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Kanopolis Middle School September 2021 Newsletter

ATTENDANCE CALLS – A parent or guardian must call the school EACH day his/her child will be absent prior to 8:30 a.m. and provide a reason for the absence. If no permissible reason is given, the absence will be unexcused.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

KMS provides after-school learning opportunities every Tuesday and Thursday starting September 7th. Students should report to the library at 3:25 and will be dismissed at 4:10. School transportation will be provided for students. Tuesdays will be for 5th graders and Thursdays will be for 6th graders. Permission slips need to be signed. This is at parent or teacher request. Contact Mrs. Kempke at akempke@usd327.org for questions.



5th and 6th graders are welcome to attend **Fellowship of Christian Athletes** Wednesday mornings 7:35am-7:55am starting in the gym with Mr. Bolton.

A note from the Principal

School is off to a wonderful start. It is so great to have students back and I'm excited to watch them grow throughout the school year. We all know that students learn better when their teacher has a clear picture of what each student knows and what they are ready to learn next. All students have completed AIMSweb testing in math and reading. This data will be used to build our MTSS groups that will provide small, tiered instruction as well as progress monitoring throughout the school year. –Dr. Rodriguez

😊NEW FACES: 😊 WELCOME.....



Ms. Savannah Hellebust,
paraprofessional

Ms. Anne Knipe,
5-12 Music/Band
Teacher



Mrs. Claassen, KMS
Social/Emotional
Counselor

STUDENT PLANNERS:

All KMS students were given a school planner. This planner will be used daily by the students to track their assignments. Students will need to make sure they have their planners every day!

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MONTHLY REMINDERS:

September 6th – No School, Labor Day

September 8th – FCA @ 7:35 in KMS gym

September 13th – School Board Meeting @ 7pm

September 23rd – Dental Screening

September 24th – Homecoming Parade @ 3:05

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

We are happy to introduce to you our guidance team:

- Sondra Claassen
- Amber Soukup

Middle school is a time of discovery and much personal and academic growth. This can be hard to manage as we all navigate through this time of change. It is always the goal to come out on the other side with independence and accountability for your student guidance team is here to help support you and your student through this process.

Please help us, help your student be accountable for their own learning. Ask your student about their day and their classes. Encourage your student to ask if they have questions pertaining to classwork, policies, or grading. We understand that this can sometimes be uncomfortable for the students, however, them taking the initiative helps guide them to be an active participant in their own learning as well as transitioning them to become more independent.

By partnering together, we can help your student reach their full academic and personal potential. Don't hesitate to reach out to a member of our counseling team if they can be of any assistance.

SOCIAL WORRIES



Middle school is a social maze compared to elementary school. Students are changing classes each period and they will be in classes with different people throughout the day. This can be overwhelming for children that like the comfort of a single classroom with a group of the same children all day. Students are also thinking about the fact that they are the youngest in this maze. It is easy as adults to downplay our children's fears, but middle school brings a lot of pressure to be social. Here are some ideas if your child is struggling with the transition to middle school:

- Remind your child that they will have the opportunity to interact with more students by changing classes each period. Talk about this change in a positive light and emphasize the opportunity for more potential friends.
- Talk about the Brain Break opportunity that comes with the changing of classes. This is the beginning of the transitioning away from recess.
- Have a heart-to-heart with your child about being who they are. It is more important to be yourself than to be "cool" and to fit in. Encourage them to hang out with kids they like and are comfortable with. Talk about the importance of not compromising their beliefs and convictions to gain "friends".
- Some children need to go over some basic social skills. Talk to your child about how to join in conversations without interrupting and how to be a good friend.



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