



Happy

KANSAS DAY

FROM THE CHCS SPIRIT SQUAD



KANSAS FACTS

- Kansas became a state January 29, 1861 and was the 34th state to join the Union.
- The struggle between pro- and anti-slave forces in Kansas was a major factor in the eruption of the Civil War. The violence led to the nickname "Bleeding Kansas."



- The Kansas motto is **Ad astra per aspera**, which means "to the stars through difficulties."
- The **state** was named for the **Kansa Indians**. In the English language they were known as the "People of the South Wind."
- The **state bird** is the Western Meadowlark, and the **state animal** is the American Buffalo.
- The **state flower** is the wild native sunflower.
- The **state reptile** is the ornate box turtle, and the **state amphibian** is the barred tiger salamander.
- The **state song** is "Home on the Range."
- **Notable Kansans** include John Brown, Walter Chrysler, John Steuart Curry, Bob Dole, Amelia Earhart, Dwight Eisenhower, Nancy Landon Kassebaum, Alfred Landon, Karl Menninger, James Naismith, Gordon Parks, George F. Sternberg, and William Allen White.

Sources

<https://www.kshs.org/kansapedia/kansas-day/16773> and <https://www.kshs.org/kansapedia/notable-kansans/16875>

<https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/kansas-enters-the-union>

<https://statesymbolsusa.org/states/united-states/kansas>