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Computer

5th Grade Computer Applications

Students are currently learning about Digital Citizenship, also known as Internet Safety. We are discussing the importance of being a positive, contributing citizen of the internet by keeping personal information private, managing online profiles, and handling cyberbullies appropriately.

We spent the last week or so creating "THINK Before You Post" posters. I challenge you to ask your child what each of the letters in "THINK" stands for. If you would like to see their poster, ask them to open it up in Google Classroom.

Students also demonstrated their understanding of the three steps they should take if they feel they are being cyberbullied: Do not respond, save the messages, and tell an adult you trust. We also stress the importance of being an upstander vs. bystander if we witness cyberbullying. Internet safety is an important topic to regularly discuss with your child at home as well.

Mrs. Berndt (ext. 2625)

Physical Education 5th and 6th grade P.E.

The 5th & 6th grade students have finished up Football and now have started Volleyball. In Volleyball we will go over the rules of the game and the skills. The skills that the classes will go over are: Bump/Pass, Set, and the Serve. We will get into games once the students have all done the skills.

The 6th graders are working on improving their Pacer scores by running a timed Pacer. The first timed Pacer is 20 seconds. The students are trying to see how many they can get in 20 seconds. After doing this for two weeks we will add 10 seconds, and do 30 seconds for 2 weeks. Every two weeks the classes will add 10 seconds to the time.

Mr. Weyers (ext. 2660)

World Studies

6th Grade World Studies

Students are wrapping up their French unit! We completed the Parisian Monument Research Projects, which you've no doubt heard about after a month's worth of researching, preparing, and presenting to the class! They turned out great, and the students will be fabulous tour guides should you decide to take a family trip to Paris!

We will soon be beginning our Spanish unit! Students are excited to learn more about the culture and people of Spanish-speaking countries, with emphasis on Mexico. All study materials for homework and assessments can be found online, on the World Studies website: <https://sites.google.com/a/kimberly.k12.wi.us/fifth-and-sixth-grade-world-studies/>. This site is also linked to my website, the Berndt Bulletin. As always, if you or someone you know has connections to any Spanish-speaking cultures, and would be interested in visiting some classes to share information, we are always looking for guest speakers!

Mrs. Berndt (ext. 2625)

Choir information:

Choir students are also busy preparing for the concert on December 5th. Practices combining boys and girls will be held on November 16th, 21st, 28th, and 30th. We will celebrate with a pizza party and viewing of The Grinch during lunch and recess on December 14th. Pizza will cost around \$3.00, please don't send money at this time. Look for a note that will specify the details. The Choir is also participating in the Kimberly Area School District Choral Music Festival, which will be held on February 9th at Lawrence Memorial Chapel.

I am looking for a parent, relative, or friend who would be willing to play piano to accompany any of the concerts. Availability to rehearse once or twice during the day would be ideal, but not necessary. Please contact me at 730-0924 or kbeen@kimberly.k12.wi.us if you would like to volunteer or have any questions.

Several students are involved in choir festivals this year. The first festival was singing in Wisconsin, held at Chilton High School on Saturday, November 11th. We also have students singing at the Wisconsin Choral Directors Association All State Choir in Wausau on January 13th, and one student who auditioned and was accepted to sing in the N-CACDA Honor's Choir in Chicago in February. Music truly is taking these students places!



Healthy Living 5th Grade

Second quarter starts with our unit on Decision Making. As your children are getting older, they are becoming more and more independent and making more and more decisions without adult assistance. While we all want to see that independent problem solving and decision making, many decisions they make now could impact the rest of their lives. It is important that 5th graders think about those consequences before making big decisions. The Kimberly Area School District uses a decision making model that encourages that thinking process. Students need ask themselves if the decision is safe, responsible, honest, and respectful to themselves and others. They also need to consider the pros and cons of the decision. Following a decision making process will, hopefully, help 5th graders make healthier choices for the many decisions they will be making now and in the upcoming years.

