



7th & 8th Grade

Parent Information

Let's help each other to make this your child's best year ever!

Greg Brown, Principal



2010-2011

Weekly Email Newsletters and Teacher Communication:

Mr. Brown will send weekly notes via email to our parents. If you would like to receive these, please email Pati Funk (pati.funk@usd410.net) and she will get you on the list. Please don't hesitate to call us or email us if you have a question or concern. All of your child's teachers email addresses follow the same pattern that see with Pati's. Darlene Bartel – darlene.bartel@usd410.net, Creigh Bell – creigh.bell@usd410.net, Greg Brown – greg.brown@usd410.net, Sue Buchholz – sue.buchholz@usd410.net, Len Coryea – len.coryea@usd410.net, Jeff Haslett – jeff.haslett@usd410.net, Anne Janzen – anne.janzen@usd410.net, Lynn Just – lynn.just@usd410.net, Rita Loewen – rita.loewen@usd410.net, Michele Melton – michele.melton@usd410.net, Gita Noble – gita.noble@usd410.net, Phil Oelke – phil.oelke@usd410.net, Robert Rempel – robert.rempel@usd410.net, Stephanie Sinclair – stephanie.sinclair@usd410.net, Tonja Wienck – tonja.wienck@usd410.net

Homework Help:

Mrs. Hein is our "Crunch Room" teacher and is in her room every day at 7:30 a.m. and stays after school until 4:30 p.m. This is a great place to go to finish homework. Mrs. Hein is familiar with all of our teachers' expectations and will be a great help!

Teacher Notes: Below are some notes from a few of the 7th & 8th grade teachers.

Language Arts – Mrs. Melton	Band and Choir - Mrs. Just
If your child misses a minimum number of days of school, completes every assignment to the best of his or her ability on time, every time, he/she will have a wonderful and successful school year. It is also important that he/she stays caught up on the AR reading. Seventh graders will need to complete 25 AR points per nine weeks, and 8 th graders will need to complete 30 AR points per nine weeks.	MS choir students should be ready for a great year! They have concerts in Nov., Dec., and May. They will have our league choir festival on March 7 and league band festival on April 26. <i>The printed calendar has them the opposite – the correct information is: VOCAL is March 7, BAND is April 26.</i>
Science – Mrs. Bartel	Mrs. Sinclair - Math
First, I need to have you explain to the 7 th grade parents that I DO NOT eat lice and drink sewer water! This exercise is designed to get them to question if something doesn't sound quite right and be careful about buying into what they hear. The 7 th grade year will center around life sciences. The 8 th grade science is earth science centering around the forces inside Earth and in our atmosphere. The complexity of our subject matter is a big jump from the more concrete 7 th grade curriculum. One thing that is different about 8 th grade science is what is known as Question of the Week. Each week, on the first day of class, I give the students a Question of the Weed that is due by the last day of that week. They need to write the answer on a piece of paper, along with a couple of pieces of information, and turn it in. They need to get 4 correct answers each quarter, which will add up to a 40 point test grade. I would encourage parents to ask their student about the Question of the Week and make it a conversation piece. Parents may certainly help their student find the answer. It can make for some good family discussions. Every science student has received a paper outlining the classroom expectations. One of the biggest things a parent can do for their child is to help them stay caught up with classroom work. If there is something the student doesn't understand and the parents aren't sure about it, please try to contact me and we'll work it out either over the phone or in person the next day.	7 th and 8 th Math classes have started the new Math series, Connected Mathematics. This is going well. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will have short quizzes throughout the book. The students will know quiz days in advance. • Each child also should have brought home a parent letter explaining the topics they are studying. Keep the letter because it is a great study tool. I am excited to be teaching your students!
	Social Studies – Mrs. Wienck
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8th graders study Early American History, geography, government • 7th graders study the Eastern Hemisphere and Kansas History • All students take regular map location quizzes, usually once a week • We will use the computers quite extensively in these classes • We do not have daily assignments in social studies; much of our work is done in class; there are occasionally projects or assignments that will require work outside of class • We don't use a book on a regular basis, so students will not bring one home very often • I am looking forward to a great year and encourage parents to contact me by phone or email with any questions
	Mrs. Loewen
	Please check with your child to see if their sketchbook assignment is done. This is a homework assignment that is due every 2 weeks.

Reference Points from Tonight's Meeting

- Using Skyward Family Access – Contact Pati at pati.funk@usd410.net
- The Latest Information from USD #410 – www.usd410.net
 Daily Announcements Weekly Newsletter Bully Prevention Program Technology Use Calendar
- Supplemental Insurance - <https://www.k12studentinsurance.com>

Renaissance Parents

Jeanie Bartel

Site Based Council Parents

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| Debbie Gray (7) | Kathy Klein (7) | Kim Heiser (7) |
| Gaye Funk (8) | Krista Heinrichs (8) | Brenda Sechrist (8) |
| Scott Franz (7) | Connie Weber (8) | Treena Lucero (8) |
| Kim Klein (8) | Stephanie Sinclair (8) | Andrea Dunagun (6) |
| Kelly Schlehuder (6) | Robin Plenert (6) | Joy Dalke (6) |
| Ken Jones (6 & 8) | Chad Nowak (8) | Lana Bichet (7) |
| Penny Funk (7) | Dana Maxfield (7) | |