



# Minutes from the Middle



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## 5th Grade News

**Q: What things are going on in your core classes?**

**Mary:** In reading we are about to read a story about returning to the wreckage of the Titanic. In math we are working on coordinate grids, line plots, and finding mean, median and mode from a set of data. In science Mrs. Stubbers and I are planning to do a unit with an owl pellet dissection.

**Q: Is your class doing any big projects?**

**A:** Ogden's class is doing their book club projects.

**Q: What are some other things you are working on?:**

**A:** In reading they are doing their poetry projects. In math they are graphing and line plots and in science, they are making cup holders.

## 6th Grade News

~**Math (Parmalee, Smith)**

**Q. What will you be focusing on this week?**

**A:** "Solving equations"

~**Science (Parmalee, Smith)**

**Q. What will your class be doing this week?**

**A:** Fishing and presenting our "Scientists Projects." "We will be taking a class trip to a farm to see where all of our food comes from."

~**Language (Brown, Reid)**

**Q: What will you main focus be for this week?**

**A:** "We are working on theme and plot. We are also reading Wednesday Wars and using all of the skills we learned and incorporating them into the story. We will be working on on what distinguished childhood from adulthood and character traits."

~**Social Studies (All)**

**Q. What kind of things will you be teaching your students this week?**

**A:** We are presenting our "Our Big Adventure" projects.

## 7th Grade News

**Language Literacy**

**Q: What's going on in your class?**

**A:** Writing our own science fiction stories.

**Social Studies**

**Q: What has been the most memorable moment of this year?**

**A:** The whole year, because its my 1st year of teaching and I will remember everything.

**Math:**

**Q: What are you working on for the end of the year:**

**A:** We are still working on our unit in geometry. We are learning about types of angles and how to find the measurement of a missing angle. We are also learning about how to find the measurement of a missing side for similar shapes.

## 8th Grade News

**Q: What's happening in math?**

**A:** They're finishing probability and stats, and there will be an end of the year project.

**Q: What are you doing in science?**

**A:** They are working on chromosomes and DNA.

**Q: What are you working on in Language Literacy?**

**A:** They are reading A Midsummer Night's Dream, written by Shakespeare. They are also working on how Shakespeare influenced our lives today.

**Q: What's going on in U.S. History?**

**A:** In American History, they are working on civil rights, starting with the reconstruction period following the Civil War. This will lead to Jim Crow laws, and the road to civil rights. They will also see how they can make a change.

## Student of the Month Winners:

5th Grade: Samantha Way and Trevor Lause

6th Grade:, Emily Riley and Cavin Sanders

7th Grade: Ronald Kouski and Morgan Uhl

8th Grade: Kenzie Tharp and Kyle Johnson

Congratulations to all the nominees and winners! The winners will be going on a limo lunch next week.

Thank you for representing Woodside and showing the Eagle Way!!



## Staff Spotlight with Miss Mary. See back page for more information!



## Members of Journalism Club:

**Teacher sponsors: Ms. Portz and Mrs. Zeutenhorst**

Gracie Bear, Caleb McCoy, Katherine Tylavsky, Kylie Rink, Gabby Neddermeyer, Devin Redner, Taylor Perry, Emma Harkness, Taylor Conley, Alyssa Monroe, Roland Kouski, and Katie Plascencia

~ Thank you all for your hard work!~

8th Grade: Parents, just a reminder that State Law requires all students transitioning into 9th grade to have a professional dental screening. This must be done by a dentist or a dental hygienist. The forms should be at the dentist office and are due the first week of school. Call with any questions!

7th Grade: As your student enters 7<sup>th</sup> grade next fall, I want to remind you that Iowa Immunization law changed 2 years ago to now require that all students entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade have the Tdap booster. This is due the first week of school and I will need proof from the doctor that this was given. They will be given a grace period if you have an appointment scheduled and after that the student will be unable to attend school. They can receive this at their regular physician or at Polk County Health Department. There are numerous free clinics that are available to do sports physicals as well as immunizations. This list is available in the school office. There are English and Spanish available. If you have any questions, please speak with me.

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## Woodside Staff Spotlight:

### Katie Mary

**How long have you been teaching at Saydel?**  
15 years.

**What is your favorite part of teaching?**

Helping kids do things they never thought they could do, as well as seeing them get excited about new topics.

**What is your favorite subject to teach?**

It's a tie between Reading and Science.

**What is your best memory of this year?**

Seeing the excitement on a student's face after he realized how much he improved on MAP test. (Although one year I fell out of a chair)

**Do you have any words of wisdom for your students?**

Yes! Because of my Harry Potter obsession, I like the following quote: "It is our choices that show us who we truly are, far more than our abilities." -Albus Dumbledore, *Harry Potter*



## Related arts and Extracurricular Activities:

**Technology:** 5th grade will be continuing with drawing in paint and saving into their powerpoints. 6th grade will be still using Tagul and creating word clouds. 7th grade will start of photo editing with pixlr. 8th grade is going to keep working on mind maps on bubblus.com.

**PE:** We all will be playing very strategic games and working hard on the weekly workouts for the rest of the year.

**Choir:** Last Thursday Choir and Band had their last spring concert for the year and did an amazing job! For the rest of the year we will just be singing some fun songs.

**Band: What is going on in band class? A:** We are playing a couple random songs until the last rehearsal.

**Track: Q :What happened at the last track meet? A:** Girls did fine, the guys did great. Overall they did great.

**Baseball: How many games have you won so far and when is your next game? A:** Won their game on Monday against Johnston ,next game Monday.

**Student Council:Q What's happening in council? A:** Getting ready for the 8th grade formal on May 16th.

**Softball: How many games have you won so far and when is your next game? A:** No games so far, "practice has been hard and the coaches are great" all of their hard work will pay off! Good job girls!

## Upcoming Dates:

- 8th Grade Formal is May 16th from 7-9 pm.
- 8th Grade Graduation Ceremony is May 26th at 8:30 am.
- Last day of school is May 26th.

## Counselor's Corner with Mrs. Erickson:

We had a great year here at Woodside! As the year comes to a close I just want to remind students to behave in a way that portrays Saydel in a positive way! Find ways to stay active and even engage your brain. Libraries have excellent Summer Reading programs that often offer incentives. Have a wonderful and safe summer! Good luck to the 8th graders heading to the high school!!