

Bulldog Bite



Kanopolis Middle School October 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. 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.

FCA Fields of Faith at the high school football field **Wednesday Oct. 13 at 7 p.m.** All are welcome as the youth of our town share their faith.

A note from the Principal

As each new school year begins, we are reminded how fortunate we are to work in a district that is supported wholeheartedly by its community, staff, and parents. The opportunities afforded to our students continue to grow and it is exciting to see the kids grow with these opportunities.

Self-advocacy and grit are two characteristics we are trying to instill in our students. Having grit means students understand it is acceptable to not succeed the first time(s), but it is not acceptable to quit or give up. It is extremely rare to for someone to master a concept on the first try. It is okay to struggle and to work hard. We should never stop learning or improving ourselves.

In regards to self-advocacy, we want student to take an active role in their education and let an adult know when they don't understand. We must not be afraid to ask questions and speak up for ourselves. If we as educators are unaware of a student's struggles or problems, we are not able to help them overcome the issue. We want to help your student become an active participant in their success.

During the month of October, to celebrate Anti-Bully Awareness Week all students will discuss the harmful effects caused by bullying behavior. It is so important that we take a stand to stop this cruel conduct. No child should ever feel scared, threatened, degraded, or isolated to attend school. Please help us help your child by sharing any concerns you might have on this topic. –K. Rodriguez

Many students are anxious to get to school, but please remember this is no supervision of students until the doors open at 7:25am.

MONTHLY REMINDERS:

October 5- Lifetouch Picture Retakes
October 6- Flu Clinic
October 8 Fire Safety Day
October 11 – No School Teacher In-Service
BOE Meeting
October 13 Fire Prevention Day
October 15th- End of First 9 weeks
October 18-19 Parent Teacher Conferences
October 20 9:15 Late Start
October 22 No School/ Parent Teacher Comp Day
October 27 Hearing rechecks



The BOOK FAIR is COMING!

Book Fair @ EES library Oct. 18-22, 2021.
Look for flyers to come home the week of
October 11th.
Open for KMS students on Monday and
Tuesday evening 4-7:45pm
and Friday morning 9-noon.

BOOK ORDERS

The next Scholastic Book order will be sent in
on Friday, October 15th. You can order on-
line at [scholastic.com/bookclubs](https://www.scholastic.com/bookclubs) Sign in or
create an account. Connect to Mrs. Bolton @
KMS by entering our Class Code: **H8ZJ6**
Look for the flyers sent home with your
students! Book orders are due October 15th

The weather is changing. Please remember
coats/sweatshirts. Recess WILL be outside!



Fall parties will be Friday, October 29th.
Students will attend regular classes and may wear
costumes throughout the day as long as they do not
provide distractions that impede learning.

Hi! This is Sondra Claassen, counselor at KMS. Just wanted you to know a little bit about me and how to reach me. Most recently, I was a school counselor at Derby North Middle School with 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. My husband & I retired a couple of years ago and moved back to my grandfather's farm. We have horses, cats, a dog and maybe will have some chickens in our future. We really enjoy being out in the country. I was excited to be offered a part time job at Kanopolis Middle School and really enjoy working with middle school students. If you need to reach me, you can email – sclaassen@usd327.org or call the middle school, (785) 472-4477. An email is probably the quickest way to reach me as I'm not at the middle school every day.

OCTOBER is bullying prevention month. The Kansas Department of Education has chosen "Choose Peace" as their slogan. We will share information and celebrate PAWS-itive behavior during the first full week of October, 4-8th. Students will have the opportunity to participate in some activities to encourage anti-bullying behavior. Unfortunately, bullying can take many forms. It can be physical, but can also be social or emotional, like calling names, leaving someone out or spreading rumors. With more technology use, cyberbullying has become another type of bullying. Bullying is defined as repeated behavior that causes another person to not feel safe. We encourage students to always be respectful and report bullying to an adult, right away.

RED RIBBON WEEK is also observed in October 25-29th. Red Ribbon Week is a time to encourage healthy lifestyles and making good choices. We will have some fun activities for students to take part in during the week.