

Sandwich Middle School

September 2011

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Events Calendar

Monday, September 5
No School - Labor Day
Friday, September 9
No School
Friday, September 16
SMS Fall School Pictures
SMS Fall Sport Pictures
Tuesday, September 20
7:00pm School Board Meeting
Friday, September 23
Progress Reports
Monday, September 26 – Friday, September 30
SMS Bookfair



6th Grade Brain Factory News

Ms. Mavec, Ms. Brignon, Mr. Polera, Mr. Behringer, Ms. Strothman

The school year with our new sixth graders has started fairly well. If we did not have to worry about the heat or the lockers, it would have been perfect. I don't know how many times we have said...right, left, right.

The students have been introduced to the Learning Resource Center so that they may check out books. The LRC is usually open from 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. We will take them into the computer lab for their passwords shortly.

The team teachers put all the homework on their boards during our 9th hour class. During that time, students are required to write this homework in their planners. Please check their planners at home if you have questions about what they have to do that evening. Also, any missing work should show on the class grades in Edline. We update our Edline grades at least once a week. If you do not know about Edline or need a pass code for you or your child, please contact Mr. Heilemeier at aheileme@kidsroe.org.

This year progress reports will also be posted on Edline. We will only send hard copies to those parents who do not have a computer or request a hard copy. Progress reports will start on Friday, September 2nd and continue every two weeks after that. It is important to keep the home/school communication open. Please feel free to contact us at our personal emails which you will find on our Edline websites. We try to check our email every day. You can always leave a message for any of us at the middle school office at 815-786-2138.

The students are settling into their academic classes. In math, they are reviewing number sense and place value. Don't forget you can access the math book online. Science begins every year with a review of the scientific method and metric measurement. In Language Arts, the students are finishing a review of the types of sentences and then they will move on to the units on genres of literature and figurative language. Mrs. Strothman will begin the year with reading, reading, reading and more reading with a literature unit. Mr. Behringer's social studies classes will be doing an interesting and fun map unit.

We are looking forward to a positive and productive year with your students.

6th Grade West Wing News

Ms. Tripp, Ms. Brummel, Ms. Shimp, Ms. Shook, Ms. Maier

Welcome to 6th grade!! The students are really doing well getting accustomed to the third floor, switching classes, and having their supplies in their lockers. We are proud of how they are adjusting!

We hope ALL parents are signed up to edline. Edline is a great tool to check what homework your child has each night as well as their grades. Each week the teachers post the grades so you are up-to-date with their progress. We also will send progress reports home every two weeks (starting Sept. 2). We would like to utilize edline so we don't have to print so many copies. Each parent who put an email address on their parent contact sheet will be getting an email from your child's advisory teacher soon. Those parents who did not put an email address down and they wish to get updates that way from us, please sent it with your child to give to their advisory teacher. If you do not have the access code for edline (they were given out with schedules) please email ahelime@kidsroe.org to ask they be reset and the codes sent to you.

Hopefully you have been seeing their learning logs coming home. We spend the 9th hour making sure the students have all their assignments written in them and are sure of what needs to go home that night. It is also a way to communicate with you, so if you have questions and concerns you can write in there.

We all hope for a wonderful year! If at any time you have questions or concerns for any teacher, feel free to call the school or email the teacher directly.

7th Grade Hawks News

Mr. Horton, Ms. Gray, Ms. Kummer, Mr. Maloney, Mr. Werthman,

The Hawks' team welcomes you back to the 2011-12 school year. We are forward to great success for this year. We urge parents and students to advantage of the Edline program to access information about each class attends.

Social Studies will begin the year studying Paleo-Indian culture through conquest of America. Expect students to have assignments in this class

Students will usually have 10-15 minutes of class time to get a good start, if not finish, the assigned work. I strongly suggest students use the links on Edline as well as follow the schedule on History and History International channels to find program discussing the same topics we will cover in class.



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In science, we will be learning how to be safe in the lab setting. The class will be reviewing the scientific method and how to use it when doing an experiment. While working on Chapter one in our Chemistry book, we will be learning about the properties of matter, physical and chemical properties of matter and the changes that matter go through. We will also be concentrating on using different types of measurement in the lab setting. Please be sure to check edline.net for the science lesson plans, worksheets and labs, chemistry journals, and notes that we will be working on throughout the first quarter!!

