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Computer

6th Grade Computer Applications

We've had a great start to the semester, already learning about digital citizenship, cyberbullying, and more! Ask the kids what it means to create a positive digital footprint, or why they should always ask permission before posting someone else's photo! These are great topics to discuss at home, where the majority of internet safety issues can occur. All content, assignments, and assessments for Computer Applications can be found in Google Classroom. Likewise, all grades are regularly updated in Infinite Campus. Please contact me if you have any questions about an assignment or grade and I would be happy to discuss it with you.

Mrs. Berndt (ext. 2625)



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

The 5th and 6th grade students finished up their testing this week. The test included: Sit-n-reach, Push-ups, Sit-ups and Pacer. This the second time we have tested and the results from the fall and winter are recorded in their Chromebooks. The students will be setting up goals they would like to reach on their test soon. We will be testing in the spring. The next two units the students will be doing is Badminton and Floor Hockey. The focus of these units will be safety.

Mr. Weyers (ext. 2660)



World Studies

5th Grade World Studies

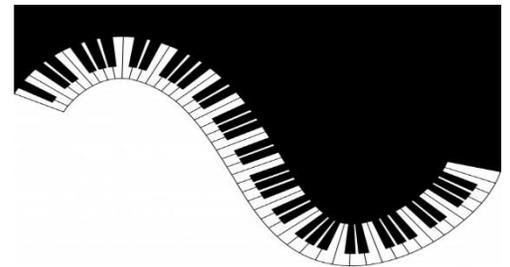
Konnichiwa! That means hello in Japanese! The kids are off to a great start in their Japanese unit, and will be learning lots of vocabulary, geography and culture along the way! I dare you to ask them what their Japanese name is during the unit, or about renting pets in Japan! They've been so excited to learn as much as they can about this fascinating culture! As always, if you have connections, or know of anyone who would like to come in to speak to our classes, we would love to have you!

Mrs. Berndt (ext. 2625)

Woodland Wolves Chorus

Unfortunately the KASD Choral Festival that was scheduled on February 17th at Kimberly High School was canceled due to inclement weather. However, a big thank you goes to the Friends of the Performing Arts parent booster group for subsidizing the cost of our concert t-shirts and sponsoring our pizza dinner. Please consider attending their monthly meetings. You can get more information from their Facebook page or through their email: fopakimberly@gmail.com.

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Healthy Living 6th Grade

How great it is to see the 6th graders again. I truly have missed them. You may not see it because you look at them every day, but what a change I have seen since last January when I had them in Healthy Living 5. Many are taller than me, so I did have to remind them that height does not equal power. :) Not only do I see the changes in their height, but I have also noticed personality changes that most certainly put them in the category of adolescence. (Really, this is positive!)

After reviewing the Wellness Triangle, we spent time learning about the Developmental Assets. These are “traits” that researchers have found will help kids to be “happy, healthy and successful”. I feel very strongly that these assets lay a solid foundation for young people to become physically, mentally and socially healthy. We will discuss all 40 internal and external traits in the upcoming weeks, one of which is self-esteem. I feel this is a great way to begin the semester as many decisions your sons and daughters will make will be better if they feel good about themselves. A high self-esteem will enable your child to try new things, stand up for themselves and accept their shortcomings.

If you have any questions as the semester goes forward, please contact me.

Mrs. Curtis (ext. 2864)

Band

5th and 6th grade band students have the spring concert music. Now is the time to be working on the music for our April concert. Our theme is Star Wars. It is sure to be a fantastic performance.

6th grade band students need to have Essential Elements Book 2 by the end of February. It can be purchased at the local music store as well as on Amazon.

Ms. Shimek (ext. 2621)
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MUSIC

Music Room News

The 5th and 6th grade students have begun the keyboarding unit! Students of the 5th grade are learning correct hand positions and how to play folk songs on the piano keyboard. 6th grade students have picked up where we left off in 5th grade and have done great work on learning new songs. We will continue to play keyboards throughout quarter 3 and partly into quarter 4.

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Mrs. Been (ext. 2647)

ART



5th Grade Art

The 5th grade students are creating a watercolor painting inspired by an image they have chosen. The image they selected has a personal meaning to them. The 5th graders will learn how to free draw their picture onto watercolor paper using a few techniques that help them place their image on the paper correctly. The students have learned different watercolor techniques: wet on dry, dry on dry, wet on wet, wash, value scale, crayons, colored pencils, sharpie markers, salt, masking tape, sponge and rubber cement. The 5th graders will use these techniques to help them paint a realistic watercolor painting.

Once the students have finished their painting they will select a frame color for behind their painting and fill out a name tag. The students will autograph their painting and will fill out their check-off sheet (self-assessment) on our Google classroom. The paintings will be displayed in the hallways.

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

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