

Spring Grove Primary Center Student Handbook



2016 ~ 2017

"...leading our students to develop social and academic skills to achieve life-long learning for the 21st Century"

WELCOME LETTER

Students,

It is with great excitement that I welcome you to the 2016-2017 school year! I am truly eager to meet you all the new faces and see those of you coming back. I hope you have had a great summer and are ready for another great school year! This handbook will serve as a guide for you to be successful at Spring Grove Primary Center. Please take the time to read through it with your parent(s)/guardians and ask should you have any questions about anything.

At Spring Grove Primary Center we want to uncover your highest potential in every area of your life. Our goals include academic learning, demonstrating manners, developing virtues, displaying appropriate behavior, social/emotional growth and overall wellbeing. Simply put, we want you to be your best self and we are here to help you discover who that is.

You will find all the faculty and staff in our school are committed to each and every one of our students and that it is our desire for you to be successful. Every student is an important and valuable part of our school and we take the responsibility of educating you very seriously. If you don't already know it, you will soon understand that our faculty and staff work very hard to help you strive to be the best you can be!

Parents,

I want to personally thank you for entrusting your child's education to our teachers and support staff. We believe it is necessary that our students not only learn academic content but also demonstrate responsible behavior, self-control and develop a positive outlook when life presents them with a challenge. In today's changing world it is no longer enough for students to simply learn information. We must teach today's students to become thinkers, problem solvers and how to develop good decision-making skills.

I also want to take this time to invite you to become an active participant in your child's education in any way you can. You do not have to know how to do your child's schoolwork to help them become successful students. Showing them your support, interest, investment in them and expectation of their success is a great way to be involved and provide your child with the support they need from you. I encourage you to contact your student's teacher(s) or myself anytime you feel the need. Please utilize the district's website for information as the school year progresses and feel free to use the district's email as a means of making contact.

I truly believe that if we all: students, parents, faculty and staff are committed to working together your child can achieve anything they set their mind to! Let's make a commitment to all learn and grow together!

Lisa A. Scarrow, Principal

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GALENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 499 PHONE NUMBERS ~ 783-4499

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|-----------------------|-----------|
| Board of Education | ext. 1100 |
| High School | ext. 1400 |
| Liberty Elementary | ext. 1200 |
| Liberty Middle School | ext. 1300 |
| Cornerstone | ext. 1500 |
| School Nurse | ext. 1601 |
| School Psychologist | ext. 1303 |
| Spring Grove | ext. 2100 |
| Liberty Library | ext. 1600 |
| Bus Barn | ext. 1107 |

SPRING GROVE PRIMARY CENTER Staff

783-2555 & 783-2787

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|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| Lisa Scarrow | Principal |
| Angie Brittle | PreK ~ 783-5704 |
| Ratava Moyer | PreK ~ 783-5494 |
| Kayleigh Boyes | Kindergarten |
| Kimberly Hulsey | Kindergarten |
| Shonda Potter | Kindergarten |
| Robin Cawyer | First Grade |
| Stephanie Cook | First Grade |
| Danielle Murphy | First Grade |
| Shawna Henson | Second Grade |
| Jacoby Martin | Second Grade |
| Brianna Miller | Second Grade |
| Tammy Perry | Second Grade |
| Deann Woodward | Title 1 |
| Tracy Cooper | Speech |
| Whitney Wright | Music |
| Danielle Cruse | Art |
| Candy Henson - Para | Librarian |
| Catherine Summers | Special Education |
| Ratava Moyer | Special Ed. Preschool |
| Angie Brittle | Four Year Old At Risk Program |
| Deann Kellogg | Registered Nurse |
| Dana Dubry | Counselor |
| Jennifer Kafka | School Psychologist |
| Kay Lindsey | Secretary |
| Kristi Clarkson | Lunchroom Collector |
| Lesa Wade | Cook |
| Rick Phipps | Custodian |
| Kelli Bailey | Evening Custodian |

Special education para professionals are assigned yearly by the interlocal.

GALENA USD 499 MISSION STATEMENT

The Galena School District will provide a dynamic learning experience in a safe environment by challenging our student to embrace excellence, character, hard work, and knowledge as tools to prepare them for life in the 21st century.

BELIEF STATEMENTS

We believe:

- Providing a safe, supportive learning and work environment is critical to student success.
 - The recruitment, retention and support of a highly qualified workforce is a priority.
 - Schools should develop cooperative partnerships with parents, patrons, businesses and organization in the community to ensure students develop the necessary skills to become productive citizens.
 - High expectations promote academic achievement.
 - Creativity and imagination should be recognized, respected and nurtured.
- Integration of technology allows for further enhancement of creative and organizational skills that nurture the development of technology literate individuals.

