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WELCOME FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We hope everyone had a great time at Pawnee Homecoming. It was a busy time for all of us and I know we enjoyed seeing all of our relatives.

The school kids will be starting back to school in the next few weeks and we want to wish them all a Happy School Year!

We hope that you all will take advantage of our Beatification Project. This project will include residents of Yellowhorse Drive.

The PNHA Commission did approve the 2025 Indian Housing Plan for the Housing Authority. We did receive additional funding and the Commissioners requested us to include the budget for 2025 in this edition of the newsletter. Should anyone have any questions on the budget for Housing or the programs/goals that we are funded for throughout the year, please call us at the housing office.

~ Linda Jestes, PNHA Executive Director

RURAL ENERGY PILOT PROGRAM (REPP)

The REPP Energy Coordinator has been out of the office for an internship until September. But the Program has still been busy in phase II of the project continuing with work on community engagement and signing individuals up for the sensor and smart thermostats.

We are still taking applications for smart sensors and smart thermostats. The goal of these sensors is to help people understand their energy usage and control their energy consumption better. This will also help with future weatherization efforts.

As Phase III is soon approaching we are getting ready for the installation of the sensors and thermostats. We are starting with the first 10 homes soon. We are very excited! All of the sensors will be professionally installed, and you will be able to see your real time energy consumption. We will be contacting those who are signed up via email or phone call to let you know about installation of equipment.

We cant wait for you to Be an Energy Champion and sign up for the program today!

COMMISSIONER NEWS

BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Commissioners met on May 14, 2024 with a quorum present. The Board heard two presentations, one from Ms. Amy Wilson on services for planning and development for the 14-acres that purchased and the other was presentation from Mr. Brian Kirk on the Tribal Housing Rebate Program. The Board also continued with discussion on the 2025 Indian Housing Plan on new objectives and goals for the upcoming funding year. In Executive Session there was discussion only on a property purchase, downpayment assistance and the termination of the 551 Harrison Street commercial lease.

The Board of Commissioners met on June 11, 2024 with a quorum present. There was continued discussion on the 2025 Indian Housing Plan. There was an extension on date of submission, which is now July 18th. The Downpayment Assistance Program was closed for the fiscal year and the

assistance was awarded to a Pawnee applicant in the amount of \$10,000. The staff reported to the Board on updates and revisions to the Lease Agreement for tenants and the Board approved a property purchase in Pawnee with non-NAHASDA funds.

The Board of Commissioners met on July 9, 2024 with a quorum present. The Board approved the 2025 Indian Housing Plan.

NEXT BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR August 20th at 11: 30 A.M.

NEXT BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR September 10th at 11: 30 A.M.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Douglas Gover Miller, Seat #1
James Grant Hawkins, Seat #2
Reva Howell Garcia, Seat #3
Carol Nuttle, Seat #4
Suzy Knife Chief, Seat #5



COMMISSIONER NEWS

COMMISSIONER SPOTLIGHT

Our Commissioner spotlight for this edition is Commissioner Seat #4, Ms. Carol L. Nuttle. She has served on the PNHA Board of Commissioners for four years and is on her second term.

Ms. Nuttle is the daughter of the late Frank and Pearl Osborne Nuttle. She is the maternal granddaughter of Sam (son of Billy Osborne, Pawnee Scout) and Effie Little Eagle Osborne. Maternal great grandparents are Mattie Little Eagle and Little Eagle. She is the paternal granddaughter of Ernest and Mary Leader Nuttle. Her paternal great grandparents were Frank Leader and Skatoos. Her aunties/atira are Ramona Little Eagle Osborne and Mattie (Osborne) Fish and her daughter Ms. Mary Angela Thompson (Steh-Ke-Tah-We-Kah-Lah).

Ms. Nuttle is the President of Leader, LLC. owned by her and her daughter. Serving tribes across the country with specialty experience in Self-Governance. They conduct planning and negotiate Federal Compacts and funding agreements on a government-to-government basis assure the tribal interests are maintained. Other areas of expertise: successful grant writing for development of long-range strategic planning and strategic budgeting, small ambulatory clinics, management of administrative SG and management systems, Community Health Aid Program (CHAP) implementation in the lower 48 states, and more. She is retired from IHS. Headquarters, Office of Tribal Self-Governance, former elected member of the Pawnee Business Council, former SelfGovernance Director for the Kaw Nation and was Regional Director for Council of Resource Tribes (CERT) National Survey of American Indians of Alaska Natives.