During the month of September, we will be continuing our unit on *Success and the Language Arts*. During this unit, students will be reading, writing, and discussing their own ideas about success through fiction and nonfiction materials. Students will wrap up the unit with a poster and an essay that explains the essential questions of the unit and what success means to them.

In the math classes, we have started out the year reviewing some concepts such as solving short answer and extended response questions and problem solving. In the first unit we are going to look at, the students will learn about powers and exponents, order of operations, and they will be looking at some basic algebraic concepts. They will then move on to our integers unit. The students will work on comparing and ordering integers, and learn how to solve integer problems using the four basic operations.

In pre-algebra, we too began the year going over how to properly solve short answer and extended response problems and some problem solving strategies. In our first unit we will be looking at the basics of algebra. The students will look at variables, algebraic expressions, equations, and inequalities. They will also learn about the coordinate plane and graphing. They will then move on to our integers and exponent unit. During this time the students will also solve problems using the four basic math operations, along with learning about exponents, the properties of exponents, and scientific notation.

Resource Math begins the school year by following the great Vince Lombardi's lead. Every year he returned to the basics of the game by holding up a football in the year's first meeting and announcing, "Gentlemen, this is a football." Similarly, 7th grade resource math is beginning the year by returning to the basics: place value, basic addition, subtraction, multiplication and division are the topics of discussion for the class. After re-establishing these fundamentals, the class will move on to rounding, measurement and decimals.



7th Grade Bulldog News

Ms. Sgiers, Ms. Duvick, Mr. Butler, Ms. Gregory, Ms. Bonneau

Welcome to the 7th Grade Bulldogs' Team!

The year is off to a great start so far. Students have found all their classes, learned their new locker combinations, and completed their first assignments for their classes! Thank you for helping your students be so well prepared for their new year.

It has taken some adjustment for both the students and staff. The temperatures are rather warm up here on the third floor. Students are welcome to carry water bottles throughout the day. Please encourage your child to get plenty of rest. Some seem to still be on that summer schedule of late nights, and are finding that they are very tired for their classes. We are confident that everything will be running smoothly very soon.

As a team, we believe that the teachers, students, and parents need to work together to create a successful academic year. Please feel free to contact us or set up an appointment to discuss your child's academic work. The following will give you just a glimpse of what your student is currently doing in each of his or her classes.

In Mrs. Sgiers' regular math classes, the students are reviewing order of operations, solving simple equations, and starting to justify math steps by using the math properties. They will soon be moving into work with integers. The AT math section are doing a quick review in solving two-step equations, integers, and graphing equations before beginning to learn the rules for manipulating positive and negative exponents. Every math student should have a calculator for classroom use.

Mr. Butler is starting the students on their journey through American History by answering two key questions: "How did the first people get to the Americas?" and "How did Europeans find their way to the Americas?" During the coming weeks, the students will dig deeper into the ancient empires of the Americas, the Age of Exploration, and the arrival of the European explorers.

While Mrs. Gregory finishes her maternity leave, Mrs. Kern is guiding the students through the lab safety rules. These are important for the students to learn, understand, and practice to have a safe and rewarding learning experience. The students are reviewing the scientific method and how to use when doing an experiment. They are jumping into a chemistry unit and will be learning about both the physical and chemical properties of matter and the changes that matter goes through. The students will also be concentrating on using different types of measurement in the lab setting. You will find the science lesson plans, worksheets and labs, chemistry journals, and notes posted on edline.

In Mrs. Duvick's language arts class the students are beginning the year with a Newspaper Poster project. They are reviewing the writing process and discussing what strong paragraphs contain and writing well developed paragraphs. They will then use both the writing process and their knowledge of paragraphs to write an expository essay about their personal hero. Following that, the students will then begin their study of genres, story elements, and applying that knowledge to a variety of literature.

We look forward to working with your children and believe that this will be a great and rewarding year for all of us.