SPRING GROVE PRIMARY CENTER MISSION STATEMENT

At Spring Grove we encourage and lead our students to develop social and academic skills to achieve life-long learning for the 21st Century.

Students will read and comprehend.

Students will develop skills to solve problems.

Students will show respect in thinking and reasoning in oral and written communication.

GALENA USD 499 GOALS

Curriculum - Prepare students to become lifelong learners and productive citizens incorporating rigorous and relevant curriculum instruction that prepares them for college and career readiness.

Professional Development - Develop professionals to improve student learning by supporting programs that align with federal, state, and district reform initiatives that promote collegiality and collaboration, and improve instructional practices.

Assessment - Use students' data to diagnose skill levels, guide interventions, and identify reteaching opportunities that will aide in the mastery of skills.

Technology - Expand the integration of technology to support learning, teaching, and organizational needs of the district.

Finance and Facilities - Support the mission of the school district with the appropriate management of financial resources to provide a safe and healthy learning environment.

Communication - Build positive relationships with all stakeholders to broaden understanding and support of the educational process.

Personnel - Promote quality education by recruiting, retaining, and supporting highly qualified professionals.

Student Support Services - Provide a district wide support system to assist students and stakeholders with a wide range of academic, social, and emotional needs.

ATTENDANCE

We are pleased to have your child in the Galena Schools! We have a very talented and dedicated staff who are committed to helping all of our students be successful in every area of their school careers. We believe that the students are developing important skills and habits that will enable them to be successful not only in school, but throughout their entire lives. We know you are also committed to helping your child be successful in school, and attending regularly is the first step.

We are not asking you to send your children to school when they are too ill to be here. However, if it is possible for them to be here on days when they may not be feeling their best, we would like to have them here. Please let your children know they can go to the office if they are not feeling well. The school nurse can check on them and help in any way. We want to do whatever is necessary to make sure they have a good day at school.

The School Counselor will help you and your child comply with the Kansas Compulsory School Attendance Law and ensure that, for the safety of your child, both you and the school will know their whereabouts during the school day.

KANSAS COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE LAW

- Every parent or person acting as parent in the state of Kansas, who has control over or charge of any child who has reached the age of seven years and is under the age of 18 years, shall require such child to attend continuously each school year.
- Any child who is under the age of seven years, but who is enrolled in school, is subject to the compulsory attendance requirements.
- Whenever a child is required by law to attend school and is enrolled in school, and the child is inexcusably absent there-from on either three consecutive school days or five or more school days in any semester, the child shall be considered to be not attending school as required by law.

- Each board of education shall designate one or more employees who shall report to the secretary of social and rehabilitation services, or a designee thereof, all cases of children who are less than 13 years of age and are not attending school as required by law, and to the appropriate county or district attorney, or a designee thereof, all cases of children who are 13 or more years of age but less than 18 years of age and are not attending school as required by law.
- A child is inexcusably absent from school if the child is absent there-from all or a significant part of a school day without a valid excuse acceptable to the school employee designated by the board of education to have responsibility for the school attendance of such child.

EXCESSIVE ABSENCES

1. The Board of Education, administration, and faculty feel that students must share in the responsibility for acquiring their own education. Students must be in attendance in each of their classes at least 90% of the class periods in each semester, and maintain passing grades to be promoted to the next grade level. School sponsored trips, events, and activities will not be counted as absent.
2. Examples of excused absences are a personal illness of the student which requires hospitalization or home confinement, doctor appointment, mandatory court appearance, or a death in the family. Examples of unexcused absences are staying home to take care of family members, running errands, shopping, etc.
3. If your child is going to a doctor or dentist appointment, or a mandatory court appearance, you need to provide the office a note signed by the doctor or court officer, stating the date and the beginning and ending times of the appointment or court appearance.
4. Students should be in attendance as much as possible before and after prearranged appointments, and should check into the office before leaving and upon returning from appointments.
5. The school staff will be checking on the attendance of the students daily. On the day the student is absent, a parent or guardian needs to notify the school office by 8:15 a.m. and state the reason for the absence. Parents or guardians may call, come into the office, or send a note with someone else.
6. If the office has **not** been notified that a child will be absent that day, for the safety of the child, the school staff will attempt to contact the students home by phone, visit the home, or contact one of the student's listed emergency references from the enrollment form. The school must have a documented reason when a student is absent. If we are unable to contact you, please send a note to the office the next day when the student returns. If a student returns to school without parent documented contact, the absence will be recorded as truant.