Her goal as a Commissioner is to utilize her experience and knowledge of planning and development, and knowledge of administrative structures to make our service accessible to all community members through clear and open communication to the public. Work with the Board of Commissioners through the Executive Director to assure we have policies and a clearly stated application procedures to process and accept. approve and track all applications for the services we provide. She also wants to work on identifying the needs of the community from the community members themselves through surveys, community meetings and other input and prioritize programs to meet these direct needs.

Ms. Nuttle says, "I have enjoyed working with Director, Linda Jestes and all housing staff and serving with the dedicated Commissioners of the Housing Authority. It is my hope that as a Board we can focus on implementing projects that meet the direct needs of the community as identified by the community itself."

Thank you for serving on the Board of Commissioners Ms. Nuttle and good luck with your goals and your second term.





COMMISSIONER NEWS

Below is the approved goals for the 2025 Indian Housing Plan for the Pawnee Nation Housing Authority. This budget includes the programs that are offered by the Housing Authority. Our fiscal year is from October to September. The table below will show the new FY2025 budget with the comparison of the FY2024 budget.

Goals:	1937 Act	NAHASDA / Home owners	2024 Budget
Down payment assistance		\$30,000	\$10,000
Rehabilitation of Units 1937 Act	\$100,000		\$70,000
Development		\$50,000	0
Modernization Privately Owned Homes		\$100,000	\$50,000
Modernization Privately Owned Homes Over Income		\$40,000	\$66,000
Modernization NAHASDA		\$71,000	\$55,000
Repair Home Ownership Units		\$60,000	\$10,000
ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS:			
Emergency Assistance	\$15,000		\$6,000
College Housing Assistance	\$6,000		\$6,000
Youth Activities	\$10,000		\$6,000
Crime Prevention and Safety	\$10,000		\$10,000

We did get an increase of funds for FY2025 and look to do more activities for the youth and in crime prevention and safety. The down payment assistance program will be increased so that we are able to serve more first time home buyers. The Development line item is for planning and development services for the 14-acre housing project.

With new funding comes new edibility requirements and guidelines. All of our applications for our modernization and assistance programs will be updated and can be found on our website. All are income based, Pawnee jurisdiction based and Pawnee preference. Should you have any questions on what our programs offer, please call us at the Housing Office.

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EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Our employee spotlight this edition is Mr. Louie Pratt.

Mr. Pratt is our general laborer here at the Housing Authority and has been working with us for two years. He started out with the TERO Program and was later hired on in a full-time position. Mr. Pratt works on rehab of the houses and renovations and also helps with the upkeep of the mowing of the properties.

Louie has lived in Pawnee and Cushing areas most of his life. He has attended Pawnee High School.

Thank you Louie for being a part of the Housing Team!



HOUSING STAFF ACTIVITIES

HUD 184 LOANS

Are you interested in learning more about HUD 184 Loans and what this program offers? If so, the Housing Office would like to set up a class for anyone who is interested in learning more about this HUD program.

If you are interested, please let us know by calling the office or emailing Cynthia Butler to get on the sign-up for this presentation to be offered.



RURAL ENERGY PILOT PROGRAM



The Rural Energy Pilot Program was represented at the Pawnee Nation Health Fair July 3rd. Mr. George Gardipe handed out pens, flyers,

and brochures to participants and talked about what REPP is working on. Mr. Gardipe is filling in for Mr. McSheridan who is out of the office for an internship for a few months.

If you would like to learn more about what REPP is doing, please visit us on the website or on Facebook.

HOUSING STAFF ACTIVITIES

PROJECT MANAGER UPDATE

Greetings from the PNHA Project Manager, George Gardipe. I have been working on a few projects. Our main goal, besides programming, is to provide new rentals and home ownership opportunities for tribal members. We have been actively seeking homes in the community to purchase, for the right price and condition. The 14-acre tract we have previously mentioned is one of the developments we are setting our sights on. Depending on how we proceed, we are determined to get this project off the ground. Currently, the going rate to build a family unit in Oklahoma is over \$300,000, which is a significant amount to build. We are looking at different options for this Our board of commissioners is area. currently seeking a grant writer to help in our development. In our new IHBG (Indian Housing Block Grant) we have committed funds to help in our development.