8th Grade Eagles & Falcons News

Eagles - Ms. Drew, Mrs. Anderson-Sellers, Mrs. Hannig, Ms. Ford Mr. Rhoades,
Falcons - Mr. Heilemeier, Ms. Stout, Ms. Johnson, Mrs. Nelle Ms. Anderson,

Sandwich Middle School Eighth Grade

2011-2012 Philosophies & Policies Plan

Dear Parents or Guardians,

In order to guarantee your child and all students in the 8th grade the excellent learning climate they deserve, we are utilizing the following:

Our Philosophy

We believe that every 8th grader should have the opportunity to learn and achieve. We will not allow any student to stop us from teaching and/or any student from learning; therefore, we believe all students can appropriately behave in our classroom.

Our Class Rules

Expectations

- ✓ Follow the directions the first time.
- ✓ Listen respectfully when others are speaking.
- ✓ Work in class without disturbing others.
- ✓ Respect others' rights, feelings, and property.
- ✓ Conduct yourself in a manner that promotes safety for all.
- ✓ Bring materials necessary for class.
- ✓ Complete assignments on time.

Consequences

- ✓ Warning
- ✓ Conference with teacher
- ✓ Teacher detention and/or parent contact
- ✓ Referral to the administrative team for further disciplinary action
- ✓ *Severe disruptions, disrespect for teachers, fighting, or any behavior that endangers another students: IMMEDIATELY SENT TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM*

Rewards

In order to promote positive behavior and academic achievement, our team will participate in a semester reward point system. In order for students to earn the semester reward, students may not have more than three (3) disciplinary points. On the fourth point, the student may not participate. The point system is as follows:

- ⊗ Administrative Suspension = **5 points**
(3-hour detention, Saturday detention, in-school suspension, or out-of-school suspension)
- ⊗ Administrative Detention = **2 points**
(45-minute detention or lunch detention given by an administrator)
- ⊗ Teacher Detention = **1 point**
(before school, lunch-time, or after school detention given by a teacher)

Special Note: Students are allowed one school detention for a.m. tardies. On the second tardy detention, students will receive 2 points.

- ⊗ Also, students may not participate in the semester reward program if they have more than twelve (12) zeros in ALL subjects combined, including Explore and Physical Education classes.
- ⊗ Teachers may give other rewards throughout the semester that are not related to the point system.

Late Assignment Policy

Continuing with the policy established in the seventh grade, a late assignment will receive a 50% reduction in grade if completed by the end of homeroom the following day. A final zero will be assigned if the assignment is not turned in by the end of that homeroom period. **Please note that AT Math and AT Language Arts classes have different late work policies.**

Sincerely,

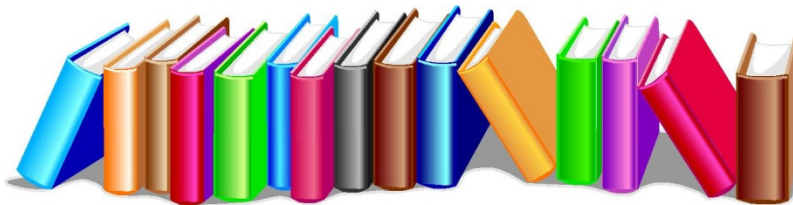
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September NEWS from the LRC

Welcome to a new school year! The books in the LRC are enjoying seeing their old friends from last year and they are amazed at all of the new sixth graders who are ready to sit back, relax, and enjoy a good book!

September in the LRC will be all about the Scholastic Book Fair. The book fair begins Monday, September 26th and runs all week through Friday, September 30th. The hours are 7:30a.m. – 4:00p.m. daily. If you need to come at a different time – just give me a call and we can set something up. We have already kicked off the upcoming fair with a Word Scramble Contest. The winners will get free stuff from the fair. ***Hint- #4 is what everyone will have on their face when they see all the great books and such at the book fair.**

We are off to a good start with kids reading books- as of today 790 books checked out...I just know we will top last year's total of 10,316...lets go SMS... READ, READ, READ!