7. Every child is required to attend school regularly to comply with the state compulsory attendance law. Regular attendance will help him/her be more successful in school. Parents will be notified if absences or tardiness become a problem for their child.
8. After five absences the student and parent are required to participate in an attendance hearing with the principal, and teacher to develop intervention strategies to improve the student's attendance.
If the parent does not attend the hearing and/or the student continues to be absent, Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS) and the County Attorney will be notified. Lack of attendance (falling below 90%) can result in the assignment of mandatory attendance at summer school, and the After School Program by the administration to be considered for promotion to the next grade level.
9. Students must never leave the building without first checking out through the office. This does not apply to students leaving on a field trip or other school activities under the supervision of a teacher.
10. All class work must be completed to the satisfaction of the teacher when a student has been absent for any reason.
11. Please note that attendance awards are not given to students who have accumulated excessive tardiness.
12. Parents who have a question about an absence or the policy should contact the school administrators.

TARDINESS

1. If a student is not in the classroom when the tardy bell rings, he/she is tardy.
2. Students who arrive at school late need to secure a pass from the office to be admitted to class.

Excessive tardiness will be reported to Department of Children and Families and the Cherokee County Attorney.

GENERAL SCHEDULE

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| 7:20 A.M. | Bus Supervisor Arrives |
| 7:25 A.M. | Breakfast Served |
| 7:40 A.M. | Teachers Arrive |
| 7:50 A.M. | Students to Class |
| 11:00A.M. | Kindergarten Lunch |
| 11:30 A.M. | 1st Grade Lunch |
| 11:50A.M. | 2nd Grade Lunch |
| 3:10 P.M. | Dismiss for the Day |

School will be dismissed at 2:30 P.M. every Friday.

All students are offered breakfast at school. We ask that parents who wish for their students to eat breakfast at school arrive at school no later than 7:30A.M. to have breakfast.

STUDENT CUSTODY

All parents have equal access to their child and their child's school records unless documentation of court action is provided to the principal, which dictates otherwise. Such documentation may be in the form of a restraining order, results of a custody hearing, or other legal documents. Parents are also responsible for keeping the principal informed of all legal changes regarding child custody and visitation issues. The principal can only enforce denial of a parent's access to their child or their child's school records when legal documentation is provided.

VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

Parents are always welcome to visit our classrooms. Adults or parents visiting must obtain approval and a visitor's pass from the office. Forty-five minutes is a recommended period for visitation to keep class distraction at a minimum. It is requested that you contact your child's teacher for a suitable time and day to insure adequate observation of particular areas of interest to you.

Any person who visits a school building in the district during school hours shall first come to the principal's office and state the reason for the visit. Visitors must enter the building through the north doors. All other doors will be locked as a safety measure. Should a parent wish to see a teacher, an appointment must be made. Appointments may be made by calling the office (Spring Grove: 783-2555, 783-2787, or 783-4499 ext. 2100).

Persons will not visit a classroom without approval of the principal.

STUDENT SUPPLY LIST

KINDERGARTEN

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| 2 LARGE BOXES OF Kleenex | 1 box of band-aids |
| 4 boxes of 8 regular size CRAYOLA Crayons | 1 pair FISKER blunt tip scissors |
| 1 box gallon size Zip-Loc storage bags | 1 box sandwich size Zip-Loc storage bags |
| 8 basic color washable markers | 1 container of antibacterial hand wipes |
| 1 nap mat (not the extra thick ones) | 1 plastic school box |
| 4 large Elmers glue sticks (purple) | 1 set of ear buds |
| 1 backpack with their name clearly printed on it to carry home handouts and daily work. | |

FIRST GRADE

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| 1 pair FISKER scissors | 1 pkg. #2 pencils (yellow only) |
| 2 boxes of 8 CRAYOLA regular size crayons. NO large crayons or cartoon character crayons. | |
| We use these to teach color words and so it is important we have <u>CRAYOLA CRAYONS.</u> | |
| 2 large erasers | 3 glue sticks (no colored glue) |
| 1 large box of Kleenex | 1 box of band-aids |
| 3 solid color 2 pocket folders (1 red, 1 blue, 1 yellow) | |
| 1 box gallon Zip-Loc bags | 1 box sandwich Zip-Loc bags |
| 1 set of ear buds | 1 container of Clorox wipes |

SECOND GRADE

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| 1 pkg. wide-lined paper | 4 glue sticks |
| 1 pkg. #2 yellow pencils (no character or print pencils please) | |
| 1 pair FISKER scissors | 1 pkg. of cap erasers |
| 2 boxes of 24 crayons | 1 ruler with inches and centimeters |
| 1 pocket folder (any design) | 1 zipper pencil bag |
| 1 box Zip-Loc sandwich bags (boys) | 1 box Zip-Loc quart size bags (girls) |
| 1 box colored pencils | 1 container disinfectant wipes |
| 1 pkg. of earbuds | 2 large boxes of Kleenex |
| 1 pkg. Expo Dry Erase Markers | |

PLEASE: NO INK PENS, PENCIL SHARPENERS, 3-RING BINDERS, BIG CHIEF TABLETS, BACKPACKS WITH WHEELS, OR TOYS

Classroom teachers may make additions to this list during the first week of school.

