

# Friday Flyer

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## Upcoming Events

Tuesday, April 3.....	Class Pictures
Monday, April 9.....	NO SCHOOL (Professional Development)
Tuesday, April 10.....	7:00 p.m., PTO
Friday, April 20.....	SCHOOL IS IN SESSION, Grades 1-6
Friday, April 20.....	Kindergarten Round Up, NO SCHOOL for Kindergartners
Tuesday, April 24.....	6:30 p.m., 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Music Program
Tuesday, April 24.....	7:30 p.m., 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Music Program
Saturday, April 28.....	3:00-6:00 p.m., Quail Run School Carnival

### FROM THE SCHOOL

#### **THANK YOU!**

The staff would like to thank all the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts as well as members of the landscape committee for the beautiful spring flowers that have been planted at the school entrance over the years. Every spring we get to enjoy the benefits of your hard work and we really appreciate it! Thank you!

#### **CLOTHES SWAPPING**

Parents, please don't let your children (girls!) swap clothing with their friends at sleepovers or other get-togethers. The loss, or non-return, of these articles of clothing is causing problems between students which can be eliminated if the trades are not allowed.

#### **CLASS PICTURES**

Class pictures will be taken on Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Look for the order envelope coming home today which needs to be filled out and returned with payment by Tuesday.

#### **'COACH' YOUR CHILD TO BE SUCCESSFUL WITH HOMEWORK**

Homework helps your child learn. Research shows that doing homework can help children get higher grades. It also reminds children that learning happens outside the classroom, too.

As your child grows, her teachers will give homework assignments that let her learn on her own. Many of these will require her to gather and re-package information. She may need your help.

It's good to assume the role of "coach"—asking him questions and guiding him. Your child is the main "thinker" and "doer."

Help your child follow these steps:

1. **Define the assignment.** Ask her to describe it in her own words. What are the key questions? If she's unclear, suggest calling a classmate.
2. **Brainstorm possible information sources**—books, TV, videos, Internet, materials from organizations, local "experts."
3. **Figure out** how to get the information. Go to the library. Contact organizations.
4. **Review the information.** After he reads the material, ask how well the information he found answers the questions posed in the assignment.
5. **Put the information together.** Ask your child to summarize what she's learned before she writes the paper or presentation.
6. **Evaluate the completed assignment.** Go over it together. Will it satisfy the teacher's expectations? Is the content good, with reliable information? Is it presented clearly?

Once he turns it in, ask your child, "How could you have done it better?" For instance, spent less time reading unrelated material?

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### **CLOTHING DONATIONS NEEDED**

The Lawrence Public Schools' clothing room is in need of pants (jeans, sweatpants, etc.) in children's sizes 6 to 12. If you have items to be donated, please send them to the school and we will take them to the clothing room at Cordley Elementary.

### FROM THE PTO

#### **CARNIVAL REMINDER**

Make sure to mark your calendar for the school carnival, which will be held Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 until 6:00 p.m. Your family won't want to miss this event—it promises to be a fun-filled afternoon!

#### **SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS**

The Silent Auction will be held again this year in conjunction with the school carnival. The date for the event is April 28<sup>th</sup>. The committee is seeking new items, gift cards or donations from your favorite store or restaurant. For more information or to make a donation, please contact Becky Ryan at 749-3442 or [rebecca.ryan@juno.com](mailto:rebecca.ryan@juno.com).

### FROM THE COMMUNITY

In honor of 2007 Mathematics Awareness Month, the Mathematics Department at the University of Kansas announces a Mathematics Competition to be held on Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 until 3:30 p.m. The exam will be given at four levels: 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, Junior High and Senior High. Online registration is strongly encouraged at [www.math.ku.edu/mathcompetition/register/](http://www.math.ku.edu/mathcompetition/register/) but registration will be available on the day of the exam as well beginning at 2:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Jack Porter at 864-3651 or [porter@math.ku.edu](mailto:porter@math.ku.edu).