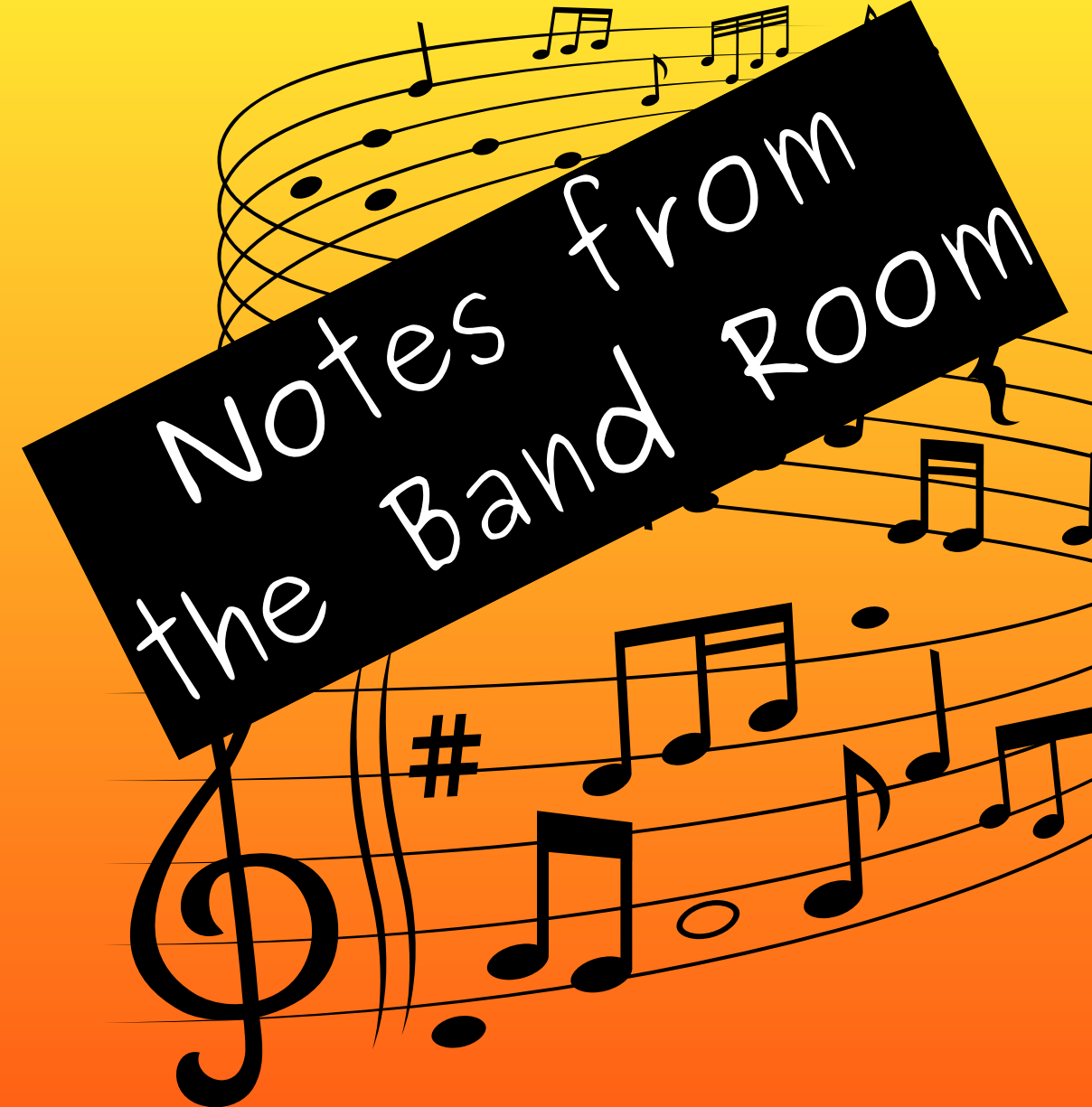


Students in 7th and 8th Grade Choir performing at the Veterans Day Assembly.