DISCIPLINE PLAN

KINDERGARTEN, FIRST, AND SECOND GRADES

The building plan, written for application outside of individual classrooms, includes the student behavior necessary for maintaining a good learning atmosphere. The school rules are as follows:

1. Students will respect the rights and property of others, including our school building and playground equipment.
2. Students will walk quietly and properly at all times - no running indoors, to the library, to the bus, etc.
3. Students will keep hands, feet, and objects to themselves - no fighting or rough play.
4. Students will speak softly - no yelling, swearing, or teasing.
5. Food, including candy, is allowed in the lunchroom only when approved by the teacher.

SEVERE CLAUSE

If a student endangers the safety and/or property of another person or engages in openly defiant behavior, he/she will be removed immediately from the situation and disciplined by the principal or designate in charge according to the nature of the incident. The parent will be called. Consequences may include suspension from school.

Each classroom teacher will have a classroom discipline plan. It will be similar in format and content to the building plan.

BULLYING

The board of education prohibits bullying in any form, including electronic means, on school property, in a school vehicle or at a school-sponsored activity or event. The administration shall propose, and the board shall review and approve a plan to address bullying on school property, in a school vehicle or at a school-sponsored activity or event.

The plan shall include provisions for the training and education of staff members and students and shall include appropriate community involvement as approved by the board. Students who have bullied others in violation of this policy may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including suspension and expulsion. If appropriate, students who violate the bullying prohibition shall be reported to local law enforcement.

Approved: KASB Recommendation - 06/07; 6/08

Approved: Galena USD #499 - October 13, 2008

The complete Board Policy on Bullying will be handed out at enrollment.

REPORTING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT

Whenever a student engages in conduct which constitutes the commission of any misdemeanor or felony, at school, on school property, or at a school supervised activity and/or has been found:

- in possession of a weapon,
- in possession of controlled substance or illegal drug; or
- to have engaged in behavior at school which has resulted in , or was substantially likely to have resulted in, serious bodily injury to others, the {principal/superintendent} shall report such act to the appropriate law enforcement agency if any of the behaviors noted above occur.

Approved: KASB Recommendation - 6/99; 6/01; 4/07; 6/07; 9/07; 6/08

Approved: Galena USD #499 - September 8, 2008

STUDENT DROP OFF AND PICK UP/ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

Our main priority is to partner with parents in an effort to keep all of our students safe. In an effort to do so we have created a system for morning drop off and afternoon pick up. We ask that you support our procedures so that we are able to continue ensuring student safety.

MORNING DROP OFF/ARRIVAL

Supervision of students starts at 7:15. Students who arrive before breakfast service starts should come inside and sit on the steps in the hallway. After breakfast service begins all students should report the gymnasium when they arrive. We ask that students not go to their classroom as teachers are preparing to start their day and may not be in their classroom to offer supervision.

AFTERNOON PICK-UP/DISMISSAL

Because we have so many places for children to go after school (bus riders, parent pick up, walkers, The Learning Zone, After School Tutoring) we have established dismissal procedures to ensure we are able to get all of our students to the place they need to be safely and efficiently.

We ask those who are picking up students from school remain in their car so that we are able escort each child out to their ride. We have established this procedure not only because parking is very limited but also, to ensure that we are dismissing children to an adult who has the authority to pick them up.

If you choose to park and walk up to the school we will consider these children walkers and dismiss them out the east door of the school. These students may be picked up from the east side of the school. We will ask parents/guardians who come into the school to retrieve students to wait for them outside at these doors.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in following our procedures to not only keep your child safe and secure but to keep all of our students safety.

FIRE DRILL PROCEDURE

The fire alarm will be a consistent blast of the alarm. Teachers will see that all windows and doors are closed as they exit.

EXIT PROCEDURES

Students will line up quickly and quietly so that they can hear instructions from teachers and staff. Staff will follow emergency plan and exit the building using the safest route. All Exit routes and alternate exit routes are posted in classrooms.

TORNADO PROCEDURES

The tornado alarm will be sounded over the intercom system. All students will proceed hardened storm shelters at the west end of the building.

INTRUDER ON CAMPUS

Teachers will follow the guidelines learned in A.L.I.C.E training. Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate.

SCHOOL PARTIES

Parties are held at school for Halloween, Christmas, and Valentine's Day. Birthday treats brought to school by parents must be approved by the classroom teacher or principal and are restricted to commercially prepared products.

The principal must approve other parties that students or teachers plan. These will be held to a minimum.

