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WELCOME FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Welcome to Spring Hill USD 230! We believe we have the best school district in all of Kansas. Our community is very supportive of our district and places an extremely high priority on student learning, innovation, and success. We've finished a rather stressful year dealing with COVID-19. As with many other districts, we made adjustments for remote learning, optional remote learning and mitigation practices to keep everyone safe. Even after a challenging year, we are very happy to report our overall state assessments are good. We appreciate our community being supportive during this incredibly trying time for all of us. At this point, we are planning for the opening of school in August to be without some of the mitigation practices (masks, social distancing and temperature checks). Our custodians and maintenance crew will keep up a high level of cleaning and sanitizing. This is our plan unless we receive mandates from the state and/or the county.

Our vision statement, "maintain small-town values and empower each student to achieve world-class success," continues to be the root of who we are and where we want to go. As parents are the first teachers, we want to continue to build a partnership with you to help your child be successful. We encourage you to set up an appointment to visit our schools and to become acquainted with our principals, our teachers, and our support staff. We have outstanding, award-winning staff members who are dedicated to

meeting the needs of our children.

For the last few years, we've been the fastest growing school district in the state of Kansas. Our community has been supportive of education and passed a bond issue in 2016 and 2018. With these bond issues, we've been able to build new school buildings, upgrade our technology, and take care of deferred maintenance. This fall, we will open Dayton Creek Elementary, our fifth elementary school. Additionally, we have started construction on our third middle school.

We have upgraded various aspects of our curriculum and are able to offer classes we have not been able to offer before. We are constantly striving to become better in every aspect of our school district.

Over twenty years ago, my wife and I chose to raise our family in the Spring Hill School District. Both of our children graduated from Spring Hill High School and continued their education. We've never regretted that decision. We feel truly blessed to be part of such an innovative and progressive school district and we think you will feel the same way.

Regards, Wayne Burke, Superintendent



Spring Hill School District Strategic Plan 2026 Summary "Building Future-Ready Students"

Vision: Maintain small-town values and empower each student to achieve world-class success.

Mission: To be a school district that engages students to learn, create, adapt, and succeed in an ever-changing world.

Academic Excellence

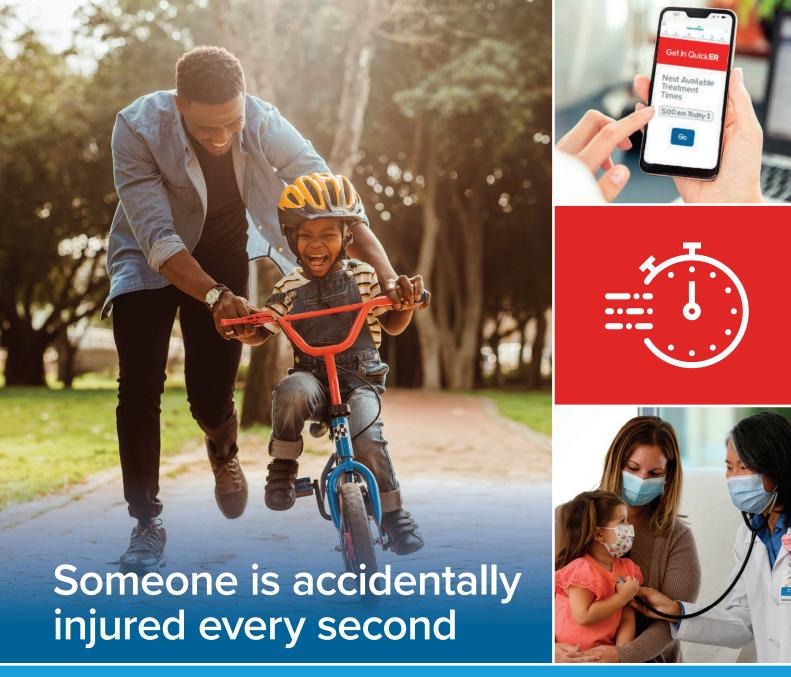
Each student will meet or exceed grade-level academic expectations in order to achieve academic excellence.

- 1. Ensure each student is ready for their future through strong classroom instruction and a multi-tiered system of support (MTSS) for academic/cognitive learning. College-Ready
- 2. Ensure each student is ready for their future by providing Real-World Learning opportunities for students in order to help them develop the characteristics of successful adults. *Career-Ready*

Personal Development

In partnership with families, each student will develop purpose and social-emotional skills in order to contribute to their community.