The 5th Graders just had their very first performance! Families were able to sit behind their students and be apart of the magic that is a beginning band concert. A few students even had the opportunity to lead the group for a song.

December 3rd @ 7pm – 7th/8th Band & Choir Concert
December 4th @ 7pm – 6th Grade Band & Choir Concert



Our 7th and 8th Grade bands are gearing up for their upcoming performance on December 3rd. If that isn't enough band to fill your holiday season, come check out the 6th Grade Concert the next day! Both performances are with the choir and at 7pm.

Upcoming Performances:

Technology Classes

December

4TH AND 5TH GRADE TECH

This 2nd quarter brings new 4th and 5th grade tech classes. This nine weeks I have 4th Grade, Mrs. Wagner and Mrs. Gregoire's classes and 5th grade, Ms. Gist and Mrs. Gates' classes.

The tech classes for 4th and 5th grade are focusing on typing skills, learning more about all of the formatting on a google document along with how to use the drawing canvas. The students use abcya.com (keyboard challenge & find the technology) to practice their key recognition and learning technology vocabulary terms.

Students designed a thankful turkey image using a google slide along with autoshapes and new keyboard shortcuts, Ctrl + D. Their turkey had 13 feathers and each feather had a word they were thankful for.

6TH GRADE TECH

The 2nd quarter is a new 6th grade tech class. They will focus on digital citizenship skills as they learn new vocabulary and how to make positive decisions in their digital world. They use a simulation website called Banzai along with working on their typing skills.

The students created a table in google docs and learned the keyboard shortcut Ctrl + Shift+ V as they found definitions of digital citizenship vocabulary.



7TH & 8TH GRADE TECH

This semester class works on their typing skills on Tuesday and Thursday along with learning how to create formulas, calculations and charts and graphs with google sheets.

These classes also used a simulation website called Banzai.org as they learned how to create a budget, manage their money and run a lemonade stand and finance a summer camp.

PE & WEIGHTS

Briyar Wells

- "Football"
- "Dodgeball"
- "100% PE"
- "Buffalo Bills"
- "1 Mile"
- "Staten, no Doubt"



Interview Questions

- Favorite Sport?
- Favorite PE Activity?
- Favorite Class?
- Favorite Sports Team?
- 1 Mile or 100 Push ups?
- Who would win in a wrestling match Coach Duncan or Coach Staten?



Autumn Uhler

- "Wrestling"
- "Indoor Baseball"
- "PE"
- "KC Chiefs"
- "1 Mile"
- "Definitely Staten, Sorry Dunc"



A series of yellow brushstrokes of varying lengths and directions, radiating from the top left corner of the slide, creating a sunburst or starburst effect.

MENTAL HEALTH MINUTE

The holiday season is a busy time, and it's easy for families to feel disconnected. Making a conscious effort to slow down and truly connect can strengthen family bonds and help everyone navigate the season with less stress and more joy. Here are some ways to stay connected over the holiday season.