No money will be collected from students for such activities without the principal's approval.

KINDERGARTEN SNACKS

We ask that Kindergarten snacks be limited to cracker type snacks. Please limit sweet snacks and drinks will be limited to birthday celebrations.

BREAKFAST & LUNCH PRICES

Meal charges will be limited to \$10.00. When charges reach \$10.00, the student will need to bring a lunch from home or he/she will be served a peanut butter sandwich and a carton of milk. If the child does not bring a lunch, a parent will be called to bring them a lunch. You may also pay for meals daily.

Breakfast prices are as follows:

Kindergarten and Elementary student breakfast: \$1.70

Adult breakfast: \$2.20

Reduced breakfast: \$0.30

Lunch prices are as follows:

Elementary student lunch: \$2.20

Adult lunch: \$3.45

Reduced lunch: \$0.40

Please alert the school if your child has food allergies or is in need of a special diet.

Students bringing lunch boxes should have their names clearly printed on their lunch boxes. Meal prices are subject to change.

In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age or handicap. If you believe you have been discriminated against, write immediately to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent-Teacher Conferences can be scheduled as needed to supplement the report card of each pupil. A conference time can be scheduled by calling the Spring Grove office (783-2555 or 783-2787) or by sending a note to school. The school compact will be signed by Student/Teacher/Parent/Principal during enrollment.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

All personal belongings should be labeled with the students' name. During the second week of school, all articles not labeled at home will be labeled at school.

Bicycles ridden to school are the student's responsibility. Bicycles are not to be ridden on the playground. Skate shoes are not allowed at school.

PETS

To assure the safety of all students, pets brought to school, as part of class study must be approved by the principal.

SCHOOL WORK

Students will have assignments of various types daily. Any work not completed during the school day will be homework. Homework is to be completed at home by the student and returned the next day. All work must be completed to the teacher's satisfaction.

EDUCATION INTERVENTIONS

SCREENING

Screening is the first step in the identification of exceptional children. Screening procedures consider all children in a given population in order to locate those who may be in need of special education services. Because all children participate in screening activities, prior written parental consent is not required.

The Galena Unified School District #499 has in place a set of systematic procedures to screen all school-aged children for learning assets or deficits which may require special education services. These screening procedures shall include the following:

- * Mandatory hearing and vision screening - Vision every two years, hearing every three years;
- * An age appropriate developmental instrument or screening procedure designed to identify those children with possible delays. Such instruments/procedures may include:
 - teacher and parent referrals or self referral by students,
 - behavior checklist,
 - group achievement tests,
 - adaptive behavior observations,
 - teacher/parent observations,
 - or other techniques developed locally by multidisciplinary efforts.

GENERAL EDUCATION INTERVENTION

To ensure a quality educational experience is provided for all students, Galena Unified Schools provides a research based core instruction delivered by certified staff. Progress in

the curriculum is monitored throughout the year using multiple assessment tools such as Progress Monitoring, DIBELS, MAP, and Curriculum Based Measurements.

If a student is not making progress in the curriculum based upon the above screening assessments, a student may be referred to the General Education Intervention team, known as the Student Improvement Team (SIT). General education intervention is a process used by regular education to facilitate improvement for students whose needs may not be adequately met in the general education curriculum without individualized accommodations or instruction. The goal of the general education intervention process is to improve student success in the regular education classroom with the least restrictive environment.

General education intervention is a problem solving process which looks at the student's instruction, curriculum, environment, and individual skills to develop a student improvement plan of strategies targeted at the areas of concern. The SIT team may refer a student for a special education comprehensive evaluation if progress monitoring data indicates multiple research-based interventions have not been successful and the SIT team suspects a disability.

The SIT team may be comprised of the following individuals: parent(s)/legal guardian(s) of the child, regular education teacher, Title teacher(s), school counselor, school psychologist, principal, and special education staff. Students may be referred to the SIT team by the student's regular education teacher or any other school staff members. Parents may also refer their child to the SIT team by contacting the SIT coordinator, Teresa Berry, or by completing a referral form located in the school office.

FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT (FERPA) OF 1974

The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. They are:

- (1) The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the district receives a request for access.
Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal (or appropriate school official) a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The principal will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.
- (2) The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate or misleading.
Parents or eligible students may ask Alpha school district to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate or misleading. They should write the school principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading. If the district decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the district will notify the parent or eligible student of the

decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

- (3) The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. One exception which permits disclosure without consent is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the district as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel; a person serving on the school board; a person or company with whom the district has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility. (Optional) Upon request, the district discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll. (Note: FERPA requires a school district to make reasonable attempt to notify the student of the records request unless it states in its annual notification that it intends to forward records on request.)
- (4) The right to file a complaint with the US Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the district to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the office that administers FERPA is:

**Family Policy
Compliance Office
US Department of Education
600 Independence Avenue
SW Washington, DC 20202-4605**

SPEECH SERVICES

The speech teacher works with individuals and small groups to assist the development of clear and correct speech patterns. Students are removed from the classroom for 20-30 minutes as indicated on the IEP.

