

# Kennedy Middle School

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Quarter 2 Newsletter

### UPCOMING DATES:

Band & Orchestra Concert – 12/10

Chorus & Dance Concert – 12/17

Picture Makeup Day – 12/17

Winter Break – 12/21

First Day Back – 1/6

No School – 1/20 & 1/21

End of Quarter 2 – 1/22

### Ms. McNeirney (Language Arts)

During this quarter, we are reading and analyzing various aspects of Hatchet or Guts by Gary Paulsen.

In Springboard, our embedded assessments include writing a short story and creating a news broadcast. We will continue using graphic organizers and daily writing to increase our reading comprehension. Please remind students of their root vocabulary homework to be completed weekly. Assignments are posted on my wiki page under "Root Vocabulary."

**Reminder** - If your child still hasn't purchased a Springboard book, please do so. Students work with the books weekly and are able to highlight and use other reading strategies within the text.

*Thanks for your support!*

### Ms. Gordon (Math)

Currently, Ms. Gordon's math class is working on the Fractions and Decimals unit for the second quarter. The students will master how to add, subtract, multiply, and divide fractions. They will also convert mixed fractions into improper fractions and compare/ order fractions. In the Decimals unit we will be covering how to add, subtract, multiply, and divide decimals. They must also know how to convert fractions, decimals, and percent. Rational numbers will be introduced in this unit as well.

#### Shout out to our November Students of the Month!

- Kendrick Foxx
- Yerushalem Green
- Colby Ervin
- Karla Solis



## Ms. Petersen (Science)

This quarter, we have been learning all about heat transfer and will begin to learn about how these processes have helped shape our world through earthquakes and volcanoes. We will be doing a number of edible labs, and would love contributions of graham crackers, frosting, Fruit Roll-Ups, and Oreos if you spy a good deal.

**Reminders** – I have tutoring every **Thursday** from **3:45 – 5 pm**. Students do not need to sign up in advance so long as they have someone available to pick them up.

Our third **unit test** will be this **Wednesday, 12/11**, and the retake will be on **Monday, 12/16**.

Please keep checking my website to keep up-to-date with your child's studies: [www.kms6science.weebly.com](http://www.kms6science.weebly.com)

*Thank you for all you do!*

## Mr. Little (Social Studies)

Greetings Wapiti Family,

Scholars are currently progressing through Unit 3: The Rise and Fall of Ancient Civilizations. Within this unit, students have explored and analyzed all factors that have contributed to the development of ancient worlds (geographical features, agriculture, social classes, government, etc.).

During the first semester, students have completed case studies on the following ancient civilizations: Mesopotamia, Egypt, Indus River Valley (India), and currently China.

*Stay on top of your student's grades with the Power School Parent Portal! Ask our front office for more information.*