Recently, our REPP Energy Coordinator (Alex) has been out of pocket on an internship and I have been filling in to devote time to community events to disseminate information for our public. We are still needing volunteers to sign up. We will be collecting data for the next couple of years to determine where your consumption is being utilized, along with the time of day, etc. We will also employ smart thermostats connected. will be The requirement is that you currently have internet access so that the energy sensors will be able to communicate and share This will cost you nothing, just a better understanding of how your electricity is being distributed. We hope to use this data to improve participants' homes with future offers of efficiency.

MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES

The maintenance staff have been busy getting housing ready for new tenants. Currently our staff are working on home renovations at four of our properties.

We have recently purchased a non-NAHASDA Lease Purchase Home at 307 Ash. This home is being fully renovated and we will get pictures of the progress as we move forward.

There are two (2) non-NASHASDA homes that are also being cleaned and rehabbed at 122 Yellowhorse Drive and at 219 Park Lane.

We are almost completed with a few more rehabs here at Littlesun Addition. Our staff have been working diligently on completing 108 Eagle Chief and will soon start working on Units 106, 113 and 116.

Below are a few pictures from the home on Ash street and 122 Yellowhorse Dr.





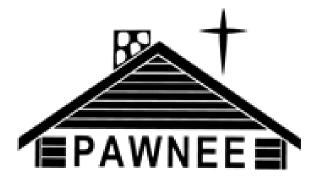


HOUSING AUTHORITY NEWS



PNHA PROPERTY PURCHASE

We have reported in previous editions of the newsletter on the 14-acre purchase made with non-NAHASDA funding and we wanted to report that we have closed on this property. This property is located south of Pawnee right along County Rd. Housing will be looking into professional services to assist with planning and development of the new property. This will include housing for NAHASDA and non-NAHASDA homes which are low income and over income options. planning and development phase of this project will define more of what the need is in the Pawnee community. The above photo is an aerial photo of a portion of the land and what we have to work with. As we make plans to bring more affordable housing to Pawnee, we will keep you updated.



HOMEBUYERS CLASS

Are you interested in becoming a home owner? The Housing Authority would like to host a homebuyers class. Why do you need a Homebuyers class? If you are a first time homebuyer, you would qualify for the Down Payment Assistance that is offered by the Housing Authority. If you are interested in taking a homebuyers class, please notify Ms. Mary Hawkins. Classes are held online or if we get enough people who are interested, we can have a class set up. Let us know if you are interested!

WEBSITE, FACEBOOK

For more information about the Pawnee Nation Housing Authority, please visit our website at

www.pawneenationhousing.org or visit us on Facebook at Pawnee Nation Housing Authority, for news and updates.



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126 Eaglechief Dr, Pawnee, OK, United States, Oklahoma

The Pawnee Nation Housing

Authority announces a new position

Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri

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		530 p PBC Mtg	10 a PN Health			
		Fair	PIV Homecoming Powwow			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		1130a PNHA Mtg				

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PN HEALTH FAIR

Sun

Last day of

The PN Housing Authority Staff attending the Pawnee Nation Health Fair on July 3rd. We passed out fruit and water to over 200 participants this year as reported by the PN CHR Program. It was great to get the opportunity to visit with all the guests who came by the table. See you all next year!



Pawnee Bill Memorial Rodeo

Sat

SCHOOL SUPPLIES LIST

Pre - K

- 2 Clorox Wipes
- 1 Set of 8 Count Cravola Watercolors
- 1 16 oz. 4 Pack Playdough Brand Playdough (No Rose Art)
- 2 Boxes of 16 count Crayola brand crayons (No Rose Art)
- 1 Beach Towel or Small Blanket for rest time (please label with name)
- 4 Glue sticks (Elmer's Preferred)
- 1 10 count Cravola broad line markers
- 1 Large Box Kleenex

Girls: 1 - Pkg Colored Cardstock (8½ x 11)

Boys: 1 - Pkg White Cardstock (8½ x 11)

Ziploc gallon bag with pants, shirts, underwear, and socks - Please write child's name on clothes and Ziploc bag.

