

March Newsletter

BOE



Principal - Mrs. Lorle Bolt

A message from our principal

Dear Charger Families,

Our 3rd-grade students will participate in the Kansas State Assessments for English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics, while our 2nd-grade students will take part in a smaller-scale pilot state assessment. These assessments serve several important purposes, including:

- Measuring key indicators within the Kansas College and Career Ready Standards (KCCRS).
- Providing data for Annual Measurable Objectives (AMOs) and state accreditation.

- Reporting individual student scores along with performance levels.
- Offering insights to help improve ELA and mathematics instruction at the school and district level.

Students will take these assessments online using Chromebooks. Below is the tentative testing schedule. We kindly ask that you ensure your child is present on these days and avoid scheduling appointments to prevent unnecessary absences.



Testing Schedule for 3rd Grade

- ✦ **Mathematics** – April 13th & April 14th (Morning)
- ✦ **English Language Arts** – April 16th & April 17th (Morning)

Testing Schedule for 2nd Grade

- ✦ **Mathematics** – April 3rd (Morning)
- ✦ **English Language Arts** – April 4th (Morning)

Assessment Kickoff & Student Motivation

To support our 3rd graders, we are hosting an assessment kickoff assembly for our school-age students, featuring fun games and engaging activities prior to testing.

Our 2nd-grade students will also be celebrated during morning assemblies with fun activities to promote positivity and excitement for their assessment experience.

We encourage our students to:

- ✓ **Stay quiet & seated** (during and after testing)
- ✓ **Take their time & use test-taking strategies**
- ✓ **Engage actively** (read questions carefully, take notes, use provided tools)
- ✓ **Quietly participate in an activity** once finished
- ✓ **Raise their hand** for teacher review before submitting

Thank you for your support in ensuring a successful testing experience for our students!

Charger Pride!

Ways to help your child prepare for state assessments

Simple things that can help students do their best include:

- Getting good sleep (and rest)
- Eating healthy breakfasts (since testing is usually done first thing on testing days)
- Giving encouragement (without increasing pressure some students may already feel)
- Making sure students arrive to school on time

Upcoming Dates:

3/11: 6pm BOE Mtg @ DAC

3/13: No School - Teacher Prep

3/16-3/20: No School - Spring Break

3/23: Report Cards Sent Home

3/27: Year Book Order Due

OAC Survey

OAC is a Targeted Assistance Title School. This means we receive funds to help support students in reading and math interventions. There is a requirement to survey our OAC parents each year to gain their input on our programs. This is a schoolwide survey not just for the parents of students that receive title services. If you did not fill out this survey at conferences, would you please take a few minutes to respond to the survey at this link. <https://forms.gle/TXZdYZverbHFxpzFA>

Order Your SAC/OAC Yearbooks

SAC/OAC Yearbook Orders Are Open!
Parents, please order your yearbooks online!

Go to inter-state.com/order
Enter the code: 0280PD



Online Orders Due by March 27, 2026

Kindergarten Parents: Mark your Calendars

K Parents Only: There will be no school for Kindergarten students on Friday, May 1st.

This allows the incoming preschoolers who will be Kindergarten students in the 2026-2027 school year to experience Kindergarten round-up! All other students (1st - 3rd) will have school that day as regularly scheduled.



Quarter 3 Attendance Awareness Notification

As part of our ongoing efforts to support student success, we are working to reduce chronic absenteeism as a building-wide goal. Research shows that students who miss 10% or more of school days—whether excused or unexcused—are at a higher risk of falling behind academically.

To help increase awareness, families with quarterly attendance below 90% will receive a notification letter outlining the number of days their student has been absent. **Please note that this is simply an informational letter and does not indicate truancy unless otherwise stated.** Our goal is to keep families informed and work together to support consistent attendance, which plays a key role in student learning and success.

We appreciate your partnership in helping our students stay engaged and on track. If you have any questions or need support regarding attendance, please feel free to reach out. For additional information regarding our attendance policy please review the Overbrook student handbook.

Update on Board Goal 5: Budget and Facilities

- **Financial Protocols & Training:** Last week, Superintendent Flory led a meeting with all staff members who handle district funds to review and reinforce proper e-requisition (e-req)

protocols. Additionally, Andy provided a cybersecurity briefing focused on identifying and preventing phishing scams.

- **Summer Facility Projects:** District administration has officially initiated the capital outlay request process and is currently securing bids for upcoming summer projects.
- **Pre-K Relocation Prep:** Prior to Spring Break, I will meet with our Pre-K teachers to assess their facility and equipment needs in preparation for their upcoming transition from the SAC to the OAC.



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