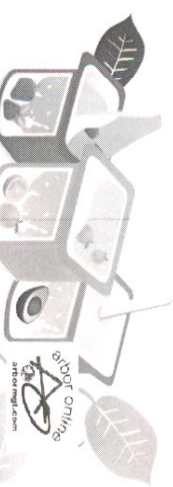


FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH

The carry over period for students who were receiving free/reduced lunch for the 2010-2011 school year will end on October 4, 2011. If a new 2011-2012 application has not been submitted by that date your child will automatically be put on paid lunches beginning October 5, 2011. Free/reduced lunch applications are available on the website at www.sandwich430.org or you can request one at your child's school. If you have any questions please contact 815-786-2187 ext. #1.

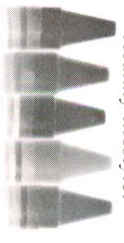
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SEPTEMBER 2011
SANDWICH SCHOOL DISTRICT 430
DUMMER, HASKIN, PRAIRIE VIEW &
WOODBURY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
BREAKFAST MENU

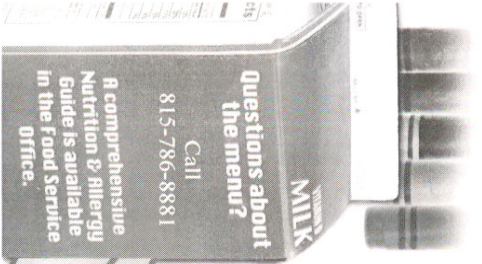


White Milk—11¢
 Chocolate Milk—27¢
 *Assorted Cereals—See Individual Nutrition Fact Sheet

Make Choices for a Healthy Lifestyle!



- Eat a variety of foods
- Eat more fruits, vegetables & grains
- Eat lower fat foods more often
- Get your calcium rich foods
- Be physically active

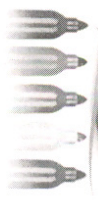


MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
5 Breakfast \$1.25 Extra Milk 60¢	6 Play Breakfast Bingo The 12th - 30th	7 Assorted Cereal Zoo Crackers 100% Fruit Juice Milk	8 NEW ITEM Whole Wheat Cinnamon Breakfast Rounds 100% Fruit Juice Milk	9 NO SCHOOL
12 BINGO STARTS TODAY Assorted Cereal Zoo Crackers 100% Fruit Juice Milk	13 Watermelon Yogurt Goldfish Crackers 100% Fruit Juice Milk	14 Assorted Cereal Zoo Crackers 100% Fruit Juice Milk	15 Bagel w/Cream Cheese Or Butter 100% Fruit Juice Milk	16 Assorted Cereal Zoo Crackers 100% Fruit Juice Milk
19 Assorted Cereal Zoo Crackers 100% Fruit Juice Milk	20 Whole Wheat Cinnamon Pop Tart Goldfish Crackers 100% Fruit Juice Milk	21 Assorted Cereal Zoo Crackers 100% Fruit Juice Milk	22 Watermelon Yogurt Goldfish Crackers 100% Fruit Juice Milk	23 Assorted Cereal Zoo Crackers 100% Fruit Juice Milk
26 Assorted Cereal Zoo Crackers 100% Fruit Juice Milk	27 Whole Wheat Chocolate Chip Muffin Scoroby Doo Crackers 100% Fruit Juice Milk	28 Assorted Cereal Zoo Crackers 100% Fruit Juice Milk	29 Cereal Breakfast Bars Goldfish Crackers 100% Fruit Juice Milk	30 LAST DAY TO PLAY BINGO Assorted Cereal Zoo Crackers 100% Fruit Juice Milk

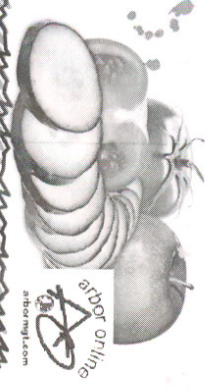
Milkshakes served daily.
 Menu changes may be necessary. Notice will be given when possible.
 NOTICE: The diet contained in this menu should not be used & does not provide menu planning for a child with a medical condition or food allergy. Ingredients & menu items are subject to change or substitution without notice. Please call for a medical professional for assistance in planning for or treating medical conditions.
 *Certain pork

White Milk—11G
 Chocolate Milk—27G
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 Fact Sheet

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SEPTEMBER 2011
 SANDWICH SCHOOL DISTRICT 430
 MIDDLE SCHOOL - LUNCH MENU



