6th Grade Curriculum Night
Thank you for coming tonight!

*Please welcome our SUPER 6th grade teachers!*

Amy Bell - ELA
Brandilyn Beu - Science
April Brannigan - Inclusion ESOL
Barry Bruce - Math/Science
Kim Cawley - ELA
Hannah Crowe - Science
Hannah Duncan - Inclusion Math
Leanna Ford - ESOL
Stacy Greiner - Inclusion ELA
Christine Hallerman - IRR/Inclusion Math
Shaun Harpstrite - ELA
Amy Henkel - Math
Jeremy Hodges - SS
Deborah Hornung - SS

Justin Hunton - Reading
Jessica Jacobs - SS
Robbie Jones - ESOL
Wayne Lloyd - Science
Hayden Martin - Math
Nicole Mills - Reading
Natalie Massenberg - Inclusion ELA
Beckey Moore - Math
Kaitlin O’Connell - IRR/Inclusion Science
Barb Turner - Reading
Sandra Turner - Math
Penny Vickery - SS
Hannah Vincent - ELA
Stephanie Wharton - Math Support
Reading
Mrs. Mills, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Hunton

- Read 4 independent novels from 4 different genres. (Sci-Fi, Mystery, Autobiography/Biography, and Non-Fiction)
- As part of our standards, we will have students complete an assessment for each independent novel. (Choice board, project etc...)
- Read 3 novels in class this year. Skills, comprehension, and multiple grades are tied to the novels.
- Homework is to read every night and study for tests.
- The public library is your friend!
- Class goal: to develop a love for reading.
ELA

Teachers: Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Cawley, Mrs. Vincent and Mrs. Harpstrite

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Math

1st Semester Units:
- Unit 1: Numbers and their Opposites
- Unit 2: Numbers System Fluency
- Unit 3: Expressions
- Unit 4: Equations and Inequalities

2nd Semester Units:
- Unit 5: Ratio and Rate
- Unit 6: Statistics
- Unit 7: Area and Volume
- Unit 8: Integer Operations

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Teachers:
Mr. Bruce, Mrs. Duncan, Mr. Martin, Mrs. Henkel, Mrs. Hallerman, Mrs. Moore, and Mrs. Turner
Science

First Semester

- **Science Basics**
  - Metric System, Lab Safety, Scientific Method
- **Astronomy**
  - Organization of space, planets, rotation and revolution of Earth, eclipses, moon phases, small bodies in space

Second Semester

- **Meteorology**
  - Atmosphere, Heat Transfer, Winds, Water Cycle, Climate
- **Oceanography**
  - Division of water, subsurface topography, waves, tides, currents
- **Geology**
  - Layers of the earth, plate tectonics, earthquakes, volcanoes, rock cycle, soil formation, and fossils

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**Teachers:**
Barry Bruce, Wayne Lloyd, Brandilyn Beu, Hannah Crowe, Leanna Ford, and Kaitlin O’Connell
Social Studies

Teachers: Jessica Jacobs, Deborah Hornung, Jeremy Hodges and Penny Vickery

Yearly Themes: Geography, Government, Economics, and History will be embedded throughout each of the following units.

1st Semester:
- Europe
- Junior Achievement

*We take a field trip to the Discovery Center at Alliance Academy the first week in December. Volunteers will be needed. Info to come later.

2nd Semester:
- Canada
- Latin America
- Australia

Activities: Interactive Notes, Projects, Novel Study, Graphic Organizers, Choice Boards, simulations, songs, hands on activities, and Current Events

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Gifted/Advanced

6th Grade Course Offerings

Math
Science
Language Arts
Social Studies

- Students who qualify for gifted services and those identified as “advanced learners” will receive a minimum of one gifted/advanced class.

- Gifted students are not pulled from class for an enrichment time as in certain elementary schools. Instead, they are placed in a gifted course (ie. MA, SC, ELA, SS).
Gifted/Advanced

The following is a list of traits and work habits that students are expected to exhibit.

◦ Strong organizational skills
◦ Motivation to complete all work on time and to advanced standards
◦ Initiative to complete makeup work
◦ High level reasoning/thinking skills
◦ Advanced communication skills
◦ Strong time management skills
◦ Advanced ability for skill set
◦ Ability to maintain a “fast pace” in course
◦ Positive attitude for learning

With the challenge and rigor associated with advanced studies courses, students may have to work harder than they ever have before in their studies. They may not always make an A or B. Advanced studies courses do carry a heavier work load than on-level courses. All students are expected to complete work to advanced content expectations, turn things in on time, check itslearning when absent, and maintain a strong work ethic.
Gifted/Advanced

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Please contact Mrs. Beth Holder or Ms. Melissa Sessa should you have questions about the Gifted/Advanced program at Otwell Middle School.
Connections

Classes are randomly assigned to all students (except band and peer tutoring) with the hopes that your child will get to experience new activities and learn new skills. All connections classes (except band and peer tutoring) are 9 week classes.
Connections

Physical Education:
- PE
- Health
- Personal Fitness

CTAE:
- Basic Skills of Marketing
- Engineering and Technology
- Exploring Agricultural Education
- Family and Consumer Science

Fine Arts:
- Art
- Media Arts
- Theatre
- Band
- Peer Tutoring
Please enjoy the break out sessions!

Parents will rotate through 3 sessions that are found on your agenda. Please go in the order that is on your sheet. Each session will be 20 minutes, with a 5 minute transition.

- **Clubs and Athletics Fair**
- **Today’s Student & Its Okay to Fail**
- **Grade Level 101**

Thank you to our Community Representatives in the Rotunda!

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The Vitamin Shoppe
FCHS STEM Academy
Windermere Orthodontics
Hiser Orthodontics

*Don’t forget to buy your child’s yearbook tonight!*