- 1. Ensure each student is ready for their future through strong peer and adult relationships and a multi-tiered system of support (MTSS) for social-emotional learning and behavior. *Life-Ready/Career-Ready*
- 2. Ensure each student is ready for their future through a partnership with families to provide a continuum of social-emotional learning and healthy relationships. *Life-Ready*





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WELCOME NEW ADMINISTRATORS

Spring Hill Schools welcome three new administrators to the USD 230 team for the 2021-22 school year.



Meka Bauer, Timber Sage Elementary School Principal

Mrs. Meka Bauer was selected as the Timber Sage Elementary School principal for the 2021-22 school year.

Bauer has served as the Spring Hill Middle School (SHMS) instructional coach for the past two school years. Before she joined the USD 230 team, she

was a fourth-grade teacher, team leader, gifted facilitator, and elementary school administrator in Lincoln, NE. Additionally, she was a teacher and curriculum coordinator in Missouri. With over 16 years in education, she believes that a strong partnership between school and parents is critical to help students explore their strengths, dream ambitious dreams, and make plans to achieve lofty goals.

Her time at SHMS has provided a working knowledge of the vision, values, and traditions of USD 230 and the Spring Hill community. "I am excited and honored to be given the opportunity to join the Timber Sage Elementary School team," says Bauer.

"We are thrilled to have such a passionate and dedicated employee step into this role for our district. Mrs. Bauer will continue to be an asset for our students, staff, and families at Timber Sage Elementary School," said Michelle Hackney, director of human resources.



Christopher Villarreal, Director of Communications and Education Engagement

Mr. Christopher Villarreal will serve as the director of communications and education engagement (previously director of communications) for the district.

Villarreal has 18 years of experience in communications

and 13 years of experience in education. His communications background includes work with small businesses, post-secondary institutions, and K-12 school districts. In education, he most recently served as a curriculum coordinator for

Shawnee Mission School District. He is currently pursuing his doctorate in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies through the University of Kansas and will graduate in May 2022. Villareal previously earned both his masters and bachelors degrees in Secondary Education from the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

"I am excited for the opportunity to merge my passions for communication and education, and tell the story of teaching and learning in the Spring Hill School District," said Villarreal. "This will be a truly collaborative effort with stakeholders throughout the community, and I hope we can share the great things happening in the school district with the metro area."

"Mr. Villarreal will bring a strong background in education and communication to this position to provide a focus on education engagement," said Brad Willson, assistant superintendent.



Dr. Erin Smith, Director of Teaching and Learning

Dr. Erin Smith will serve as the district's director of teaching and learning (previously director of curriculum and instruction).

Smith has 18 years of experience in education and a doctorate degree in Educational Leadership from Baker University. She previously earned

both her masters degree in Curriculum and Instruction, and bachelors degree in Education from the University of Kansas. In her most recent work with Shawnee Mission School District, Smith served as the coordinator of curriculum and instruction. Before she joined USD 512, she was a school improvement specialist, instructional coach, teacher, and director of education.

"Spring Hill schools are a place of learning for all, with equal measures of enthusiasm, productivity and integrity," said Smith. "I'm excited to be joining the district, and I look forward to enriching the educational experience of our students."

"Dr. Smith will be instrumental in implementing the educational components of our new strategic plan," said Dr. Wayne Burke, superintendent. "We are excited to have her on our team."



Spring Hill 2021-2022 District Calendar

Notes: July 2021 August 2021 September 2021 October 2021 Aug 9-11: New Teachers on Duty M T W TF S TWTFS SMTWTF SMTWTF S M Aug 13-17: Teacher Prof Dev 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 Aug 18: First Day of Classes (PK-9) 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 Aug 19: First Day of Classes (10-12) 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 12 23 24 25 26 27 28 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 Sep 06: No Classes - Labor Day 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 29 30 31 26 27 28 29 30 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 Oct 13: Two Hour Early Dismissal Oct 14: No Classes - Prof Dev October 15: No Classes - Cert Off Duty November 2021 December 2021 January 2022 February 2022 Nov 24-26: Thanksgiving Break SMTWTFS SMTWTFS SMTWT F SMTWTF Dec 22-Jan 3: No Classes - Winter Break 1 2 3 4 5 6 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 Jan 4-5: No Classes - Prof Dev 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 Jan 6: Classes Resume 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 Jan 17: No Classes - MLK Day 28 29 30 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 26 27 28 29 30 31 Feb 16: Two Hour Early Dismissal 30 31 Feb 17: No Classes - Prof Dev March 2022 April 2022 May 2022 **June 2022** Feb 18: No Classes - Cert Off Duty SMTWTFS SMTWTF S M T F S SMTWTF W T Feb 21: No Classes - President's Day 1 2 3 4 5 4 5 6 7 1 2 1 2 3 1 2 3 4 Mar 14-18: No Classes - Spring Break 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 Mar 21: No Classes - Prof Dev 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 Mar 22: Classes Resume 27 28 29 30 31 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 26 27 28 29 30 May 26: Last Day for Students May 27: Teachers Prof Dev **Reporting Periods Regular School Hours Conference Dates** May 30: Memorial Day 1st Quarter: Aug-Oct (40 days) Elementary Schools: 8am-3:10pm Sep 8: 9-12 grade only 2nd Quarter: Oct-Dec (44 days) Middle Schools: 8:10am-3:20pm Oct 13: Evening all grades May 31: Flex Day for Teachers 3rd Quarter: Jan-Mar (43 days) High School: 8:05am-3:15pm Oct 14: All grades *PLC Days 4th Quarter: Mar-May (48 days) Preschool - AM: 7:55am-10:55am Feb 16: Evening all grades

