



## Kankakee Junior High School Vision Statement

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Kankakee Junior High School celebrates the unique diversity of our students, staff, and community while empowering students to take leadership in their own learning and growth. Our staff provides innovative and visionary opportunities for all students.

### From the Desk of the Principal

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We have just completed our first quarter of school at Kankakee Junior High School. I must say we are off to a great start. I am proud to announce that over half of our students have made the Honor Roll. We are so excited about the progress that our students are making this year. We continue to add more layers to our current academic and social-emotional offerings. This year we are piloting a new Math program called Math 180. The students are responding well to the program and the initial data is showing growth for our students. If the data continues to be positive, we will look to expanding the program based on the needs of our students.

One of our goals is to make learning and decision making a partnership with our students. We want to give students more leadership roles and a voice in what is happening in their school. Kankakee Junior High School has our Student Council and BETA Club which perform school and community services. There is a Superintendent's Student Advisory Committee where students meet with Dr. Walters, the District Superintendent, once a month to learn about District goals and to vocalize their opinions on various issues. Our MTSS Student Team plans professional development for students on Early Release days. They also go into classes to teach materials to other students. Last month we started several Leadership and Decision Making groups where students will be meeting in grade levels in small groups.

It has been a year of successes thus far. As we move forward, our commitment is to provide a safe environment and opportunities for academic achievement for all students. I want to thank all of our parents and guardians who have supported our staff in our educational efforts.

### Important Dates

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Nov. 11 - No School - Veterans' Day	Dec. 12 - Board of Education Meeting @ Taft 7pm
Nov. 14 - Board of Education Meeting @ Steuben 7pm	Dec. 14 - Early Release Day 10:50am
Nov. 16 - Early Release Day 10:50am	Dec. 15 - KHS /KJHS Orchestra Concert @ LCC 7:30pm
Nov. 23 through 25 - No School - Thanksgiving Break	Dec. 19 through 21 - Semester Exams
Dec. 5 - Band / Jazz Band Concert - 7:30pm	Dec. 21 - End of Second Quarter and First Semester
	Dec. 22 - Jan. 3 - No School - Holiday Break

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## High Honor Roll 4.0 - 3.5

