



Central Lyon Middle School

Newsletter

September 2016

by Jason Engleman, 5-8 Principal

New School Year

I would like to first take this opportunity to welcome everyone to the 2016-17 school year at Central Lyon. Six years ago I started my career here at Central Lyon, and each year I look forward to returning to work with the incredible staff, students, and parents that this district has to offer; this year is no exception. This school year, the middle school will be providing its monthly newsletter through this format which will be linked to the school website. This newsletter will not only contain comments from myself, but will include relevant information about the upcoming activities in the Middle School. I hope it is something that will provide great insight into what is going on within our walls as well as how you can stay up to date with your child.

As you are all aware, summer is a busy time of the year. That doesn't stand any more true than with our custodial staff, who went above and beyond, as they always do, to update and clean our wonderful facilities. Even though we elected to keep our summer projects to a minimum, one project we are excited about is that our Elem/MS Gymnasium and Cafeteria took on a makeover in the form of a new floor and paint job. Although we were unable to use it the first few days of school, this week it has proven to be a great addition. Thank you to the custodial staff for all you did this summer, and will continue to do, to make our school look fantastic and function as the year moves along.



The Middle School is also experiencing a new change this year in regards to the schedule. Late last spring, it was decided to transition the Middle School from a 6th-8th grade building to a 5th-8th grade building. Due to a number of reasons, with the biggest being larger class sizes and the ability to better utilize our current teaching staff, the school day schedule will now consist of 5th & 6th graders transiting between classes through the day

while the 7th & 8th grade will maintain their previous years schedule. Some differences you will notice are that 6th grade will now be receiving a recess, where they would not have in the past; 5th graders will not spend the majority of their day in one classroom, but instead be departmentalized like a traditional middle school setting. Again, due to numbers, our 5th and 6th grades will each have band individually, and 7th & 8th grade will again combine for both Band and Choir. With a change of this nature, patience is key, we knew this transition would take some time for everyone to adjust, but this change will be best for our staff and students and is coming along nicely.



7th & 8th Grade Fall Sports

** All those participating in athletic competition must complete and submit a current **physical** and **concussion awareness** form to their coach or building secretary. Students will not be allowed to participate in any athletic activity if they do not turn in this necessary paperwork. Forms can be found in MS & HS offices or at our local Sanford clinic.

Important Dates 

Sept 5 - No School (Labor Day)
Sept 13 - 5th Grade Picture Day
Sept 14 - 6th, 7th, & 8th Picture Day
Sept 14 - 1:00 Dismissal

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 **Students of the Month** 

This year our Middle School staff will select one student from each grade (5-8) that displays the qualities of an exemplary student for each month preceding. Students will not only be recognized in our monthly newsletter, but will have their picture and bio displayed on the monitors in the Middle School hallway, along with a lunch provided by our local Pizza Ranch.

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Middle School Pride Program

The Middle School Pride Program is in place to help Middle School students gain a measure of organization, responsibility, and self-discipline. Student progress is monitored weekly and notifications are communicated to parents when students go above the allotted weekly check goal (10). A student who receives more than 10 checks in a week will be required to serve a pride check detention the following week. Students who average less than 5 checks a week, per quarter, will be permitted to attend that quarters pride check activity. Our pride check activities are fun in nature and a great way to reward students for following our guidelines and modeling appropriate classroom behaviors.

The list provided will give you an idea of what actions a student may earn a check for during the school week.

When your child is ill or absent for any reason, we ask that you please call the Elementary/Middle School office by 9:00 a.m. the day of the absence to help us confirm attendance and make all necessary arrangements for your child's homework and schedule.

Our staff will do their best to have all assignments and activities listed, if not available for your child to complete at home, through our CANVAS learning site. If you wish to pick up textbooks, homework, or other necessary school equipment for your child the day he or she is absent, please again notify the office by 9:00 a.m.

*In the case of illness, students should have two days' time for the first day gone and one day for each day thereafter to make up their work.

In the classroom you may get checks for:

- Incomplete, not done, or poorly done assignments - 1 check
- Disrupting the classroom and the learning of others - 1 check
- Using bad language, name calling, or harassing behavior - 1 check
- Disrespectful behavior toward anyone - 1 check
- Not having normal classroom materials with you-Textbook, Notebook, Pen, or Pencil - 1 check
- Improper care or use of materials and classroom equipment - 1 check
- Chewing gum and candy - 5 checks
- Not having assignment book and keeping it up to date (5th & 6th grade only) - 1 check
- You will receive double the checks if given by a substitute teacher
- Tardy between classes - 1 check
- Tampering with equipment: Classmate's computer, Cables, Mice, Headphones, Cameras, or Microphones - 5 checks
- Repeated use of Internet without permission - 3 checks
- Playing games without permission - 5 checks
- Other infractions not listed are at the discretion of the teacher

Electronic devices must remain in student's locker or backpacks at all times, unless specified by the classroom teacher. If a student is found using electronic devices during the school day without permission the following action(s) will take place:

- 1st Offense- Device will be taken for the remainder of the day
- 2nd Offense- Device will be taken for the remainder of the day. Parents will be notified and will have to come to the school to pick up the device.
- 3rd Offense- The student will not be allowed to have the device in school without Mr. Engleman's knowledge. When allowed, the device will remain in the office during the school day.