Students: 175 Teachers: 187

IMPORTANT DATES

July 12 **Online Enrollment Opens**

The Spring Hill School District offers online enrollment to families with returning students. This year, online enrollment will be open from July 12 to July 30. During that time period, log on to Skyward and select the Online Enrollment option, which will be located in the left-hand menu. Once you get started, please follow the form and update any information necessary. Be sure that you complete all of the checklists.

Walk-In Enrollment July 27

For families who do not have Internet access, have a new student, or need to register in person, a walk-in enrollment session is offered. Staff will be available at individual school buildings on Tuesday, July 27, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Please note the following:

- Interpreter services are only available at Spring Hill High School, 19701 S. Ridgeview Rd.
- Plan accordingly for the W. 199th St. and S. Ridgeview Rd. construction detours.
- Spring Hill High School students need to enroll at the high school.
- All other schools will have packets for all schools so families with multiple students can complete enrollment in one location.

• New families will be given printed forms to complete.

Feb 17: All grades

 For returning families without Internet access, you will be given your Skyward username and password to utilize the computers on-site to complete the online enrollment process.

Dayton Creek Elementary School July 28 Ribbon Cutting and Open House, 6-8 pm

PM: 12:25pm-3:25pm

Join us to celebrate the opening of our fifth elementary school! The ribbon cutting ceremony begins at 6 pm. The event will have a self-guided tour with opportunities to meet staff members, enjoy refreshments, get your photo taken with the mascot, and more. This is a come and go event.

Dayton Creek Elementary School 21120 W. 188th Ter.

Spring Hill, KS 66083

July 30 Kindergarten Round-Up

Please contact your child's school if you have not already registered for Kindergarten Round-Up. Schools will be providing additional information regarding this event to registered families.

July 30 Online Enrollment Closes August 18 First day of school PK-9

August 19 First day of school 10-12

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

The Spring Hill School District celebrated the 2020-21 school year with its annual employee recognition ceremony. The ceremony was shared by video due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Thank you to Main Street Credit Union for sponsoring this event. And thank you to our dedicated employees who have gone above and beyond in a challenging year!

Years of Service Awards

5 YEARS:

Alicia Allen

Jamie Anderson

Adriane Barrett

Adrienne Besler

Lindsay Davey

Christine Campbell

Rose Chilson

Sadie Clements

Kimberly Diffley

Angela Freeman

Sarah Geiter

Maria Giffin

Kristina Girrens

Trevor Goertzen

Melanie Golubski

Michelle Harris

Katie Heiman

Stephenie Higgs

Glenda Johnston

Leah Jolosky

Jennifer Kuhn

Nicole McCaskey

Kelli Morehead

Lucinda Moss

Kelli Mugrage

Sylvia Niccum

Rebecca Noll

Susan Phoenix

Sheldon Pipkin

Kelsie Proehl

Mariah Ramos

Tina Roberts

Cynthia Sanderson

Hannah Silverman

Anthony Sublette

Alexandria Tunnicliff

Alex Winkler

10 YEARS:

Mary Chamberlin

Katie Claar

Ryan Dalton

Theresa Kasper

Nicholas Madelen

LaDonna Miller

Jeffrey Preston

Jolene Rutledge

Terry Shiver

Abby Stallbaumer

William Sutcliffe

Janet Taylor

Suzan Wolf

Lindsey Yoder

15 YEARS:

Patty Broers

Kelly Ediger

Mary Honnold

McKenna Jansson

Karen Katzer

Lisa Konzem

Gary Laws

Heath Ostmeyer Stacie Williams

20 YEARS:

Ryan Bechtel

Jayci Dalton

Michelle Hackney

Kelly King

Julie McCutcheon

Nancy Miller

Robert Moss

Kerri Rodden

Thomas Sherron

Brent Smitheran

Alicia Von Stein

Kimberly Wright

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25 YEARS:

