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## FREE GRAB-AND-GO BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

**Open 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**  
**Monday - Friday**

No meals served May 22, May 25, and July 3  
The free meal distribution ends July 17



- Available to all children ages 1-18.
- No signup, eligibility, or paperwork required.
- Children must be present per federal government (USDA) requirements.
- Visit any site regardless of school attended.
- In the event of severe weather (weather warning), meal sites will close.

Drive-thru distribution of meals from seven school sites:

- Schilling Elementary, 3121 Canterbury
- Sunset Elementary, 1510 W. Republic
- Cottonwood Elementary, 215 S. Phillips
- Oakdale Elementary, 811 E. Iron
- South Middle School, 2015 Simmons
- Central High School, 650 E. Crawford
- Heartland Early Education, 700 Jupiter



These sites were selected in accordance with federal government (USDA) guidelines.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Please continue to check our website, [usd305.com](http://usd305.com), for meal schedule updates.

### Greetings!

Does summer break feel different to you this year? It does to us. The pandemic forced an early separation (physical) between teachers and students and blurred the lines between fourth quarter and summer. With June about to begin, we're all noticing that summer looks different this year.

Perhaps more than ever before, there is a gigantic amount of work that needs to be completed during summer break. Or as we prefer to think of it, before school begins again.

June and July will be busy as we position our schools so that our students' learning is sustained regardless of conditions. Teachers, administrators and our Board of Education are working on plans for the long term.

Those plans will be ready to share later in June and July. Whatever our "new normal" may be, we are more ready for it than ever before.

We will be using our school notification system, our website and the local media to keep you updated with information as it becomes available. Enjoy the summer days and stay well!



**If your child will be starting kindergarten next fall, please check your school website for the virtual Kindergarten Round-Up.**

*Kindergarteners must be 5 years old on or before August 31, 2020 to begin school in August 2020.*



Coronado art teacher, Sheryl Hedlund, shared a slide show sampling some of the art her students created in the last six weeks. Krista Linenberger, principal, summed it up well, "It is mesmerizing to see the smiles on the kids' faces and their creativity."

Be sure to check it out!

[View the slide show here.](#)



**Central High School sophomore Taya Nguyen and 2020 graduate Houston Griffiths, students in Shelby Dinkel's A/V Production Fundamentals class, created winning videos for a movie theatre ad contest.**

The videos convey the dangers of smoking and vaping and promote the KanQuit Quitline services. Congratulations!

*Sponsored by Saline County Tobacco Use Prevention Coalition and CKF Addiction Treatment.*

[Read more here](#)

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### **USD 305 Playgrounds\* are open!**

- Frequent hand washing, wearing of masks, and social distancing (six feet or more) in public settings is strongly encouraged to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- Salina Public Schools continues to monitor the situation and provide updates as necessary. Check the district website [USD305.com](http://USD305.com) for additional resources and communications.



*\*Due to special equipment and donor agreements, the Coronado playground remains closed.*

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### **Sherry Jackson Makes 5th Grade Class Book Study Irresistible!**

Sherry Jackson's 5th grade class at Stewart Elementary read the book *Esperanza Rising*. To make the most of the experience, Sherry kept the activities interesting and varied. They processed the information in many different ways.

- Studying parts of the UDHR (Universal Declaration of Human Rights) and how it relates to the book.
- Discussing themes of the book such as "the river" between social classes; how people can be treated differently depending on their social and economic status.
- Playing a matching game of text evidence and particular human rights.
- Discussing if safety should trump rights - there were opinions on both sides!
- Making a yarn doll and writing a story from the doll's perspective of being a child during The Great Depression.



**Central High School teacher Melinda Jett talks about her experiences shifting to online, at-home learning and teaching during the last quarter.** Hear her share with Superintendent Linn Exline about adapting, discovering opportunities to grow, as well as what was missed.

[Check out all the Talk305 podcasts on this page.](#)

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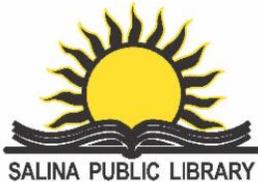
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