DRESS CODE

Cleanliness and good taste should be the guide in regard to clothing and hairstyles. Appropriate dress for all students should be attire that is in keeping with the season, current style, and weather conditions. Clothing that detracts, or calls special attention to any individual, is not appropriate for school. Clothing shall be worn in the manner for which it was originally designed. No sandals on field trips please.

REPSECT FOR PROPERTY

Students are expected to care for school property. Parents will be held liable for damages.

TRANSFERS AND WITHDRAWALS

Families changing residence should contact the secretary (783-2555, 783-2787, or 783-4499 ext. 2100). All records will be mailed to the receiving school upon request from the receiving school. Records will not be mailed until all school property has been returned.

TELEPHONE USE

The office phone is for student use only in emergency situations. All messages from parents, except emergencies, will be delivered at 2:50 p.m. Therefore, please call the office prior to 2:50 p.m.

DISTRICT E-MAIL USE

Students shall have no expectation of privacy when using district e-mail or computer systems. E-mail messages shall be used only for approved educational purposes. Students must use appropriate language in all messages. Students are expected to use the system following guidelines approved by teachers or the administration.

Any e-mail or computer application or information in district computers or computer systems is subject to monitoring by the staff and/or administration. The school retains the right to duplicate any information created by students in a computer system or on any individual computer. Students who violate these rules, or any other classroom rules relating to computer use are subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension from school.

GALENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 499 STUDENT GRADE K-8 ELECTRONIC ACCESS PERMISSION FORM

****A COPY OF THIS FORM WILL BE PROVIDED AT ENROLLMENT****

The Galena Unified School District 499 Board of Education is pleased to offer students and patrons of the District access to the District's computer network for electronic mail and web access. To gain access to e-mail and the Internet, all students under the age of 18 must obtain parental permission and must sign and return this form to the building's office. Access to e-mail and the Internet will enable students to explore thousands of libraries, databases, and bulletin boards while exchanging messages with Internet users throughout the world. Families should be warned that some material accessible via the Internet may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or potentially offensive to some people. While our intent is to make Internet access available to further educational goals and objectives, students may find ways to access other materials as well. All internet access in District is filtered in accordance to state and federal guidelines and we believe that the benefits to students from access to the Internet, in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration, exceed any disadvantages. Ultimately, parents and guardians of minors are

responsible for setting and conveying the standards their children should follow when using media and information sources. To that end, the Galena Unified School District 499 supports and respects each family's right to decide whether or not to apply for access for their child.

Internet and E-Mail Rules

Students are responsible for appropriate online behavior just as they are responsible for appropriate behavior in the classroom or hallways. Communications online are often public in nature. General school rules for behavior and communications apply.

The network is provided for students to conduct research and communicate with others. Access to the network services is given to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Parent permission is required. Access is a privilege - not a right. Access entails responsibility.

It is presumed that users will comply with district standards and will honor the agreements they have signed. Beyond the clarification of such standards, the district is not responsible for restricting, monitoring, or controlling the communications of individuals utilizing the network.

Users should not expect that files stored on district servers will always be private. Within reason, freedom of speech and access to information will be honored. During school, teachers will guide students toward appropriate material. The following are not permitted:

- Sending or displaying offensive messages or pictures
- Using obscene language
- Harassing, bullying, insulting or attacking others
- Vandalism or sabotage of computers, computer systems or computer networks
- Violating copyright laws
- Using another's password
- Trespassing in another's folders, work or files
- Intentionally wasting limited resources
- Employing the network for commercial purposes.

Violations may result in the loss of access as well as other disciplinary or legal action.

As a user of the Galena Unified School District 499 technology resources, I hereby agree to comply with the above stated rules - communicating over the network in a reliable fashion while honoring all relevant laws and restrictions.

Student Signature _____

As the parent or legal guardian of the minor student signing above, I grant permission for my son or daughter to access the networked computer services such as electronic mail and the Internet. I understand that individuals and families may be held liable for violations. I understand that some material on the Internet may be objectionable, but I accept responsibility for guidance of Internet use - setting and conveying standards for my son or daughter to follow when selecting, sharing, or exploring information and media.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Name of Student _____ Grade _____

TEXTBOOKS/LIBRARY BOOKS

The proper care of books is the responsibility of each student. Any books that are damaged or lost are the responsibility of the student, and he/she will be assessed for the loss or damage. This must be paid before any other books are issued. Parents will be notified of any lost or damaged books, and the cost to have the books replaced.

