

Middle School Points of Pride

***Anti Bullying Campaign**

2006-2007

Events include:

November 6-11 was Safe Schools Week. Activities included a health fair, Red Cross Presentation, Random Acts of Kindness Awards, and a Veterans Day celebration honoring the local military branches. All week long staff initiated discussions on creating a safe and friendly school culture.

Bystander Breakfast took place during Safe Schools Week. We honored several students who were nominated by their peers as a person that would stand up for them in a difficult situation. Students participated in a breakfast and a training session on creating a safe school environment.

Participating in **Be the Change** activities and assembly.

A group of 8th grade students are doing a yearlong **service project**. They are working with Brooklyn Living Center Senior citizen residents. They talk with the elderly to build a bridge within our community. The student will go on to participate in a **Challenge Day** with other students in Jackson County.

2007-2008

The **Anti-Bullying Rubric** was initiated. This is a behavior rubric, which allows proper discipline action to take place for bullying acts. The goal of the rubric is to educate students about how to respond to bullying situations, prevent future bullying problems in school, and to create a healthy school environment.

***School Organizations**

Student Council

Students from grades 6-8 participate in projects to better the student body.

Builders Club

A group of 6-8 grade students who team up with our local Kiwanis chapter. Their goal is to better the school and community through service projects.

Athletics

We offer a variety of sports programs for males and females to participate in throughout the school year.

***After School Programs**

After School Homework Help

This program is for all grade levels. It provides individualized support for students who need extra help with assignments. This program meets twice a week after school. Students are provided with bus transportation home from the program.

After School Game Club

Open for all middle school students. Students are able to relax, play games, and socialize. This club encourages peer relationship building along with after school supervision. Bus transportation home is provided.

Academic Behavior Center Room

The purpose of this program is to service all students who are struggling in their academic environment.

Girl Quest

6th grade girls participate in a variety of activities that are designed to teach about nutrition, decision-making, self-esteem, and fitness. While in the program they also train to participate and complete in a 5K event.

Guitar Lessons

Our principal offers guitar lessons to those students with a musical interest.

***Curriculum**

Teaming

Each grade level and teachers of exploratory classes function on a team approach. They have an individual prep and a team time. During team time the teachers meet with students in need, meet with parents, and do curriculum planning.

Exploratory Classes

We offer a variety of classes for our students. Some include, video productions, band, choir, PE and health, technology and building, and skills for living classes.

Transitions Class

Our Transitions class is made up of students with special needs. They focus on learning the skills necessary for everyday living and career education. They also operate a school store. The students make the items to sell and run the entire store. They manage workers, handle money, and advertise.

Collins Writing

This is a new approach to writing done across our entire curriculum district wide.

Criterion Writing On-Line grading System

After students input their essays on this on line system, they are able to get instant feedback on their writing skills.

MEAP

AYP status accomplished in the 2005-2006 school year. Curriculum is currently aligned to district plan.

Student Led Conferences

Students in grades 7 and 8 create portfolios and lead conferences with parents. Near 90% parent participation in grades 6-8.

Algebra and Geometry

We offer these classes to students who excel in mathematics.

Career Cruising

On this computer-based system students create a comprehensive education development plan beginning in 6th grade that carries throughout high school. It includes, career planning skills, an interest inventory, goal planning, resume building, information on colleges and careers, and much more. Students are also able to schedule for classes on this system.

EdLine

Parents are able to access student information including grades, absences, and lesson plans on an on line system. This is updated daily by our teaching staff.

Title One

Educational support classes for students at risk being taught two hours a day.

***Cafeteria**

Changes have been made to the foods to be nutritious choices for kids.

Middle School Counseling Points of Pride

Individual Counseling

One on one emotional and academic support for students.

Group Counseling

Groups include a walking club, divorce group, academic success group, and various relationship-building groups.

Career Education

Comprehensive high school and career planning is implemented through the counseling program.

Classroom Guidance Lessons

Lessons are taught at each grade level on various topics. Some include, bullying behavior and relationship building, harassment, hygiene, careers, and high school planning

Transition Programs

Several activities for parents and students are offered to make the transition from elementary to middle and middle to high school a comfortable and secure event.

Newsletter

The newsletter will be designed to inform parents on the happenings of the middle school. The newsletter will also include articles for parent education.

Resource Center

Counseling staff works with local community to offer resources to parents and students ranging from educational support, family counseling, and family activities.