Large Backpacks Only ~ No School Boxes

<u>Kindergarten</u>

- 4 Boxes of 24 count regular size Crayola brand crayons
- 1 Box Crayola brand markers
- 1 Box Crayola Colored pencils
- 1 12 pack #2 pencils
- 8 Glue Sticks
- 1 Crayola brand 8 Count Washable Watercolor Paints
- 2 Large Pink Erasers
- 1 Small school box
- 1 3-Ring Clear View Binder (1 inch)
- 1 3 Hole-Punched Plastic Folder with Pockets (NO prongs)
- 1 Spiral Notebook
- 4 Black Expo Markers
- 1 Large Box Kleenex
- 2 Disinfectant Wipes

Girls: 1 - 250 count pkg Colored Cardstock & 1 - Box gallon size Ziploc bags Boys: 1 - 250 count pkg white Cardstock & 1 - Box quart size Ziploc bags

PN COMMUNITY CENTER

Do you need a place for a family event or meeting? We have the perfect place! Our Pawnee Nation Community Center located at 551 Harrison Street, downtown Pawnee is the perfect spot for your next gathering. Please visit our website for more information on fees, rental application and contact information for building availability.



1st Grade

- 1 1 inch White Binder (must have clear pocket cover and inside pockets)
- 1 Small School Box
- 20 #2 lead pencils (yellow only)
- 1 Pencil Pouch
- 4 Large Pink Erasers
- 2 24 count Crayola Crayons
- 1 Pkg black Expo markers
- 1 Pair kids scissors
- 1 Pkg Glue Sticks
- 2 3 Hole-Punched Plastic Folders with Pockets (NO prongs)
- 1 1 Subject Spiral Notebook (wide rule)
- 2 Clorox wipes
- 1 Pair headphones
- 1 Bottle hand sanitizer

Girls: 1 - Pkg Colored Cardstock (8½ x 11)

Boys: 1 - Pkg White Cardstock (8½ x 11)

2nd Grade

- 1 Plastic pocket folder with clear front pocket
- 1 Plastic school/crayon box
- 1 Box 24 count Crayola crayons
- 2 Boxes Crayola washable markers
- 24 #2 lead pencils (yellow only) (prefer Ticonderoga brand)
- 1 Pkg Colored Cardstock (81/2x11)
- 1 Pair scissors
- 16 Elmer's glue sticks
- 1 Pkg. Colored copy Paper (any color)
- 1 Headphones
- 2 4 oz. cans of Play-doh

Girls: 1 - Ziploc Bags

Boys: 1 - Large boxes of Kleenex & 1 - Lysol Wipes

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CHALK ART

We are requesting that if you let your children play outside with chalk to please do not let them draw on the brick of the homes/units. Please make sure they are drawing on the cement in front of your homes. We do not want this to be an issue or bring a lot of attention to the matter, but we have noticed some homes with chalk art on the brick.

We appreciate your cooperation on this matter as we are working on beautification of our homes and keeping them to look nice for our residents and guests.

AUZUST 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
BACK	To OL			1	2	3 9 a PBC Quarterly Mtg
4	5	6 530 p PBC Mtg	7 1130a Chamber of Commerce Mtg	8 6-8 pm Back to School Bash	9	10
11	12	13 7 p School Board	14	First day of School	16	17
18	19	20 1130a PNHA Mtg	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 Filter Changes	30	31

YOUTH ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

The Housing Authority has several programs for the youth who play sports or participate in extracurricular activities. This program offers assistance to parents in the amount of \$200.00 to help pay for fees, sports gear, sports shoes, etc. This program is income and Pawnee jurisdiction based.

Applications can be picked up at the Housing office or downloaded from the Housing website.

COLLEGE HOUSING PROGRAM

The Housing Authority has funding available for College students. This program offers assistance in the amount of \$350.00 to be applied towards housing rent payments for students taking full-time hours at a College or University. Eligibility for the program is income and Pawnee jurisdiction based.

Applications can be picked up at the Housing office or downloaded from the Housing website.