TEXTBOOK RENTAL & CARE

Book rental fees for elementary students, grades K-5, are \$20.00.

Students will be responsible for the care of their books. Parents will be obligated to pay for any lost or damaged books.

LIBRARY

Children are encouraged to use the Spring Grove Library to promote reading skills and to further their interests and understanding. Students have a weekly library period for checking out books and learning library skills. There is no fee for library use, but books that are lost or excessively damaged will be charged to the borrower. The usual charge for a lost or ruined book is set by the librarian. The principal will send a letter to the parent(s) notifying them of the amount due for a lost or damaged book.

SCHOOL CLOSING/ INCLEMENT WEATHER

If the superintendent decides the weather to be of such a nature that the safety of students is threatened, he will notify the radio and TV stations. Galena Cable Channel 10 will have a school closing announcement broadcast. Calls will also be made on the SchoolReach automated phone system and the Red Alert text Message System.

EMERGENCY DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

In the event of an emergency that interferes with normal school affairs, school will be dismissed only upon action of the superintendent of schools or his designated representative. The superintendent of schools shall formulate plans and procedures to instruct all students and their parents of the rules and regulations pertaining to emergency dismissal.

Emergency procedures will be formulated by the superintendent of schools and administrative staff covering situations where the local building administrator or staff has been isolated or incapacitated by any group during an emergency situation. Such plans are to be held in strict confidence by each staff member having a direct responsibility in the implementation of the plan.

WEATHER

School will not be dismissed because of storms that arise during the school day as long as it is feasible for students and teachers to remain at school safely. Parents are urged not to send their children to school when storm conditions exist or road conditions are such as to create a definite hazard. If adverse weather conditions exist before school begins, the building principals will consult with the superintendent of schools concerning dismissal of school.

BOMB THREAT

In the event of a bomb threat or similar emergency, the principal will immediately vacate the school and conduct the students to a place of safety. The principal will call the police station, the county sheriff's office or the Kansas Highway Patrol of the threat and request a thorough inspection of the building and grounds. School may be resumed if no threat is found to the safety of the students and there is sufficient time remaining in the school day to warrant continuation of classes.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURE AND STUDENT RELEASE FORMS

Emergency procedure (enrollment) forms must be completed at pre-enrollment or during the first week of school. These forms identify what is to be done for a child in the case of injury or illness, provide emergency numbers, and notify the school of any special physical challenges.

A list of persons (Student Release form) allowed to pick students up from school must also be signed by the parent/guardian and filed in the office. Without this list, we will release the child to no one but the parent/guardian. Please up-date this list as it becomes necessary.

HEAD LICE

Students who have head lice, nits or live bugs will be excluded from attending school to be treated at home. Students may not return to school until they are free of both live bugs and nits. Upon return to school, students will be checked by the school nurse will be allowed to stay only if they are free of both live bugs and nits.

IMMUNIZATIONS

All students are to have immunization records on file. The records must be complete. If not, students will be excluded from school as regulated and established by the State of Kansas.

KINDERGARTEN HEALTH ASSESSMENT

All Kindergarten students entering USD #499 need to have a completed Health Assessment form on file in the office. Forms are available at the Spring Grove Primary Center Office.

ILLNESSES

If a child becomes ill at school, arrangements will be made to have the students sent home. Please advise the school who to call.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

Any student noted by a physician or the school nurse as having a communicable disease may be required to withdraw from school for the duration of the illness in order to give maximum health protection to other students and employees. The student will be readmitted to regular classes upon termination of the illness, as authorized by the student's physician or as authorized by a health assessment team.

In the event that a student is absent from regular classes for more than three consecutive days or the principal has been notified that a student has a communicable disease, the principal shall determine whether a release shall be obtained from the student's physician before the student reenters school.

STUDENTS EXCUSED FROM ACTIVITIES

Students will be excused from recess and physical education and/or other activities only when a note is received from the parents or a doctor. If it becomes necessary for a student to be excused for more than two days, a doctor's note is required. The note must state the reason for being excused and the date the activity may resume.

MEDICATION

State law declares it illegal for school personnel to administer medications and treatment that have not been prescribed by a medical person authorized to prescribe medication. This law also prohibits diagnosis by school personnel.

The school does not provide aspirin or other medications. When medication is necessary for a student to remain in school, the school may cooperate with parents in the supervision of medication. This requires the medical person authorized to prescribe medication to send a written order to the building administrator who may supervise the administration of the medication or treatment.

In addition, parents must submit a written order to the building administrator requesting the school's cooperation in such supervision. This document releases the school district and personnel from liability.