Janet Bennett

Todd Brown

Debra Taylor

Hallie Young

30 YEARS:

James Laskares

Bradley Reinking

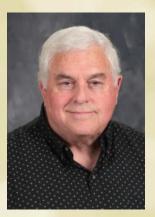
Retirees



Sheryl Allison - 14 years



Karen Katzer - 15 years



Gary Laws - 15 years



Debra Taylor - 25 years

Classified Employees of the Year



Office Personnel: **Jennifer Anderson** Spring Hill High School



Facilities, Grounds, Technology & Nutrition: **Bob Moss**



Educational Support Center Paraprofessional: **Shawn Jones** Wolf Creek **Elementary School**



Jeff Thomas - 14 years

District and State Horizon Award Winner



Molly Dugan Spring Hill Middle School

Monthly Price Chopper Character Award Winners

Katie Sibbitt, Spring Hill Middle School Darcy Sly, Timber Sage Elementary School Nicole Wellman, Spring Hill Elementary School Angela Tauer, Woodland Spring Middle School Patrick Donahue, Spring Hill High School Bob Moss, Educational Support Center Michelle Hackney, Spring Hill District **Administrative Center**

Noel Miller, Spring Hill Middle School Angela Janovick, Prairie Creek Elementary School

Bus Driver of the Year



Beth McCreight

LEARNING DURING A PANDEMIC

The challenge was real. Learning and teaching during a pandemic was tough. There was remote learning, optional remote learning, hybrid learning, learning in person with mitigation practices, learning during quarantine, and so on. Yet despite all these challenges, our students and teachers persevered.

The changes in learning environment and mode of learning during the pandemic were not what anyone wanted, but the incredible efforts of teachers and staff and the dedication of students mitigated learning loss during this time.

Below is a summary of the 2020-21 state assessment scores (please note that these scores are compared to the 2019 assessment scores as those were the last assessments taken by students):

In English Language Arts:

- In all seven grade levels tested, we are above the state average. In 2019, we were above the state average in five grade levels.
- In 2019, the average of all grades compared to the state average was a +4.3 points. In 2021, we are an average at all grade levels of +10.2 points above the state average.
- In 2021, five grade-levels improved their scores when compared to 2019, one stayed the same, and one dropped.
- In 2021, six (out of seven) grade-levels increased their spread from the state average.

In Math:

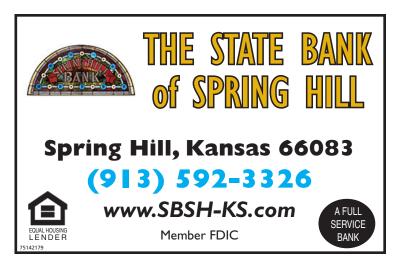
• In all seven grade levels tested, we are above the state average. In 2019, we were above the state average in four grade levels.



- \bullet In 2019, the average of all grades compared to the state average was a +4.6 points. In 2021, we are an average at all grade levels of +9.3 points above the state average.
- In 2021, five grade-levels improved their scores when compared to 2019, one stayed the same, and one dropped.
- In 2021, six (out of seven) grade-levels increased their spread from the state average.

Individual student state assessment scores are mailed to parents over the summer. If you have questions regarding state assessment scores, please contact your child's school.

	2019 AVE	2021 AVE	Change
Spring Hill ELA	293.6	298.1	4.5
Kansas ELA	289.3	287.9	-1.4
Spring Hill Math	292.0	292.3	0.3
Kansas Math	287.4	283.0	-4.4



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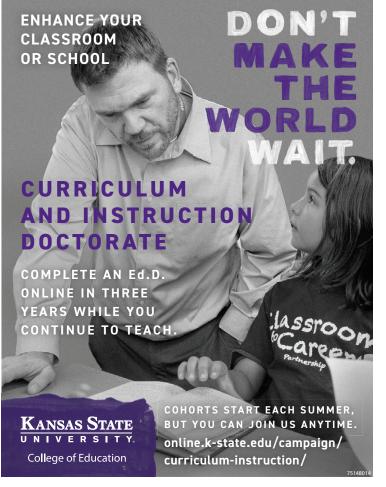
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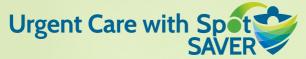


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