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STOP cyberbullying



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. As we move through this unit, students are learning how to use Prezi.com. By the end of the unit, they will have a complete presentation completed demonstrating their understanding of digital citizenship. Feel free to ask them to share it with you! All resources and links for this project are posted in Google Classroom.

Mrs. Berndt (ext. 2625)

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)

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

The students have finished up their testing. The tests that we did included: Sit-n-Reach, Curls-up, Push-ups, and Pacer. The students will test again in the spring.

The students have started the Hockey unit. They have done the skills in class: Passing, Dribbling, and shooting on goal. We are getting into modified games. The students will have an opportunity to play Offense and Defense. Our overall focus for this unit is Safety.

Mr. Weyers (ext. 2660)

Choir Information:

It's time to look to the spring! Lawrence invites middle and high school students to sing in choirs this spring on Sunday afternoons from April 7-May 19. Middle and high school choirs will be led by advanced choral music education students under the supervision of Dr. Stephen Sieck, professor at Lawrence University. This Spring-Sing choral experience gives that kid that loves being in choir a chance to sing with other students around the Fox Cities. Spring-Sing also gives future choral educators at Lawrence a priceless opportunity to hone their teaching skills so they enter their student-teaching semester more polished and prepared.



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

The Winter Blues

We are at our prime for cold and flu season. Here are a few tips to help keep your child healthy.

1. Wash the spit/water rag and swab. There are lots of germs in those rags.
2. Any time your child is sick, throw away the old reed and start with a new one.
3. Wash out all mouthpieces weekly, especially when ill.

Do you feel like your child is slowing down with practicing? Is the newness wearing off? Is band getting harder now? Those are all normal things that band students go through after their first concert. New music is here. We are continuing in our lesson book. Things may seem more difficult because we are playing new music each week and not working on concert music over and over. Be patient and help your child ride it out!

You may also want to try something new. Often times, a new pop song book will help. Take a look at some of these books at the music store. Also, consider calling us. We are here to help.

1. Movies Favorites.
2. Patriotic Favorites.
3. Broadway Favorites.
4. Film Favorites

6th Grade Band Student Information:

As the 6th grade band nears the end of book one, we are asking that you purchase Essential Elements 2000 Book II for your child. We will begin using the new book during the month of February.

Ms. Shimek (ext. 2621)
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MUSIC

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.

The choir had an incredible experience at Lawrence University on February 8th. Thank you for all the families who donated tickets so that every student had someone in the sold-out performance. We also had a large following on the live stream broadcast. Many people had family members in other states who watched and were impressed by our talented KASD choral students.

The group picture day has been rescheduled to February 26 - wear Woodland wear or your choir/band shirt.

Our final performance will be April 11th, with the 5th and 6th grade band in the Woodland gym. We will also take a trip over to Sunrise during the school day on a date yet to be determined.

The girls will resume on February 19th, the boys on February 21st. There will be combined rehearsals for both boys and girls on Tuesday, April 2, Thursday April 4 and Tuesday the 9th.

We will celebrate the April performance with an ice cream party.

Mrs. Been (ext. 2647)

ART



5th Grade Art

The students are creating a watercolor painting inspired by an image they have chosen. The image they selected had personal meaning to them. The 5th graders learned 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, salt, masking tape, sponge and rubber cement. The 5th graders will use these techniques to help them paint a realistic watercolor painting. When the students are all finished with their painting they will fill out a name tag. After they are finished with their name tag they will use their chrome book to fill out their check off sheet (self- assessment) on our Google classroom. The watercolor painting will be displayed in the hallways when they are finished.

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

Mr. Calmes (ext. 2321)

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