

# WCES Star



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## Marching Into Spring!

By: Lori Maxwell, Principal

WCES kicks off March with its annual Read Week. This year's theme is Cooking Up a Good Story at WCES! The Read Week committee worked hard to plan some fun activities for students. Dorene Reimer was a guest reader on Monday, March 9th. She read Chicks and Salsa with audience participation! On Tuesday, there was a Kids' Cooking Challenge under the direction of Tammy Simons. Students also made chef hats and enjoyed a trail mix snack. On Wednesday, students were paired with a book buddy and each student enjoyed a donut, donated by Price Repair, LLC. On Thursday, students participated in a book tasting and book giveaway, and ate scrumptious cookies from Laws Feed Store, provided by Northside Automotive. A special thank you is being extended to all who made Read Week a success!

Students will have three Fridays off in March. March 13th is a work day for teachers since it is the end of

the third quarter. The year has flown by and it's hard to imagine we are nearing the last quarter of this school year! The third week of March is Spring Break, so there is no school on Friday, March 20th. Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held the last week of March, so everyone will have the day off on Friday, March 27th, since Tuesday and Thursday require teachers to work additional hours from 4:00 to 8:00 PM.

Parent-Teacher Conferences are being held on March 24th and 26th from 4:00-8:00 PM. You should have received a letter stating the time you are scheduled for conferences. If you have not received this letter, please contact the office at 620-375-2314 to confirm your conference time. We look forward to having you in attendance.

The character word for the month of March is "CARING". We will be focusing on ways to show we care for one another in our character lessons and in our daily routines.

## It's Assessment Time!

By: Lori Maxwell, Principal

During the month of February, ESOL students under the supervision of Mrs. Jana Simon, took the KELPA test. This test is required each year for all kindergarten through 6th grade students who have not shown proficiency in the English language.

The test is made up of four parts—reading, listening, writing, and speaking. When a student scores below the proficient level, the student qualifies for support services through the ESOL program. Students scoring at proficiency, are monitored for the next year.

The second annual KESA visit will be held on Thursday, April 2. An outside visiting team will join the Wichita County District Leadership Team to review the work that has been done during the third year of the accreditation process. The leadership team has been busy preparing for the visit.

The Wichita County Spelling Bee was held on February 4th. Sophia Wedel, a sixth grade student, won first place and will represent Wichita County at the State Spelling Bee on Saturday, March 21st in Wichita, Kansas. Clara Koehn, a seventh grade student at Wichita County Junior Senior High School was the runner-up. We want to extend our congratulations to Sophia, and let each of the 24 participants know we are proud of them for representing their class in the spelling bee.



Congratulations, Sophia Wedel! Wichita County Spelling Bee Champion!

The Kansas Assessments will be given to 3rd through 6th grade students in reading and math. Fifth grade students will also take the science test. The testing window is March 16th through May 1st. Mrs. Dawn McKinney is the test coordinator, and is organizing the testing.

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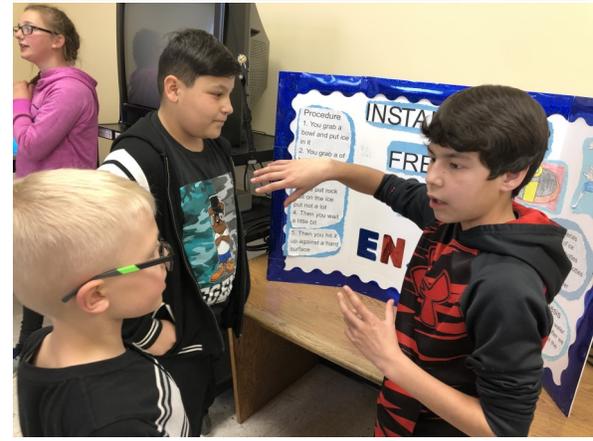
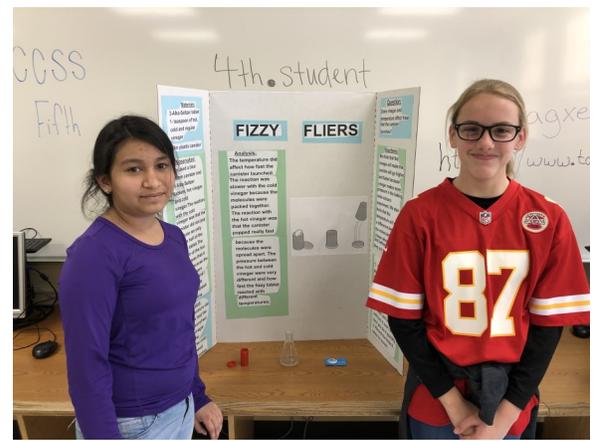
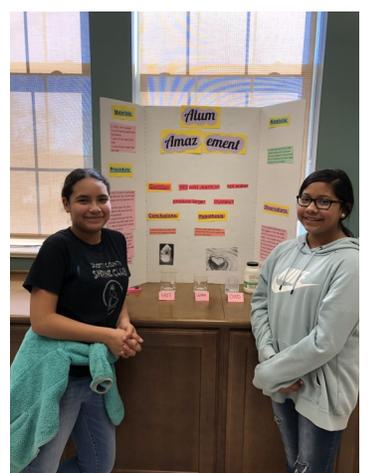
*If your child will be four years old on or before 8/31/20 please call the school office to let us know. This will help us gather names for next year's classes! Packets will be available towards the end of April.*

### Upcoming Dates:

Read Week!	3/9—
Mon.—Guest Reader	3/12
Tues.—Kids' Cooking Challenge—Make chef hats & trail mix!	
Wed.—Buddy reading & donuts!	
Thurs.—Book tasting & cookies!	
7:00 PM Board of Education Meeting	3/9
Quarter 3 Ends	3/12
No School! Teacher Work Day!	3/13
Spring Break!	3/16-3/20
4:00-8:00 PM Parent Teacher Conferences	3/24-3/26
No School!	3/27



Science Projects!



March, 2020!