PIV PRINCESS SELECTED/CROWNED

During the Pawnee Indian Veterans Homecoming event, a Princess was crowned and Miss. Isabelle Leading Fox was selected.

Miss Leading Fox is a proud member of the Skiri band and daughter of Patrick and Vicki Leading Fox.

Congratulations to Princess Isabelle!







BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT

We are still doing the Housing Beautification Project and are now focusing on planting trees. If you would like a few trees planted in your yard please contact Ms. Mary Hawkins at the Housing Office to get on the list and we will come out

and plant some trees. All we ask is that your household take care of the trees and water them. This Project is free to our PNHA Tenants.



CLEAN UP PROJECT

We will be placing a few dumpsters out for our Yellowhorse residents to clean up their yards and under their carports. The dumpster locations will be monitored and located at 111 & 118 Yellowhorse Drive. The dumpsters will on be onsite for one week starting August 12th to August 16th. For more information, please contact George Gardipe at the Housing Office.



For a full listing of our Commission Meetings, please visit our website at www.pawneenationhousing.org.

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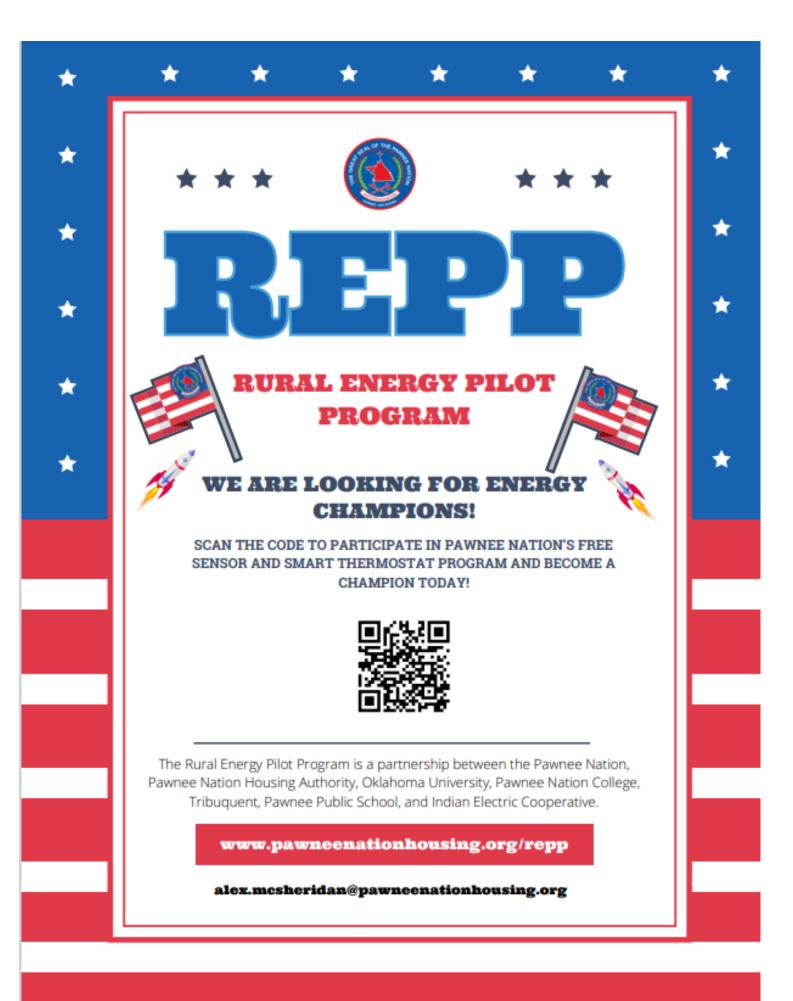


APPLICATION & WAIT LIST PROCESS

What happens after you turn in an application? Here are the steps the Housing Office uses to process applications.