We will be able to revisit this process when we have our units on personal health and safety, tobacco and nutrition.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about Healthy Living, please do not hesitate to ask.

Mrs. Curtis (ext. 2864)

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Band

Concert Dates for Band:

Please mark your calendar!!!!

December 5, 2017-6:30 pm – 6th grade band, 6th grade music classes and choir

January 16, 2018-6:30 pm – 5th grade band and 5th grade music classes

April 17, 2018-6:30 pm – 5th and 6th grade band/choir, and Art show.

Students are asked to wear nice clothes for the concert. Since this is a performance, we ask that students do not wear athletic clothing such as wind pants, shirts with writing or blue jeans.

Short But Sweet Bits of Info:

- Please be sure your child has his/her instrument on band days. We have a large number of students forgetting their instruments for band and lessons.
- Concerts are like final exams. They are a culmination of the students' progress and learning. All students are expected to be at the concerts.
- Ask to hear one of your child's concert songs. It gets them more interested in playing.
- Check in on your child practicing once in a while. They know how to practice, but that does not always means they are focused and working on the assignments.
- If your child is playing on a school instrument, be sure they are taking good care of the instrument (oiling, greasing, cleaning and polishing the instrument on a regular basis).
- The band room is always open until 3:20. If your child is in an after school intramural, instruments must be picked up at 2:50. The band room is not open at 4:00 when intramurals are finished.
- We are always looking for better ways to help your child. Please let us know if you have any suggestions.

Ms. Shimek (ext. 2621)
Mrs. Carpenter (ext. 2654)



MUSIC

Fifth grade students have been practicing using our newest rhythms, continuing to explore different ways of making harmony. They are preparing songs for our January 16th concert. This is the same day as the band performance. All 5th grade students are expected to perform in the evening performance. Attire for the performers is to be dressy – slacks, skirts, or dresses (with low or flat heel) for the girls, khaki or dress pants for the boys with a nice shirt or sweater and dress shoes or dark athletic shoes. Please stay away from logos on the shirts. It would be a great reason to buy some nice dress clothes for the upcoming holidays.

Sixth grade students will be singing during the December 5th concert. This concert is for all students in 6th grade and will include the entire class. They are singing familiar songs and performing with African instruments. It will be a great concert! It is expected that every sixth grade student will be in attendance. Attire for the performers is also to be dressy – slacks, skirts, or dresses (with low or flat heel) for the girls, khaki or dress pants for the boys with a nice shirt or sweater and dress shoes or dark athletic shoes. Please stay away from logos on the shirts. For the remainder of the quarter, we will continue to learn how to read music out of choral scores in preparation for 7th grade choir and future singing opportunities, and also play songs on the tone chimes.

Mrs. Been (ext. 2647)

ART



6th Grade Art

The 6th grade students are currently working on a sheet metal project. The students started out their sheet metal project by searching on their chrome book for an image or logo that is an interest of theirs. The 6th grade students then drew their image onto a piece of computer paper, while drawing out their image they were sure to use rulers and stencils to make their image was very neat and clean. After their drawing was finished they taped their computer paper to a piece of sheet metal and put a book underneath the metal for cushion. The students then retraced with a pencil right over their lines on their drawing so that their image would copy onto the sheet metal. After they had their image copied onto the metal they took the computer paper off and begin to bubble the metal. The 6th grade students had to bubble up and bubble down the metal so that the metal had an example of being sunk down and popped out. The students used different shaped wood tools to push into their metal. The 6th grade students also added a texture in the background of their metal with one of the wood tools. The students then used different colored sharpies to decorate their metal with color. When the students were all finished with their metal they created a frame for the back of their metal with paper. The frame had to incorporate images, words or other things that go along with the image on their metal. The students then made a name tag and used their chrome book to fill out their check off sheet (self-assessment) on our Google classroom. The metal projects will be displayed in the hallways when they are finished.

The Elements of Art we have covered are:
Color, Form, Line, Shape and Texture.

Mr. Calmes (ext. 23211)

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