

Cougar Connection

August 2026



Principals Message

Welcome back, Cougars!

We are excited to begin a new school year at Cook Elementary. Our theme this year is "Unity Makes Us Strong: Every Cougar Belongs." Chosen by our administration team and PTA, this theme reflects our commitment to welcoming new students and families and ensuring that every child feels connected to our school community.

At Cook Elementary, we want every student to know they are more than included, they truly belong. When students feel valued, supported, and needed, they grow in confidence, contribute to those around them, and thrive as learners. Together, we will continue building a school where every Cougar belongs and where we are stronger because of one another.

Book of the Month Summary

The Big Umbrella by Amy June Bates and Juniper Bates is a heartwarming story about a big red umbrella that always has room for everyone underneath it. As more and more people join, the umbrella stretches to welcome them, showing that kindness and belonging have no limits.

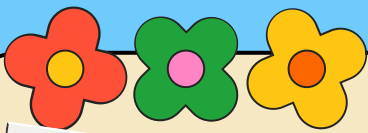


PRINCIPAL READ-A LOUD

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| * Community Council Elections | Sept 2-5 |
| * Community Council 4:00 | Sept 8 |
| * PTA Meeting 9:00 | Sept 11 |
| * 6 th Grade Orchestra Parent Meeting 7:30 am | Sept 8 |





Happenings at Cook Elementary



UNITY MAKES US STRONG,
EVERY COUGAR BELONGS.



Our New Gaga Pit
Thanks PTA!



Popsicles with Pals
2nd Grade



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Summer Library
Celebration



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First Day of School!

WE BEE-LONG
TOGETHER





Public **SAFETY JAMBOREE**



**October 1, 2026
5:30-8 PM**



**Fire Station 32
3418 S Bluff Dr**



- Family Activities
- Touch-A-Truck Vehicles
- Live Safety Demos
- Face Painting
- Bicycle Course
- Food Trucks and Info Booths

Don't miss the ultimate
FREE SAFETY EVENT!



The logo features the words "PUMPKIN P WALK" in a large, orange, stylized font. The letter "P" is significantly larger than the others. Above the first "P" is a small green stem with two leaves. The background of the poster is a warm orange-to-yellow gradient with a subtle geometric pattern of triangles.

SCARYCUSE CITY PUMPKIN P WALK

**OCTOBER 22-24, 2026
FOUNDERS PARK**

6:30-9:30 PM

**Free Family-Friendly Community Event
Carved Glowing Pumpkins, Live Music, & Food Trucks**



**Thank you to
our sponsors!**

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN
POWER**

**VIEW THE FULL SCARYCUSE EVENTS
SCHEDULE AT WWW.SYRACUSEUT.GOV**



Join 6th Grade Orchestra



Violin

No Experience Needed!

Bring a Violin, Viola, Cello, or Bass

No Class Fee!

Can't get an instrument?

We have a few we can lend out for free!



Viola

Meeting

@Cook

Tuesdays 7:50am-9:20am

Sept 8-May 18

Parent Meeting Sept 8, 7:50am

Concerts

Winter: Dec 16 6pm

Spring: May 12 6pm

@Horizon JrHighCommons



Cello



Bass

Registration



Rent Instrument



Teacher

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