



NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2026

HEALTH VALUE - ACHIEVEMENT



Radiate Confidence

DIRECTOR MESSAGE

Welcome back! It is so good to have our students back in the building. I hope your holiday break was amazing. We missed you!

This is a magical time of year. Our students really start to thrive and grow in their learning during this time. Please make sure your students are here on time every day. Attendance makes a huge difference in their learning and in their mental health. If your student is struggling with anxiety or not wanting to attend school, please reach out to our counselors so we can help.

A new year usually means new goals and a new focus. This year we have been focusing on "Radiating Confidence". In order to radiate confidence you need to be confident in your knowledge and skills. Coming to school each day helps our students be more confident and grow. Parents also need to sharpen their skills regularly.

Being a parent is challenging and so rewarding! Ogden City offers free classes for both kids and parents through [My Hometown Ogden](#). They range from cooking, to pickleball to family success classes. Take a look and see if there is something that interests you that you want to grow in. I'm teaching one and I'd love to see you there. It's on successful families and we are going to have so much fun!

Thanks for being such an amazing community. We are so grateful for each of you! Let's make the remainder of this year one where we can radiate confidence and grow together!



DEPRESSION

Childhood depression may manifest through changes in behavior, such as withdrawal from activities, increased irritability, changes in sleep or appetite, difficulty concentrating, low energy, feelings of worthlessness, and recurrent thoughts of death or suicide. In addition to behavioral changes, physical symptoms like headaches or stomachaches without a clear medical cause may also be present. Academic performance might decline, and there could be a noticeable lack of interest in activities the child once enjoyed. Social withdrawal, feelings of sadness, and a persistent sense of hopelessness are common signs.

For more resources & info [LINK](#)



Calendar Events

January

- 5- Teacher Learning Day - No School
- 6 - 3rd Grade Expert - Scales & Tails, 4th Grade Expert - WSU
- 8 - 4th Grade Expert - Loveland Aquarium
- 12 - Adventure Day - 2nd and 3rd Grade
- 12-23 - The Great Coin Competition
- 14 - Intent to Returns Due (K-7 students)
- 16 - End of 2nd Quarter,
- K-5 Forest Crew - Ms Jill's Crew, UG Art Foundation Fieldwork - UT Museum of Art
- 19 - Martin Luther King Jr Day - No School
- 20 - 23 - ? HEALTH Values Week
- 21 - Board of Director's Meeting 6:30 PM
- 23 - Family Thrive Night 5:30-7 PM, Community Info Night 5:15 PM, Fingerprinting, 2Q Progress Reports Emailed
- 26 - Adventure Day - 4th and 5th Grade
- 28 - Fire Drill
- 29 - 4th Grade Fieldwork - Clark Planetarium, 5th Grade Expert - Philip Reese
- 30 - K-5 Forest Crew - Ms Hope's Crew



ART CONTEST
 Entries due - **Tuesday, January 20**
 by **3:30 PM**
 in art room box

THEME: Radiate Confidence

Mental Health Matters

SAFE UT LINK

Parents should be aware that childhood depression is a real and treatable condition. Understanding that it goes beyond typical mood fluctuations is crucial. If they notice persistent changes in their child's behavior, emotions, or physical well-being, seeking professional help is essential to get an accurate diagnosis and appropriate support. Creating a supportive and open environment for communication is important so that children feel comfortable expressing their feelings. Early intervention and appropriate treatment can significantly improve a child's well-being and long-term outcomes.

Fingerprint Background Check [Sign-up](#)





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We have grit”

The weather is getting cold - make sure your kids are dressed warm!



Family Thrive Night

The purpose of Family Thrive Night is to help our school community (students, families, and staff) to see how families might incorporate the GreenWood Prescription for Health and HEALTH Values into their daily lives in support of our school mission and vision. We seek to encourage families to engage in habits together that will strengthen family bonds, increase family engagement with the school, encourage healthy living for our community, and educate parents on ways they can support their students to be successful.



**When: Friday, January 23rd,
5:30 – 7:00 PM**

***GreenWood Information
Night for prospective new
families begins at 5:15 PM**



Intent to Return

WHO: Intent to Return - ALL Students K-7
WHAT: This enrolls your child for next year, form must be completed to secure their spot.
DEADLINE: January 14, 2026
HOW: Visit the school's website and click on the [Enroll Now](#) at the top, then Intent to Return button to complete the form.

Now Enrolling - 2026-2027

WHO: New Students & Upcoming Kindergartners
WHEN: We will have our 1st Lottery January 21st (email notification)
HOW: Click on the [Enroll Now](#) button on our school's website.

Share our school with friends and family. Spots will fill up fast!

Safety

January Safety Drill - Fire (evacuation)
"Evacuate - to a location"

When Used - Emergency/Fire happening inside the building

Students are trained to - orderly leave the building to their classroom spot outside the building.

Staff are trained to - safely lead their class out of the building and indicate help if needed.

See Safety Page on School's Website





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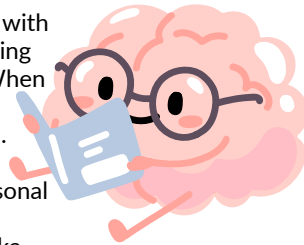
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FAMILY LITERACY STRATEGY

Children become strong readers when they are exposed to language early and often. Studies show that reading aloud to children from a young age builds vocabulary and comprehension skills, which are critical for academic success. Even after they've learned to read on their own, reading with parents or caregivers continues to support their literacy skills. Shared reading enables them to encounter new words and ideas they might not face on their own. Plus, hearing fluent reading modeled for them improves their sense of rhythm, pronunciation and expression.

Young adults also benefit from reading together with adults. Teen years can feel tumultuous, and reading can help bridge the gap between generations. When a parent, teacher or mentor reads alongside a teenager, they create a safe space for discussion. That simple act can pave the way to deeper conversations about the world, identity and personal values.

~Danielle Luebbe, Concordia University, Nebraska



Attendance Matters!

Did you know?

- Too many absences in elementary school can cause children to struggle socially and academically.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Missing 10% of school (2 days each month) can make it harder to learn to read and do basic math.
- Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged and on track to graduation.
- By 6th grade, chronic absence (missing 10%, or 2 days each month) is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- By 9th grade, attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.



MATH CORNER

Hello Families!

Welcome to winter! This is a great time to get creative indoors and make some maps! For K-2 kids, encourage them to use shapes to make houses or gardens, such as squares, triangles, rectangles, and circles. For grades 3-5, think about the logic of where and why you place your spaces on the map.

For grades 6-8, think about using parallel and transverse lines and talk about interior and exterior angles. We'd love to see your maps on our Family Facebook page, tag it with #GreenWoodMathRocks

~Mrs Clark



YEARBOOK CLUB

Grades 3-8.
Every other Thursday
Jan 15 - Mar 12
Limited Spots
Sign up [HERE](#)
Sign up due - Jan 12



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FCO PARENT MEETING
January 14 @ 2:30 PM

Activities with Mr. Crew for kids while parents attend the meeting!