



Minutes from the Middle



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5th Grade News

Q: What's going on in all of your core classes?

A: 5th grade is focusing on making inferences, doing fractions, learning about the 13 colonies and the star life cycle.

Q: What's your favorite thing you're currently teaching?

A: Ms. Mary seemed to like working with the the star cycle the most. Mrs. George loved history, so she enjoyed working with the 13 colonies. Mrs. Stubbers liked working with her students in book club. In Mrs. Ogden's class, they've been learning about the Revolutionary War, which is her favorite.

6th Grade News

The 6th grade has been very busy in preparation for upcoming events, and they have also just finished units and chapters in their classes. They recently went on a field trip to see Chinese Acrobats at the Civic Center! On March 27th, speakers from the Des Moines YMCA came and talked to the 6th grade. The 6th graders also recently studied cause and effect and did mountain projects on the elevations of mountains. They are doing many new and challenging things in their core classes. For example, in math, they are doing conversions of standard to metric units. They are also studying Australia and will be doing a Tourism Brochure in Social Studies. In Language, the students are working on Main Idea, Topic, and Details.

7th Grade News

Math: 7th graders have been working with statistics and probability. Next they will be moving on to geometry.

Language: We have been working on preparing for the upcoming Iowa Assessment tests. The students will be starting a new novel called "Ender's Game" soon.

Geography: The students have been learning about the geography of Europe along with current and past events from the continent.

Science: Students have been studying different animal groups. They will be dissecting frogs soon.

8th Grade News

Have you been wondering what kind of things your kids will be doing in class? We asked the eighth grade teachers what kind of things we can look forward to toward the end of the year. Mr. Cline, the history teacher, said there will be no big projects but we will be working on citizenship. Ms. Freese, who teaches language, told us we will learn about Shakespeare and read one if his plays. Mrs. DaLuga science teacher, told us we will learn about acids and bases. Ms. Portz, the math teacher said we will finish up discussing angle sums of triangles and have a test next week.

Student of The Month Nominations:

5th Grade: Joana Sanchez, Trenton Foster, Camden Lo, Allie Herron, Lauren Vance, Chelsea Webb.

6th Grade: Sam Calkins, Haley Floyd, Roshel Quiros, Jenna Taylor, Nathan Jaeger, Nick Aagesen.

7th Grade: Adriana Johnson, Brenden Shoemaker, Taylor Perry, Devin Brooner, Roland Kouski, Logan Guy.

8th Grade: Destini Taylor, Maurice Webb, Travis Sotter, Isaiah Harris, Reilly Aagesen, Katie Plascencia.

Staff Spotlight with Mr. Feldhans see back page for more information!



Members of Journalism Club:

Raegan Fitch, Cash Lee, Morgan Ramirez, Gracie Bear, Katherine Tylavsky, Kylie Rink, Gabby Neddermeyer, Devin Redner, Taylor Perry, Marissa Ramirez, Emma Harkness, Taylor Conley, Alyssa Monroe, and Katie Placencia~ **Thank you all for your hard work!~**



Report from Related Arts:

Art: 8th grade will be making rings and pottery. 7th grade will be making 3D models.

Tech: Working on typing skills.

Gym: Pickle ball (a game that is like tennis and badminton) .

Woodside Staff Spotlight:

We chose Mr. Feldhans, Woodside Principal as the Woodside Staff Spotlight this newsletter:

Q: How do you feel about leaving Saydel?

A: I'm excited to be in a school where my daughter and son are. I'm also sad to be leaving Saydel.

Q: How has it been working at Woodside Middle School

A: I loved being here, teaching, and being an administrator.

Q: What is your favorite memory here at Woodside?

A: It's hard to pick just one, there is a lot things that I love doing. If I had to pick one, I would pick being a part of the 8th grade celebrations at the end of the year. It's an honor to congratulate them for all the hard work they have done.

Extra Curricular Activities:

Mrs. Nichols (Choir): "The choir will be getting ready for their concert on May 7th." 6th grade is singing Fais Do Do, Three A Cappella Folk Songs from around the world, and Under The Sea (from The Little Mermaid). Also, the choir sang the National Anthem at the Iowa Energy Game on April 1st. (See photo above.)

Mrs. Heintz (Band): "The band will have a large group contest on April 18th."

Track: The track team started practice right after Spring Break. They boys have their first meet at Roland-Story and the girls will have their first meet at Ballard. Both are on April 14th. Come and cheer on our Eagles!

Student Council: The WMS Student Council does not have many plans for the end of the year. Though, the idea of a school talent show has been brought to their attention, they haven't got all the details worked out yet.

Upcoming Dates:

Iowa Assessments

April 6th -10th

Map Testing

The week of April 27th

Counselor's Corner with Mrs. Erickson:

5th grade will be working on bullying and 6th will work on working together on kindness. 7th grade will learn about substance abuse and 8th grade will be learning about classes at the High School and IHAPI.