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Principal's Pen



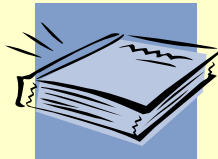
Welcome back to another school year here at Wicklund School. The staff and I are very excited about the start of school and are truly happy to see all of your children's smiling faces!

As with each new school year, there comes about many changes. The most notable change is our size. While we ended last school year approaching the 900 mark, we are now comfortably sitting around 590 students. The most remarkable thing is that we still continue to grow here in Wicklund, but just not at the frantic pace we were enrolling students all year last year.

Being a school of around 600 students will allow us to do many more things with a bit more freedom. Our consistent numbers will allow teachers to get to know your children better, establishing positive relationships, which leads to more efficient learning.

We do have a few notable things to add to the Wicklund education program this year, which is intended to make sure your child's learning experience is as well-rounded and comprehensive as possible. At the K-8 levels, we are adding a

News, updates, & notices...



4th-8th GRADE SPELLING BOOKS

In the Lammersville School District, past practice has been that students who would like to write directly in their spelling book would need to purchase it for \$20.

At the most recent Governing Board Meeting, it was voted on by the school board to provide the books to the students at no cost to you.

Because I had sent out the letter informing you of the district's past practice, some of you have already paid.

If you have already paid \$20 for your child's book, the money will be refunded next week.

program called Soul Shoppe. Soul Shoppe aids in creating a safe learning environment, while teaching our children very valuable character traits. Each month, there will be a school-wide focus (i.e., Responsibility) that teachers will re-teach and re-inforce in the classroom, while the Soul Shoppe teachers work with students directly. This works hand-in-hand with our Student of the Month program and promotes the districts philosophy of character education. To help our students at the K-4 level, we will be instituting a Student of the Week program to help recognize more students that demonstrate their understanding of the character trait for the month.

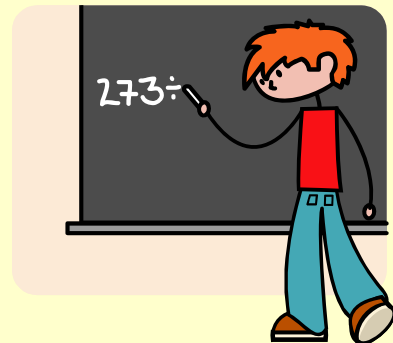
At the 6th-8th grade levels, we are moving to a more traditional middle school model, which will allow for the opportunity of electives, in-school intervention classes, and the ability to accelerate students who progress in subjects such as math. While this is a change, we do feel that this model will help prepare our students for high school while being able to focus on areas of need for our middle school students.

And, as always, our main focus here at Wicklund will be the individual academic achievement of each student. Our goal is provide your child with a high quality education that helps them reach their potential, while maintaining the high standards of the Lammersville School District.

Again, welcome to another school year. As always, my door is open should you have a question, concern, or just want to talk.

Sincerely,

Lemuel A. Vergara



PLEASE CALL THE ATTENDANCE
LINE TO REPORT YOUR CHILD'S
ABSENCE
209.836.7201



SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

Hours of Operation

7:30 - 4:00

Enrollment Hours

8:30 - 11:00

1:00 - 3:00



AUGUST

14 1st Day of School
21 Back-to-School
Night

SEPTEMBER

3 Labor Day
NO SCHOOL
17 Picture Day
27 Progress Reports
Go Home
28 Staff Development
NO SCHOOL



OSP READER'S DIGEST SALE

Our first ASB fundraiser for the year begins August 30th and ends September 11th. Please turn orders into your child's teacher.

Money raised goes toward student activities programs.

SELL, SELL, SELL!!!



SPIRIT FRIDAYS!!!

Spirit Fridays begin in a few weeks. Make sure you buy Spirit Wear to earn spirit points for your classroom.

Orders are due by September 7th.

GO WILDCATS!!!



Check out the school and district web sites @

www.lammersvilleschooldistrict.net



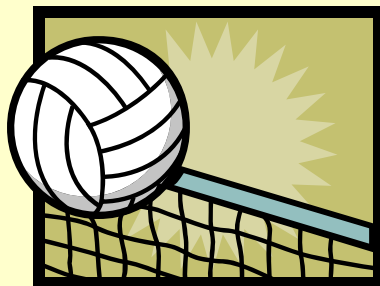
REMEMBER THIS DATE!

The 2nd ANNUAL
WICKLUND FALL CARNIVAL AND AUCTION
IS
SATURDAY, OCT. 13th



MUSIC NOTES

Parents! Do you have a child who has never played an instrument? How about a child who has played an instrument? Do you have a child who has lots of talent and is looking for an outlet for their abilities? Well, do we have an offer for you! Calling all talented 5th - 8th grade music students! The Wicklund Music Department is looking for students who are interested in learning how to play an instrument or how to sing. Classes are starting soon and now is the time to reserve a seat in one of the best music programs in the area. Classes offered are Beginning Band (for students who have never played an instrument before), Intermediate Band (for students who have played an instrument for at least half a year), Advanced Band (for students who have played an instrument for at least two years), Beginning Strings (for students who have never played a stringed instrument before), String Chamber Group (for students who have played for more than a year), and Choir (for all students). Come and see Ms. Williams or Mrs. Robertson in room 605 for information on how to be involved with music and performing fun!



VOLLEYBALL BEGINS

As school begins the first sport of the rural league will be volleyball. Wicklund will field two co-ed teams: 5th/6th grade team and 7th/8th grade team. Please be on the lookout for information regarding open gyms, meetings, and tryouts.



ADDRESS CHANGES

If you have recently moved, and have a new address, please be sure to contact the front office to make any corrections.



SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

Wicklund Elementary School is looking for a couple of more parents to serve on the School Site Council. We are also calling on parents who have served in the past, and are still very interested in being a part of this very important, decision-making body.

If you are interested, please give Mr. Vergara a call at 209.836.7200 x2114, or e-mail him at lvergara@sjcoe.net



8th GRADE TRIP

This year's 8th graders have an opportunity to take a trip to Boston as a part of enriching their U.S. History experience. While this is not a school organized event, Mr. Bunch and Mrs. Mitchell facilitate the trip and prepare our students, who are able attend, to get the most out of the trip. For information, please contact Mr. Bunch at 209.836.7200 x2138 or by e-mail at mbunch@sjcoe.net.