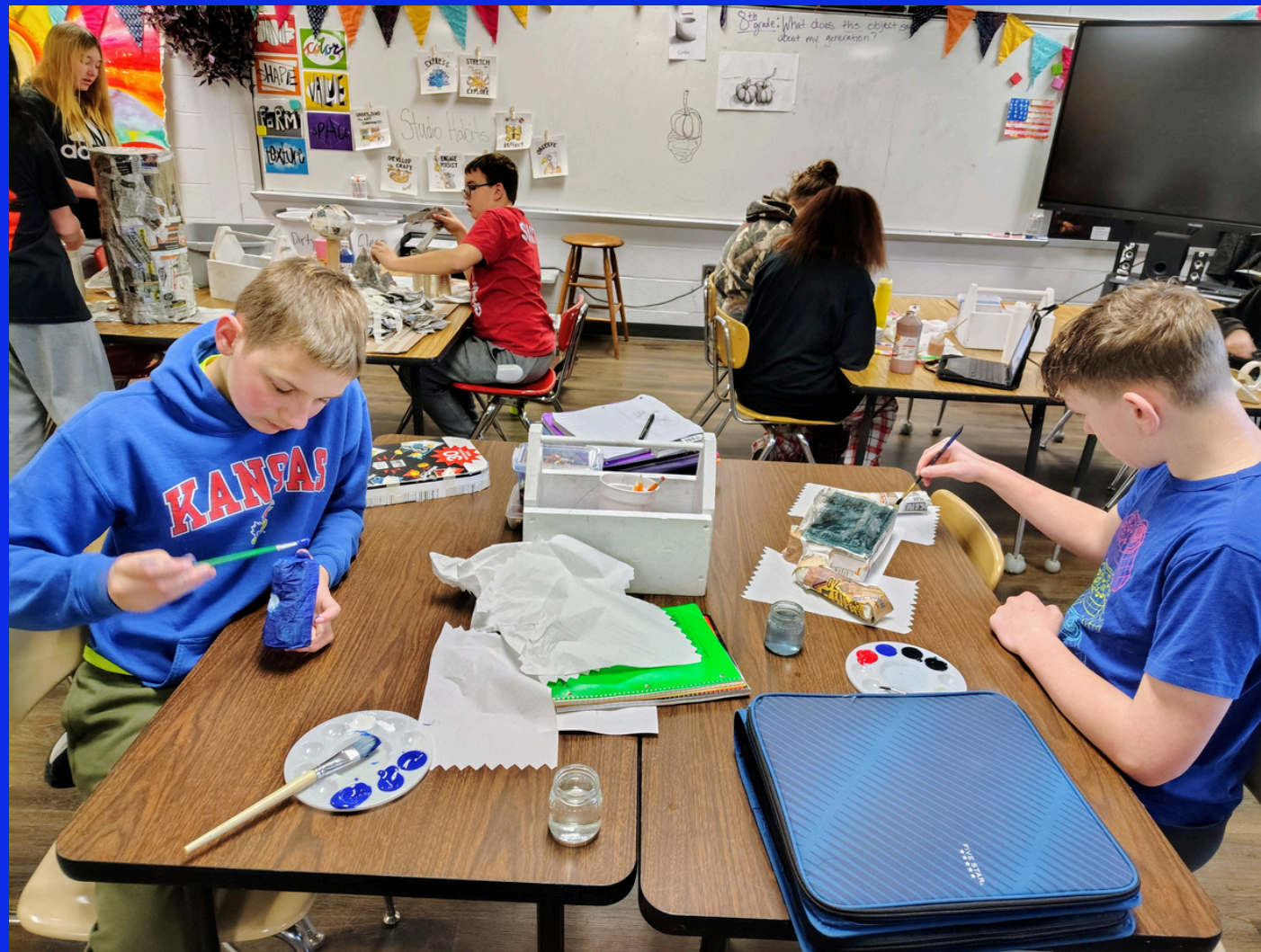
- Instead of asking, "How was your day?" try these simple questions that encourage deeper reflection and storytelling.
 - What is one thing that made you smile today?
 - What is something small we have that you are truly grateful for?
 - What are you most looking forward to doing with our family over the break?
 - If you could create a new holiday tradition for our family, what would it be?
 - What was the kindest thing you saw someone do recently?
 - What is a challenge you overcame this year that you are proud of?

Remember, the holidays are about connection and recharging. By prioritizing small moments of focused interaction, you can ensure your family finishes the year feeling loved, supported, and ready for a fresh start.

