

December 2025

# Goldbug News



Fowler Grade School, Fowler Kansas

## Important Dates:

- \* 12/4, 12/8 and 12/9 Rehearsal for Music Concert at 3:30
- \* 12/4 SIT meetings 12-4
- \* 12/8 BOE meeting @ 7
- \* 12/9 Winter Music Concert and Art Show-doors open at 6:30, program at 7pm
- \* 12/11 KESA 2.0 School Improvement day at Sublette
- \* 12/11 PreK/K music show at FRC at 3:15
- \* 12/14 Winter Carnival @ 3pm
- \* 12/18 Last day of First Semester
- \* 12/18 Polar Express Day-wear your PJ's
- \* 12/18 Reading reward party @ 9:45

## Wow-November just flew by us in a blink!

During the month of November, the Goldbugs were busy. The third through sixth graders began working on their science fair projects.

The band and music students began to practice for the Music contest in earnest.

The first -fourth graders presented a recorder concert to

the folks at Fowler Residential Care.

Later in the month, the third-sixth graders went over and painted rocks with the residents as part of their art class.

The Fowler Football field was used to host a playoff game for Meade.

Progress reports were sent home for students and par-

ents, and last but certainly not least, the Fowler Goldbug Family Thanksgiving Dinner was held prior to the students leaving for Thanksgiving Break. We were so happy to see so many community members attend the lunch. And it was DELICIOUS!. Thanks to Lisa, Ann and Yolanda for all of their hard work!

## KESA 2.0

KESA 2.0 is the new method that the state of Kansas is using to accredit Public Schools in Kansas. Each school must pick a fundamental idea to focus on and a specific structure for that fundamental idea. Last year was a pilot year for KESA 2.0. School districts across the state learned valuable information in the process of obtaining state accreditation.

Last year, USD 225 chose the fundamental idea of Structured Literacy and the structure to support that idea was staff professional development. The staff specifically chose to began or continue LTRS training. This training is a very specific and rigorous course based in the Science of Reading. The Science of Reading uses research based strategies to teach children to read. The Science of Reading is broken into several components such as Phonological Awareness (sounds), Phonics (sounds and symbols), Fluency and Reading Comprehension. The staff chose this fundamental since beginning in July of 2027, all elementary teachers, who teach a course involving reading, must have the Seal of Literacy on their state teaching license. The completion of the LTRS course is one way to obtain the Seal of Literacy. It is not the only way to obtain the Seal of Literacy though. There are other programs and testing options available.

Due to staff turnover in May, the district did not meet its goal for 24/25 Kesa plan. This year we have looked at data, the desired outcomes and have adjusted our goals to having teachers obtain the Seal of Literacy. We will present our KESA 2.0 Plan on Dec. 11th during our SIP Day in Sublette.

## **Virtual School Option coming to Fowler in August 2026**

**During a recent school board meeting, the Board of Education decided to pursue adding a virtual attendance option for Fowler Grade School beginning with the 2026-2027 school year. Fowler USD 225 has partnered with Open Ed to provide this virtual option for students. USD 225 is currently working with the Kansas State Department of Education to obtain the proper permissions to present a virtual platform for students.**

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## **Winter Music Concert and Art Show Scheduled**

The Winter Music Concert and Art Show will be held on Tuesday December 9th. Doors will open at 6:30pm for students and parents to enjoy the wonderful works of art created by our Goldbugs.

Students will need to report to their designated areas by 6:45 Pm. The Music Concert will begin at 7:00PM with the band performing followed by the elementary recorder

classes. We will also have a audience participation event.

Hot Chocolate, Apple Cider and Cookies will be available after the concert in the cafeteria. All are welcome to attend.

## **Planning for the Second Semester**

School will resume on January 5th. Doors open at 7:30 and classes begin at 7:55. Students arriving after 8am are considered tardy.

Site Council will meet at 7pm on the 6th of January. This meeting follows the Science Fair awards at 6:30 PM in the auditorium.

Meade Jr. High will play basketball in the dome on the 8th of

January.

The 22nd of January is the day our students will tour Boot Hill Museum and the 26th of January, they will tour Hilmar Dairy.

Exciting things are happening!

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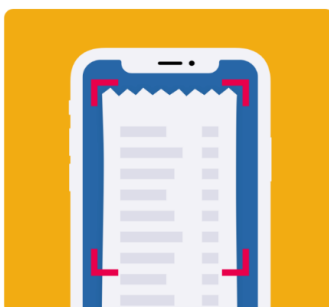
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