

COMMUNITY CORNER

# It's time to head back to school in the Central Flint Hills Region

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GARRISON COMMANDER

It's that time of year again. Summer is drawing to a close, and our kids are getting in those last minute summer memories before they have to hit the books again. School offices are opening up and it's time to start thinking logistics.

What school is my child going to attend? Where will she catch the bus? What does my child need for enrollment?



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For our high school students interested in athletics, there's a fall sports orientation meeting at 6 p.m. Aug. 10 at Junction City High School. After a general meeting, coaches will conduct separate meetings to discuss tryout procedures and rules. Fall sports offered at our high school include boys' and girls' cross country, boys' soccer, girls' tennis, football and volleyball. Practice will begin Aug. 17. If you have questions about participating, attend the meeting or call 785-717-4214.

Elementary school offices are now open for the enrollment of our new grade-schoolers. USD 475 elementary office hours are from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. A few changes were made last year to the elementary school boundaries to accommodate our growing population and make sure students are evenly distributed throughout our schools. A list of which school your student will be attending is listed with this column. And remember, all the information you need also is available at [www.usd475.org](http://www.usd475.org).

**ENROLLMENT**

Middle and high school students enrolled last year should have received their packets for enrollment, filled them out, sent them back and be ready to go. Students new to the district can register at their respective school offices:

Junction City High School: 7:15 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 7:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday  
 Junction City Middle School: 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. Friday  
 Fort Riley Middle School: 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to noon Friday

**BUSING INFORMATION**

Bus routes are established with primary regard for safety, efficiency, economy and are subject to change based on enrollment. Geary County Schools provides bus transportation as outlined below:

**Junction City High School** from the following locations:

- Fort Riley
- Outside the city limits of Junction City
- Inside the city limits and west of US Highway 77
- Grant Avenue
- Milford and Grandview Plaza

**Fort Riley Middle School** from the following locations:

- Main Post
- Forsyth, Colyer Manor and Marshall Field
- Special Note: November – March transportation from Custer Hill provided by military contract, known as winter busing

**Junction City Middle School** from the following locations:

- Designated "pick-up" points east of US Hwy 77 and within Junction City limits

- Milford and Grandview Plaza
- Outside the city limits of Junction City
- Areas north of K-18 Hwy and west of US Hwy 77

**Elementary Schools** from the following locations:

- Outside the city limits of Junction City
- Eastern Geary County to Sheridan Elementary
- Western Geary County to Eisenhower Elementary
- Hunter's Ridge and Patriot Pointe Additions to Spring Valley Elementary
- Hargreaves Hilltop Addition (West of Thompson Drive) to Spring Valley Elementary
- Areas north of K-18 Hwy and west of US Hwy 77
- Eagles Landing Addition to Eisenhower Elementary
- Grant Avenue students to Washington Elementary
- Rural Milford area to Milford Elementary
- Post elementary students from certain designated areas on Fort Riley

**Special education students** are transported as required by their student Individual Education Plan (IEP).

Students new to USD 475 also will need to have a Kansas Certificate of Immunization card, their required immunizations, proof of identity, certified transcripts, a child health assessment for students 8 and younger, and a Kansas State High School Activities Association physical for those students in grades seven through 12. For more information and downloadable forms, visit the USD 475 Web site. Irwin Army Community Hospital is still offering physicals in the mornings on Aug. 11, 13, 20 and 28. Call 239-DOCS (3627) to set up an appointment.

**BUSING**

Bus routes and stops can't be solidly determined until enrollment is complete. Even after the first few days of school there may still be a change here or there. USD 475 staff will keep you apprised of any changes and the best way to keep on top of busing is, again, to check the web. Routes will be posted to the Infinite Campus Portal a few days before school starts.

**INFINITE CAMPUS**

Which leads us to – the Infinite

Campus Portal. Along with just about everything else in life these days, you can keep up with your children's education online. Register at your child's school to gain access and log on to check attendance, grades, schedules, busing information and lunch menus. Besides attending school events and parent-teacher conferences, this is just one more way to get involved in your child's education.

**THE FIRST DAY**

For our parents with students attending schools that begin Aug. 17 and 19, Maj. Gen. Vincent Brooks, the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley commanding general, has authorized an 11 a.m. start to the work day for Soldiers to give parents time to see their kids off that first day. Take advantage of the morning and walk your children to the bus stop or up to school. Show them just how important their education is to you.

**SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICERS**

Fort Riley's school liaison officers help military students and parents transitioning from other districts and those

already here with any questions or issues they may have. Our liaison officers work in partnership with the schools in the Central Flint Hills Region so they can help you transition smoothly. Visit the school liaison officer's page at [www.rileymwr.com](http://www.rileymwr.com) to find out more information about their services. The page also includes helpful links to the school districts, both public and private, home school resources, scholarship information and information for children with special needs. Don't hesitate to use these services. They are here to help of our Families.

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That first day will be here before we know it. Besides taking care of all of the details, let's remember to keep our children safe. Slow down in school zones and keep an eye out for children walking to and from school. We don't need to be anywhere in such a hurry that we would endanger our children. Think safety and enjoy the new school year.

*If you would like to comment on this article or suggest a topic for Community Corner, send an e-mail to [rile.post.news@coms.army.mil](mailto:rile.post.news@coms.army.mil).*

## What school will my child attend on post?

**WARE ELEMENTARY**

Phone: 785-717-4600  
 McClellan Place, 6701-6753  
 Burnside Loop, 6755 - 6793  
 Warner Heights, 6522-6558  
 Forsyth, all areas except  
 21501-21516 and 21602-21612

**CUSTER HILL ELEMENTARY**

Phone: 785-717-4320  
 Warner Heights, 5906-5926  
 Warner Heights, 5976-5996  
 Warner Heights, 6151-6197  
 Warner Heights, 6300s  
 Warner Heights, 6559-6577  
 Warner Heights, 6503-6520  
 Meade Loop, 6801-6857

**JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY**

Phone: 785-717-4550  
 Peterson Place, 4900s  
 Peterson Place, 5100s  
 Peterson Place, 5500s  
 Warner Heights, 5930-5970  
 Warner Heights, 6102-6149  
 Will Hall (Guest House), 5309

**MORRIS HILL ELEMENTARY**

Phone: 785-717-4650  
 Peterson Place, 5700s  
 Peterson Place, 44534 - 44567  
 Peterson Place, 44556, 44558 and 44560  
 Ellis Heights, 44600 - 44800

**FORT RILEY ELEMENTARY**

Phone: 785-717-4450  
 Historic Main Post  
 Colyer Manor, 3000s  
 Colyer Manor 3115-3114  
 Colyer Manor 3115-3150  
 Barnes Hall and Kimball Hall, 620 and 621  
 Grimes Hall and Lott Hall, 510 and 541  
 Waters Hall and Carr Hall, 170 and 45  
 Forsyth 21501-21516 and 21602-21612

## When is the first day of school?

- AUG. 12**  
**Salina – USD 305** begins grades K-5  
<http://www.usd305.com/>  
 785-307-4700
- Morris County – USD 417** 9th-graders begin half day  
<http://www.cgrove417.org/>  
 620-767-5192
- AUG. 13**  
**Riley County – USD 378** begins  
<http://www.usd378.org/>  
 785-485-4000
- Salina – USD 305** begins for grades 9-12
- Morris County – USD 417** begins
- Topoka** begins K-12  
<http://www.topekapublicschools.net>  
 785-295-3000
- Wamego – USD 320** 9th-graders begin  
<http://www.usd320.com/>  
 785-456-7643
- AUG. 17**  
**Geary County – USD 475** begins half day  
<http://divison.usd475.org/>  
 785-717-4000
- Chapman - USD 473** begins half day  
<http://usd473.net/>  
 785-922-6521
- Clay County - USD 379** begins half days through Aug. 19  
<http://www.usd379.org/>  
 785 632-3176
- AUG. 18**  
**Abilene – USD 435** begins  
<http://www.abileneschools.org>
- Herington - USD 487** begins for K-6 and 9th graders  
<http://www.heringtonschools.org/>  
 785-258-2263
- AUG. 19**  
**Manhattan/Ogden – USD 383** begins  
<http://www.usd383.org/>  
 785-587-2000
- Mill Creek Valley – USD 329** begins  
<http://www.usd329.com/>  
 785-765-3394
- Herington – USD 487** first full day
- AUG. 20**  
**Solomon – USD 393** begins  
<http://www.solomon393.k12.ks.us/>  
 785-655-2541

**Home wanted**

**Rascal**  
 This is Rascal. He's a 3-week-old kitten who is full of energy and looking for a home.

Fort Riley Stray Facility  
 Building 22B Custer Ave.  
 Hours: 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.,  
 Monday through Friday,  
 10:30 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday  
 Phone: 785-239-6183

All on-post Family housing residents are invited to join the Picerne team Aug. 8, at Barlow Theater for a Back-to-School Social.

"Up" will be featured and viewers will receive a complimentary small popcorn and drink. Two separate show times of noon and 2 p.m. are scheduled to allow adequate seating at each movie.

Please contact your neighborhood office for additional information.

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