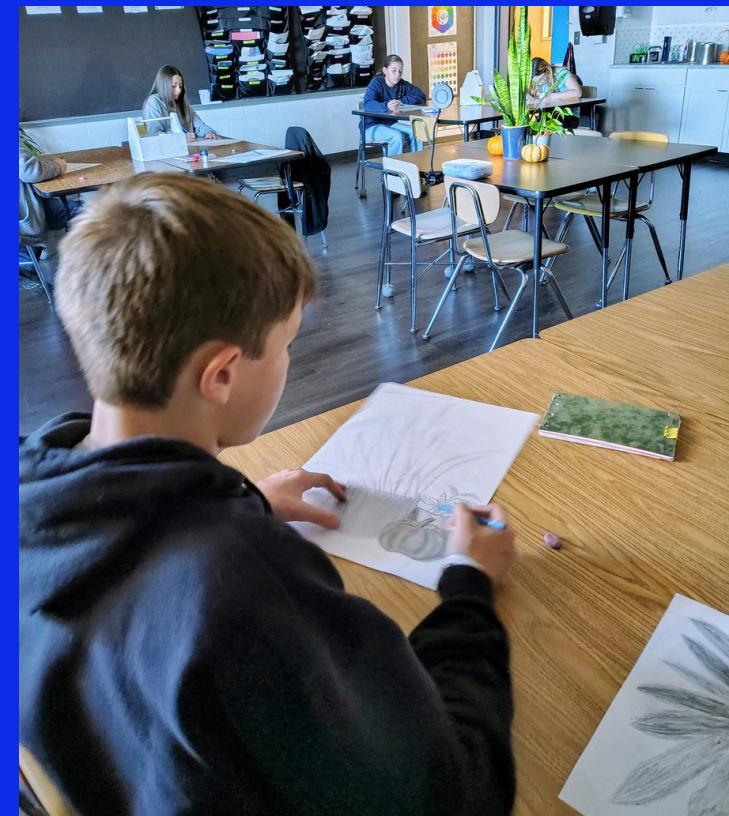
ART ROOM

ART SHOW

Thursday, December 4
6:00-8:00



8th Grade learned about Pop Art, and how it can say something about their generation. They created paper mache objects trending now.



Still Life drawings were made by 7th, 6th, 5th and 4th grades.

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

DEC 2025

We have just wrapped up JH Girls Basketball and JH Boys Wrestling seasons at the Junior High. Boys wrestling had a great season, finishing in 2nd place at the League Tournament. The team saw a lot of improvement in a short amount of time from the boys. From the top down, this group has a lot of talent and an eagerness to compete!

7th Grade Girls Basketball also saw a lot of growth throughout the short season. The 7th grade bunch consisted of several players that were new to the sport and began to lay the groundwork this season of fundamental skills. They got better as the season went on and ended up finishing 3rd in the League!

8th Grade Girls Basketball finished the season undefeated, for the second year in a row, giving them a career record of 32-0, and the title of back-to-back League Champs!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 8 - Girls Wrestling League Tri (PV & Wellsville) @ CAC 4pm
Dec 11 - Girls Wrestling @ Burlington 4pm
Dec 15 - Girls Wrestling @ Anderson County 4pm
Dec 18 - Girls League Wrestling @ Osawatomie 4pm
Jan 5 - Boys Basketball @ Burlington 4pm
Jan 8 - Boys Basketball vs Prairie View 4pm
Jan 10 - Boys Basketball B Team Tournament @ Central Heights 9am
Jan 12 - Boys Basketball vs Abilene 4pm
Jan 13 - Boys Basketball vs Baldwin 4pm
Jan 15 - Boys Basketball vs Osawatomie 4pm
Jan 20 - Boys Basketball @ Wellsville 4pm
Jan 22 - Boys Basketball @ Prairie View 4pm
Jan 26 - Boys Basketball @ Anderson County 4pm
Jan 29 - Boys Basketball vs Wellsville 4pm
Jan 29 - Scholars Bowl @ Iola 4pm

By: Austin Hershberger

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Vera Utley, 7th

Social Studies/Mr. Fordham

Grandpa

Volleyball

KU

Going to State with Trailhands

Pasta & Taco Bell

"Science class should be optional. I like Mr. Herren though."



Max Orwig, 8th

Favorite Class/Teacher

Role Model

Favorite Sport

Favorite Team

Favorite Sports Memory

Favorite Food/Restraunt

Hot Take

7th Grade Science/Mr. Colvin

Jesus Christ

Basketball

Golden State Warriors

Scored 31 points in an AAU game

Acai Bowls & Jersey Mike's

LeBron is the GOAT





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