



RUTH CLARK ELEMENTARY  
MRS. CARLA WULF, PRINCIPAL

**Tuesday, Oct. 3** -Kindergarten Family Night from 6:00-7:00pm.

**Friday, Oct. 6** - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will go to Sedgwick County Zoo. They will leave at 9:15 and return at 2:30.

**Tuesday, Oct. 10**- 5<sup>th</sup> grade will go to Sedgwick County Zoo for fire prevention activities. They will leave our building at 8:30am and return at 2:30pm.

**Tuesday, Oct. 10** - PTO skate party from 6:00 - 8:00pm at Roller City.

**Thursday, Oct. 12** - Chick-Fil-A night from 5:00 - 7:00pm at the Chick-Fil-A at 1800 Rock Road in Derby. When you go in, be sure to tell them you're from Ruth Clark Elementary and our school will receive a percentage of the sales.

**Friday, October 13** - NO SCHOOL. Teachers have collaboration/work day.

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SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR  
"Saddle Up and Read"



The Scholastic book fair begins on **Wednesday, October 11** and will be open from 7:30am - 4:00pm.

**Thursday, Oct. 12** the book fair will be from 7:30am - 4:00pm.

**Monday, Oct. 16** - Book Fair from 4:00pm- 8:00pm.

**Tuesday, Oct. 17** - Book Fair from 4:00pm -8:00pm.

**Wednesday, Oct. 18** - Last day for the book fair. It will be open from 7:30am-10:30am.

**Tuesday, Oct.17** -Pastries with Parents for pre-k - 2<sup>nd</sup> grades at 7:30am.



**Wednesday, Oct. 18** - Pastries with Parents for 3rd-5th grades at 7:30am.

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**PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES**

The parent/teacher conferences are on **Monday, October 16**, from 4:00-8:30pm and **Tuesday, October 17**, from 4:00 - 8:30pm. If you haven't scheduled your child's conference, please do so.

**Thursday, October 19**, is conference release day. NO SCHOOL.

**Friday, October 20**, there is NO SCHOOL. School will resume on Monday, October 23 at 8:25am.



**RED RIBBON WEEK**

Red Ribbon will be the week **October 24, 25, and 26**. **On Tuesday, October 24**, is Reach out in **RED Day**. Wear red clothing. Students will begin memorizing the drug free pledge. **Wednesday, October 25**, is Hats off to healthy choices and live a drug free life. Wear your Ruth Clark shirt and a favorite hat. **Thursday, October 26**, is FUN RUN DAY. Wear fun, crazy socks and tennis shoes. Ruth Clark will show their PRIDE and healthy choices by participating in the FUN RUN.



**Tuesday, October 24** – PTO monthly meeting at 7:00pm in the teacher’s work room.  
**Wednesday, October 25** – School Site Advisory Council meeting at 6:00pm in the conference room.



**Thursday, October 26** – Ruth Clark Elementary Fun Run at 2:00pm.  
Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grades will run at 2:00pm.  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grades will run at 2:30pm.  
4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades will run at 3:00pm.

**Friday, October 27** – PTO will have a movie night. Food will be in the cafeteria at 6:00pm and the movie in the gym at 7:00pm.

**Monday, October 30 and Tuesday, October 31** – Hearing and Vision.



**Tuesday, October 31**- Harvest parties. The parade will be in the gym at 2:30. The parties will begin at 2:45.

Literacy First:

This month, your child’s teacher has finished up testing and diagnosing what skills your child needs to help him/her become an incredible reader and great mathematician. If your child is in PreK-1st grade, they have been given the Phonological Awareness Skills Test and the Phonics assessment. Second through fifth graders have taken the previous assessments plus the Primary/Elementary/Upper Spelling Inventory and the Aimsweb+ assessments in both reading and math. So needless to say, your child has been thoroughly assessed!

All of the results of these assessments will be shared with you at our upcoming Parent/Teacher Conferences. According to Oakland University, “Let’s face it; kids today face a lot of pressure in school. When parents and teachers work together to try and provide the best environment for learning, the child stands to benefit the most.” How can you, as a parent, make the most of your upcoming conference? Here are a few tips to make this time the most beneficial:

- Show up and be prompt. Kids see that school is important when you make it a priority in your busy schedule. If you are unable to make your scheduled time, please call and reschedule. Show your kids in this small way that they matter.
- Plan ahead. Jot down some questions for your child's teacher (ask about both strengths and weaknesses, academics, behaviors, social/emotional well-being, and friendships). Also come prepared to share what you see in your child. Your child's teacher really cares about him and wants to know about him. Share what you see in the home and create a team for your child's benefit.
- Go in with an open mind. Remember that your child's teacher wants the best for your child. Leave behind any issues you may have had with past teachers and allow both your child and his teacher a fresh start.
- Go home and implement suggestions that you as a team came up with at the conference. If you all decided your child should spend more time reading, go home and set up a schedule of when and where that will take place. When we immediately come up with an action plan, we are much more likely to follow through on those good intentions.

Remember: **Parent involvement in education is like the frosting on a cupcake, it makes it complete and oh so sweet!**



If you have any questions about Literacy First please feel free to contact your child's teacher, myself or check out the official website: [www.literacyfirst.com](http://www.literacyfirst.com)

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