DRUG EDUCATION

Students shall be made aware of the legal, social, and health consequences of drug and alcohol use. Students shall be instructed on effective techniques for resisting peer pressure to use illicit drugs.

The Board has adopted a comprehensive drug and alcohol abuse and prevention program as part of the district's curriculum. The curriculum is age-appropriate and developmentally based to reach students at all ages and levels of education within the district.

DRUG FREE SCHOOLS POLICY

The Drug Free Schools and Communities Act prohibits unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by students on school premises or as a part of any school activity.

PLAYGROUND RULES

1. Only one student on the slide ladder at a time.
2. No jumping out of the swings while they are moving or swinging side to side.
3. Students will not throw or bounce the ball against the side of the school building.
4. Students are not to play chase, swords, attack, or any other game that causes contact with each other unless supervised by a teacher.
5. No pushing or fighting on the playground equipment.
6. Students are not to pick up rocks or wood chips.

BUS RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Board of Education of Galena Unified School District #499 has adopted the following regulations pertaining to bus transportation and pupil behavior:

INSTRUCTIONS TO PUPILS AND DRIVERS

1. The driver is in charge of the pupils and the bus. Pupils must obey the driver promptly. Pupils refusing to obey the bus driver will be referred to the building principal for disciplinary action. Principals are expected to cooperate with the bus drivers in maintaining proper discipline on bus routes.
2. The driver must assign a seat to each student, and each student must be provided a seat. Students in less desirable seats may move to a second assigned seat for added comfort after the passenger load is lightened if permission is first obtained from the driver and if the bus is not in motion. Students must remain seated on the bus except when boarding or exiting. The driver may change assigned seats at his/her discretion.
3. Pupils must be on time. The bus cannot wait for those who are tardy. Pupils must walk on the far left side of the roadway facing traffic when going to the bus stop.
4. Pupils must never stand in the roadway while waiting for the bus. All pupils must wait for the bus off the traveled portion of the roadway. Students should wait in an orderly manner and never push a fellow student.
5. Unnecessary conversation with the driver is prohibited. Students may not talk loudly or distract the driver.
6. Outside of ordinary conversation, classroom conduct is to be observed.
7. Pupils must not throw waste paper or other rubbish on the floor of the bus.
8. Pupils must not at any time extend arms or heads out of bus windows.
9. Pupils must not try to get on or off the bus or move about within the bus while it is in motion.

10. When leaving the bus, pupils must observe the directions of the driver. Students crossing the road must do so in front of the bus after making certain the roadway is clear.
11. Any damage to the bus is to be reported at once to the driver.

PENALTY: For violating these rules, pupils will be reported to the school principal who can deny the pupil the privilege of riding the bus or prescribe other disciplinary measures.

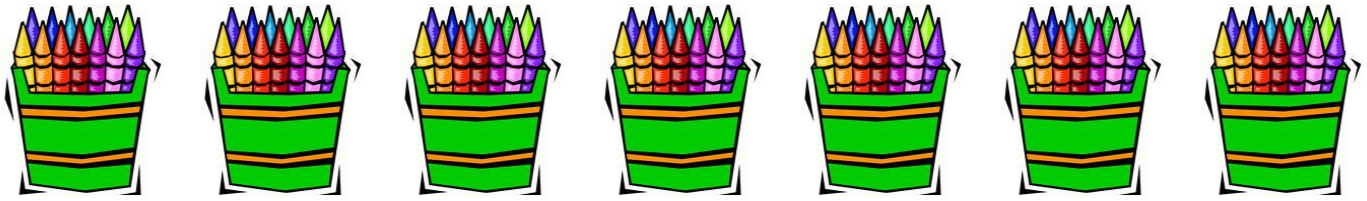
Parents are advised that bus transportation is limited to pupils residing on regular bus routes. Priority for seating will be given to pupils residing the longest distance from the attendance center. Therefore, in cold weather it may become necessary for parents residing in some parts of the city limits to make other provisions for transportation. In other words, the buses may transport only the number of pupils that can be properly seated. See office personnel for guidelines on eligibility to ride buses.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

The students that need to attend the After School Program will be notified when that becomes necessary.

SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM

The Summer School Program will notify students at the end of the year. The program is designed to help students meet criteria that was not met during the regular school year.



Kids Who Are Different

by Digby Wolfe

Here's to the kids who are different,
Here's to the kids who are different,
The kids who don't always get A's
The kids who have ears twice the size of their peers,
And noses that go on for days ...
Here's to the kids who are different,
The kids they call crazy or dumb,
The kids who don't fit, with the guts and the grit,
Who dance to a different drum ...
Here's to the kids who are different,
The kids with the mischievous streak,
For when they have grown, as history's shown,
It's their difference that makes them unique.

