



Central Lyon Middle School

Newsletter

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How Time Flies

As the saying goes “Time flies when you’re having fun”; this must mean we are having all kinds of fun at school this year. Just this past week we reached first quarter midterms, hard to believe we were just assigning lockers and getting students settled in class and now we’re talking about completing our first quarter. Much like any year, there have been ups and downs and obstacles to overcome, but our students and staff have done an excellent job adapting and putting in the necessary work to make this a successful start to the school year.

A couple observations I would like to share with you after this first month of being in session. First, our students are doing an excellent job utilizing their school provided laptops and chromebooks to help them excel in the classroom. It can be easy for students to get sidetracked using these devices, but for the majority this has not been an issue. Central Lyon prides itself on providing students with opportunities to use these tools and use them effectively, the exposure along with a sound training program allows our students to continue to be some of the best students in the area in terms of using technology. Second, working towards being and staying organized is something we frequently visit with our middle schoolers about. Knowing what assignments are due, where they can be located, and how to store them properly in folders and lockers is information we communicate on a daily basis. With assignment notebooks and our online learning management system, CANVAS, we are always looking for ways to help our students stay organized and get their work completed and submitted. Much like anything, we have some students who are very good about this aspect of their learning, but others still need some practice and consistent encouragement and reminding.

One way we are trying to help students in this area is by creating a user friendly weekly agenda that is linked to each teacher’s CANVAS homepage. Much like the excel document we used last year, this agenda allows parents and students to get a snapshot of what is expected of their students for each class during the week. Of course, this agenda can be altered throughout the week, but it will help both our students and parents see what is expected each day and further expose them to our CANVAS system.

Week of September 26	English	Literature	Math	Science	Social Studies	Tech Ed
Monday	Spelling Review lessons 1-4, English quiz	Read Text 107-110 & notes, questions 1-6 p. 110, vocabulary.com Unit 2 list one	1.6-1.8 Quiz	Review Test Tuesday	Econ C3 WKS	Windows 10 Assignment/EduTyping
Tuesday	English lesson 9 vs 65-66, Spelling Writing Lit. text p.123	Peer review, Read Text 111-121 & notes, questions 1-6 p. 121, questions 1-4 p. 122, vocabulary.com Unit 2 list one	Quiz Review	Test Chapter 2, Read C351 voc (pages 74-78)	Econ C4L4 Discussion Quiz C4L3	Windows10/Power Point / EduTyping
Wednesday	Library Video bookfair, spelling packet,correct English lesson 9 vs 65-66, Eng vs 131	Read Text p. 124-132, notes, questions 1-6 p.132, 1-4p.133	1.6-1.8 Quiz Retake	Quiz 51, Notes C351, worksheet 176	Econ C4 WKS	Windows10/Power Point/EduTyping
Thursday	English vs 131&141, study Spelling Writing Lit Text p.143	Read Text p. 134-143, notes, questions 1-6 p.143	Ch. 1 Review	Cheek and onion cell lab	Econ Study Day Handout Textbooks	Power Pt Essentials/Windows 10/EduTyping
Friday	Spelling test Review lessons 1-4, English Lesson 10 vs 67-68	Read Text p. 144-149, notes, questions 1-6 p.149, voc.com due	Ch. 1 Test	Cheek and onion cell lab	Economics Test Outline C4L1	Windows 10/Power Point/EduTyping

Photo of a grade level agenda, to be found on Canvas.

★ Students of the Month ★

8th Grade - Luke Rasmussen

7th Grade - Emma Baker

6th Grade - Ethan McCarthy

5th Grade - Lilly Henry

Mass Band Show



Friday, Oct. 14th, band students in grades 6-12 from Central Lyon and George-Little Rock will be performing at halftime of the home football game. Parents of students performing **do not** get in free to the game. We hope you can make it out to support our band members!



Important Dates



- Oct. 3-7-Book Fair Week
- Oct. 12 - Early Dismissal
- Oct. 14 - Mass Band Show
- Oct. 15 - NWIBA MS Honor Band Audition
- Oct. 17 - No School (Staff Development)
- Oct. 19 - End of the 1st Quarter
- Oct. 25 - Parent Teacher Conferences
- Oct. 26 - Parent Teacher Conferences
- Oct. 28 - No School
- Oct. 31 - Halloween

Homecoming Highlights

Wednesday: Class Color Day

Thursday: Patriotic Day

Friday: Lion Pride (Purple & Gold)



7th & 8th Fall Sports Updates



Cross Country: Boys: 1st Place (1), 2nd Place(4); Girls: 1st Place (3), 2nd Place (1), 3rd Place (1).

“This year going really well. The runners are very competitive and work hard during practices and meets. We have had a great season so far.”

- Coach Mandi Hare.

Meets Remaining: Oct. 6th, 15th, & 17th



Volleyball: 7th Grade: A (5-1), B (4-1-1)

“As a whole, I’ve seen a lot of improvement with my girls. We are working on really fine tuning our skills and putting ourselves in the next level of play.” - Coach Megan Whitsell

8th Grade: “ This group of girls have improved a lot since the first day of practice and love being challenged with new things. They have won many more sets than they have lost.” -Coach Chris Wright

Matches Remaining: Oct. 3rd, 4th, & 10th



Football:

7th Grade: 1-2-1

“The boys have steadily improved as the year has progressed. They play hard and want to do their best.” -Coach Dale Jansma

8th grade: 2-2

“The group of guys have improved a bunch from last year. They continue to get better every practice.” -Coach Matt Deutsch

Games Remaining: Oct. 4th & 11th

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