MONDAY

Lunch \$2.60
 Extra Milk 60¢
 Lunch includes the daily
 entrée, fruit/Veggies,
 bread & milk

LABOR DAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

5
 French Toast Sticks—27g
 w/ Syrup—19G
 & *Sausage—1G
 Potato Rounds—19G
 Fresh Orange Smiles—11G
 Apple Graham Beans—18G

6
 Chicken Nuggets—14G
 w/ Whole Grain Roll—20G
 *Baked Beans—22G
 Sweet Peas—14G

7
 Nachos Supreme w/ Taco
 Meat & Cheese—23G
 Golden Corn—16G
 Diced Peaches—17G

8
 Cheese Pizza Wedge—30G
 Carrotines w/ Dip—5G
 Crispy Apple Wedge—11G

9
NO SCHOOL

12
 Mac 'N Cheese—19G
 w/ Bread Sticks—22G
 Steamed Green Beans—4G
 100% Apple Juice—14G

13
 Walking Taco w/ Taco Meat
 & Cheese—16G
 Chilled Peas—14G
 Steamed Carrots—8G

14
 BBQ *RbB Sandwich—42G
 Whipped Potatoes—13G
 Diced Peaches—17G

15
 Cheese Pizza—34G
 Glazed Carrots—8G
 Chilled Applesauce—11G

16
 Uno's
 Cheese Pizza—34G
 Glazed Carrots—8G
 Chilled Applesauce—11G

19
**National Butterscotch
 Pudding Day**
 Hot Diggity Dog—28G
 *Baked Beans—22G
 Diced Peas—14G
 Butterscotch Pudding—25G

20
 Popcorn Chicken—14G
 w/ Whole Grain Roll—20G
 Whipped Potatoes—13G
 Fresh Orange Smiles—11G

21
 Italian *Sausage Bake—30G
 w/ Garlic Bread—13G
 Tossed Garden Salad—4G
 Chilled Peas—14G

22
 Nachos Supreme w/ Taco
 Meat & Grated—23G
 Golden Corn—16G
 Diced Peaches—17G

23
 Pizza Dippers—32G
 w/ Red Sauce—7G
 Seasoned Green Beans—4G
 Chilled Applesauce—23G

26
National Pancake Day
 Egg & *Sausage Panwich—
 39G
 Potato Rounds—19G
 Fresh Orange Smiles—11G

27
 Pizza Burger—28G
 Tossed Garden Salad—4G
 100% Apple Juice—14G

28
 Jumbo Corn Dog—27G
 w/ Whole Grain Roll—20G
 Whipped Potatoes—13G
 Diced Peaches—17G

29
 2 Soft Tacos—32G
 w/ Taco Meat, Shredded
 Cheese & Shredded Lettuce
 Golden Corn—16G
 Chilled Peas—14G

30
 Uno's
 Cheese Pizza—34G
 Glazed Carrots—8G
 Chilled Applesauce—11G

**Questions about
 the menu?**
 Call
 815-786-8881
 A comprehensive
 Nutrition & Allergy
 Guide is available
 in the Food Service
 Office.

Menu changes may be necessary. Notice will be given when possible.
 ** Please Note **
 * Contains Pork
 † Contains Dairy
 ‡ Contains Eggs
 § Contains Peanuts
 ¶ Contains Tree Nuts
 †† Contains Soy
 ††† Contains Wheat
 †††† Contains Gluten
 ††††† Contains Casein
 †††††† Contains Milk
 ††††††† Contains Lactose
 †††††††† Contains Fructose
 ††††††††† Contains Sulfites
 †††††††††† Contains MSG
 ††††††††††† Contains Artificial Colors
 †††††††††††† Contains Artificial Flavors
 ††††††††††††† Contains Artificial Sweeteners
 †††††††††††††† Contains Phosphates
 ††††††††††††††† Contains Preservatives
 †††††††††††††††† Contains Stabilizers
 ††††††††††††††††† Contains Emulsifiers
 †††††††††††††††††† Contains Antioxidants
 ††††††††††††††††††† Contains Enzymes
 †††††††††††††††††††† Contains Acids
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