- 1. A written application by a responsible member of the family will be obtained from each family seeking admission with all supporting documentation and identification attached.
- 2. Processing: Verified information will be analyzed and a determination made with respect for the following:
 - a. Verification of applicant as a family
 Background checks, Landlord check
 - b. Eligibility of applicant with respect to income limits for admission -Income verification with employer
 - c. Size of unit required for the family
 - d. Preference and/or Priority of applicant family Priority #1 Pawnee Tribal Members, Priority #2 Pawnee Descendancy, Priority #3 Other federally recognized tribes. Preference Veterans, Elders and disabled
 - e. Determination of eligibility with respect to standard of admission of Housing programs.
- 4. After all verification is cleared, the application is forwarded to the waiting list based on preference, priority, family size and income.
- 5. Applicants should update their application annually to remain on the waiting list.
- 6. Once a unit becomes available the next applicant on the waiting list will be contacted.

A deposit of \$300 and first months rent is due before the applicant moves in.



Do you want free smoke alarms for your home?

Pawnee Nation has partnered with the Johns Hopkins Smoke Alarm Project to provide interested community members with:

- Free smoke detectors, and combination smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) detectors
- Installation guidance for alarms
- Home fire safety education







If you are interested in participating, you can pick up and file an application at:

301 Agency Rd.

Pawnee, OK 74058

Contact Pawnee Nation Fire Department For Information: (918)762-3655 ext. 156 The application can also be found under the Fire & Rescue Department

page on the Pawnee Nation website: pawneenation.org

Types of Fires

Class A (plastic, paper, wood, and fabric) extinguish with water

Class B (alcohol, oils, solvents, kerosene) extinguish by cutting power, use fire extinguisher

Class C (electrical components) extinguish by cutting power, use fire extinguisher

Tips for creating your home fire escape plan and practicing your 2-minute drill:

- Everyone in your household should know two ways to escape from each room in your home.
- Smoke is dangerous. Get low and go!
- Decide where to meet once you get outside:
- Get out and stay out. Never go back inside for people, pets or things.
- If a fire starts, you may have less than two minutes to get to safety. So time your fire drills and find out: what's your escape time?

SCHOOL SUPPLIES LIST, CON'T

3rd Grade

- 1 1/2 inch binder
- 1 Headphones/Earbuds
- 1 Zipper pencil pouch
- 4 Plastic folders with pockets & prongs (red, blue, green, yellow)
- 3 Spiral notebooks (wide rule)
- 2 Boxes of 24 count Crayola brand crayons
- 1 Pair of Fiskar scissors
- 2 24 count Ticonderoga Sharpened pencils
- 1 Colored pencils
- 1 Yellow Highlighter
- 1 Small Individual Pencil Sharpener
- 1 Washable markers (optional)
- 2 Boxes Kleenex
- 1 Bottle Hand Sanitizer
- 1 Clorox Wipes
- 1 Pkg. Pencil Cap Erasers

Girls: Expo Markers

Boys: 1 - Pkg. Cardstock (8½ x 11) (any color)

4th Grade

- 2 20 count boxes of #2 pencils
- 1 Pkg cap erasers
- 1 Box of 24 count Crayola brand crayons
- 1 Box Crayola brand markers
- 1 Set of Colored pencils
- 2 Highlighter
- 1 Bottle of Elmer's glue 4 oz.
- 1 Wooden ruler (inches & centimeters)
- 1 Pair of sharp point scissors (prefer Fiskars for kids)
- 4 Large boxes of Kleenex
- 3 Plastic folders with pockets & prongs (blue, green, yellow)
- 1 Lysol wipes
- 2 Glue sticks
- 1 Water bottle

1 - Headphones/Earbuds

Girls: 1 - Pkg Expo Markers

Boys: 1 - Pkg Quart size Ziploc Freezer Bags

5th Grade

- 4 Pkgs of wide-lined notebook Paper
- 24 #2 pencils or mechanical pencils
- 3 Pkgs glue sticks
- 2 Sets of Colored pencils
- 4 Boxes of Kleenex
- 1 Pencil bag or box
- 4 Folders with pockets and prongs
- 1 Wooden ruler (inches & centimeters)
- 2 Highlighters
- 1 Pair of scissors
- 1 Pkg of pencil top erasers
- 6 Spiral notebooks
- 2 Red Pens
- 2 Clorox Wipes
- 2 Earbuds

Girls: 1 - Pkg Colored copy Paper (81/2 x 11)

Boys: 1 - Pkg of Cardstock (81/2 x 11)

STUDENTS NEED MATERIALS FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!