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THE USD 234 NEWSLETTER



USD 234 Welcomes New Administrators

When school opens in the fall, we will have several new administrators. Please help us welcome:

Fort Scott High School

Scott Kimble - Principal

Alex Specht - Assistant Principal

Winfield Scott

Melissa Miller - Principal

It's Independence Day!

The board office will be closed Monday, July 5th, in celebration of Independence Day. It will reopen on July 6th.

The board office summer hours are:

Monday to Thursday - 7:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Fridays - 7:30 AM to noon

IRS Expands HSA Eligible Expenses

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HSA Eligible Expenses Expanded

On March 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) was signed into law. In addition to providing direct financial assistance to Americans, the CARES Act repeals the Medicine Cabinet Tax provision of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), expanding the list of qualifying expenses that can be purchased with health savings accounts (HSAs).

In addition, according to an announcement from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), some personal protective equipment (PPE) expenses incurred for any period beginning on or after Jan. 1, 2020—including masks, hand sanitizer and sanitizing wipes used for the primary purpose of preventing the spread of COVID-19—are deductible if certain requirements are met.

CARES Act and Qualifying Medical Expenses

The definition of a qualifying medical expense now includes certain over-the-counter (OTC) medications and products, and qualifying PPE expenses.

Examples of expenses that are now eligible medical expenses under the CARES Act include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Allergy medicine
- Analgesics (e.g., vaporizing rub)
- Anti-diarrhea medicine
- Anti-gas, Antacid
- Antihistamines
- Anti-inflammatory medication
- Aspirin
- Bandages
- Burn treatments, OTC
- Calamine lotion
- Cold and flu medicine
- Cold sore remedies
- Cold/hot packs

- Contact lens solutions/cleaners
- Cotton balls (sterile)
- Cough drops, cough suppressants
- Decongestants
- Diaper rash treatments
- Elastic wraps
- Expectorants
- Eye drops (nonmedicated)
- Feminine hygiene products
- Fiber laxatives
- First-aid kits
- Heating pads
- Hemorrhoid treatments
- Insect bite/sting medicine
- Medicated lip balm/cream
- Menstrual pain relievers
- Nicotine patches, gum and lozenges
- OTC pain relievers
- PPE used for the primary purpose of preventing the spread of COVID-19, such as:
 - o Masks
 - o Hand sanitizer
 - o Sanitizing wipes
- Pregnancy test kits
- Prenatal vitamins
- Reading glasses
- Stomach remedies
- Sunburn treatments
- Sunscreen
- Thermometers
- Throat lozenges/cough drops

Please note, this list is not all-encompassing. For more information on your medical spending account, please contact your plan administrator.

Source:

www.irs.gov/publications/p502/ar02.html#en_US_publink1000178947, www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/3548/text#toc-HC8C9461E6EB94BA89FCB4673D46FDC9F and <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-drop/a-21-07.pdf>

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2021-22 School Year starts in August

At the June 14th board meeting, the USD 234 Board of Education approved the calendar pending negotiations. The BOE was notified on June 25th that negotiations were ratified by the FSKNEA.

More details regarding the agreement will be shared in our next newsletter as the board will be considering negotiations at the July 12th board meeting.

Highlighted dates for planning:

[July 19th](#) - First day for Administrators

[August 16th](#) - First day for Certified Staff & Food Service

[August 17th](#) - First day for Paras

[August 19th](#) - First day of school for Students

[March 14th - 18th](#) - Spring Break

[May 12th](#) - Last day of school for students



Summer School Payrolls

Summer School / ESY / Jumpstart will start soon.

This work will be paid on the August 20th payroll. Don't forget to account for your time daily so that we can pay you.



Safety Corner



Prevent Heat Illness

- Drink water frequently, even if you don't feel thirsty.
- Consider sports drinks when sweating a lot – and avoid alcohol, caffeine and heavy meals.
- Take regular breaks – in a shaded area if possible.
- Use the 'buddy system' to look out for your coworkers.
- Know the signs and symptoms of heat illness – and report them early.

If a worker is suffering from heat illness, immediately contact a supervisor for help. If the worker is not alert, call 911. Stay with the worker until help arrives, providing shade, water and mist or fans if possible.

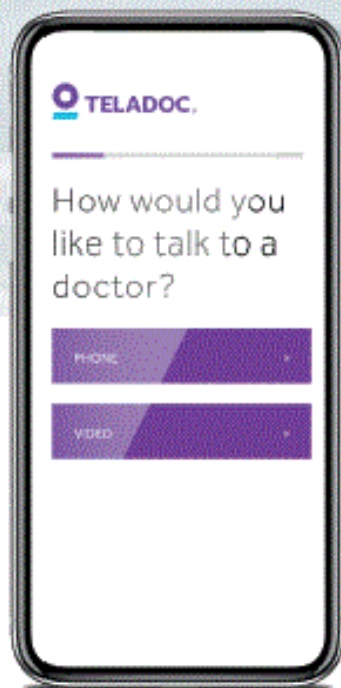
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