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Adams, Allen L.	Gomez, Jocelyn E.	Mccue, Brady	Shadd, Malik K.
Alderson, Jae E.	Graham, Keonna	McCurry, Saryla L.	Shaw, Ariel M.
Antemate, Daisy	Green, Christian D.	McGee, Aundria K.	Shelton, Benjamin E.
Avalos, Evelyn	Green, Jaylin L.	McNeely, Carson A.	Shoreque, Esmeralda
Avalos, Jaqueline	Groth, Anthony L.	McPhail, Drake A.	Smith, Caleb K.
Avalos, Jimmy	Gurrola, Uriel	McWilliams, Aneycia R.	Smith, LaKavyah N.
Avalos, Julissa	Gutierrez, David	Medina, Erik	Spears, Kassy M.
Bannerman-Blankson, Reginald F.	Haase, Riley C.	Medina, Jimena	Speed-Jackson, Ka'Nyla M.
Barber, Jessica T.	Hallberg, Allison M.	Menard, Jacob	Staples, Tomele D.
Barraza, Jonathan	Hallberg, Kendra R.	Mendez, Gabriel V.	Sterling, Trinity
Beal, Tatecana D.	Harris, Brooklyn M.	Miller, Miracle L.	Stewart, Tyjaune M.
Beatty, Grace E.	Harris, Jairus B.	Mingo, Kyla R.	Stipp, Isaac
Best, Leah N.	Haut, Isabel D.	Minnich, Brooke E.	Stringer, Keira F.
Bibbs, Adrienne	Henley, Shimaya L.	Mitchell, Kaylee	Tanzie, Nataysia
Bibbs, Amber	Hernandez, Dominic	Moore, Jason M.	Tapp, Christopher G.
Blakey, Chloe E.	Hernandez, Humberto J.	Morris, Logan C.	Taylor, Jada A.
Branch, Taylor L.	Hernandez, Mariana	Munoz, Anahi	Terrell, Angela D.
Bretzlaff, Emma K.	Hertzberg, Erik R.	Murillo, Guadalupe L.	Terrell, Ceaja M.
Brown, Tashana D.	Houston-Paino, Calvalseia	Myart, Jacen	Thurmond, Justin m.
Butler, Kyli M.	Hundley, Ronisha M.	Neese, Madilyn J.	Torres, Ashley J.
Cabrera, Cindy	Jackson, Leija A.	Norals, Trezure M.	Townsend, Jalen J.
Calderon, Lisbeth	Jones, Jaden M.	Patnaude, Kylie N.	Turner, Jaden L.
Campos, Kevin	Jones, Jayden A.	Pereda, Briyan	Turrubiartes, Izak A.
Castillo, Osvaldo J.	Jones, Myah R.	Perkins, Brian S.	Varela, Alfa
Childs, Indigo M.	Jordan, Traci L.	Perkins, Leroy S.	Varela, Rodrigo
Cintora Zavala, Bryan	Kearney, Camden A.	Pickens, Tionna T.	Vigi, Guadalupe V.
Cintora, Sandra	Keene, Heather D.	Pitts, Diamond U.	Vilchis-Ruiz, Arlet C.
Claborn, Calvin D.	Laird, Caitlyn R.	Pitts, Johnathan L.	Villagomez, Alicia A.
Claypool, Tyrianna E.	Lamie, Hailey R.	Pitts, Jonnyse L.	Walsh, Tanzania
Cruz, Bryan	Landeros, Karla S.	Pope, Alexis	Watson, Jazmine J.
Cuaya, Jayden	Lato, Riley N.	Pope, Jordan	Wayne, Kenya A.
Cunningham, Sanaia M.	Lawrence, Raelin E.	Pore, Anisha S.	Webster, Tyauna T.
Curwick, Olivia P.	Lee, Ar Ron	Prieto, Mauro	White, India
Dee, Gabrielle L.	Lopez, Aiyana M.	Purnell, Elizabeth M.	Whitlow, Bryce J.
Diaz, Guadalupe	Lopez, Jennifer	Raetz, Mykenzie R.	Williams, Tyrone A. Jr
Flores Varelas, Gabriel Jr	Lopez, Perla O.	Razo, Ivan	Wills, Ja Shanti A.
Ford, Darrick D. Jr	Luna, Brandon	Rico, Chanel	Wills, Jakir D.
Forgue, Kyle	Maddox, Jalen T.	Robertson, Ernest E. III	Zarate, Ramon I.
Fulford, Sydney R.	Mahaney-Grundy, Bryana N.	Rogers, Tia I.	Zubrys, Jacob H.
Gallardo, Andrea	Martin, Tajai S.	Ross, Darionna	
Garcia, Athziry	Martinez, Ariana I.	Ruiz, Evan	
Garcia, Christopher	Martinez, Elizabeth	Sanchez Morales, Betsey E.	
Gardner, Jarryd W.	Martinez, Jose L.	Santoyo Medina, Lesli Y.	
Gaytan-Lopez, Daniela	Martinez, Tamara	Selvie, Zamyia	
Glogowski, Emily K.	Matthews, Wesley D.	Senesac, Paige L.	

## Honor Roll 3.49 - 3.0

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Acevedo, Adrian H.	Garza, Alicia	Laue, Katelyn M.	Sales, Develyn
Adams, Alyssa M.	Gaudet, Chanelle C.	Lawrence, Adrian J.	Sanders, Janae L.
Aguirre Andrade, Ulises	Geeter, Diamond C.	Lawrence, Aneesa M.	Sands, Kobe J.
Albertie, Taylor J.	Gentile, Mekinzie A.	Lee, Timarion L.	Selvie, Isiah T.
Aldridge, Bryce B.	Gilreath, Jacob M.	Leonard, Cameron J.	Senesac, Delanie L.
Alexander, Annika	Gomez, Abalene	Lightfoot, Jace S.	Senesac, Payton L.
Allen, Ke'Sean J.	Gomez, Debonny	Lonberger, Camden	Serena, Jenna P.
Allen, Pierre P.	Gomez, Kaylee A.	Lopez, Francisco	Shannon, Joseph S.
Anderson, Jordan T.	Gonzalez, Emily	Malone, Cameilyha C.	Shaw, Jersey E.
Andrade, Jessica	Gonzalez, Martyn	Marshall-Martinez, Waverly	Shelton, Lacey
Armstrong, Makyla J.	Grayling, Chase B.	Martinez, Brenda M.	Shoemaker, Kortney
Austin-Hollivay, Christopher B.	Green, Rozaria	Martinez, Yolanda	Short, Aidan A.
Autman, Jakia R.	Griffin, Ania A.	Martz, Alexandria R.	Simpson, Jade K.
Autman, Janaizha M.	Grob, Arielle M.	McCray, Siara A.	Sledge, Trenae S.
Ayala, Cesar	Grundy, Tyana M.	McKune, Marisa A.	Smith, Curinthian A.
Barganier, Christopher J.	Guerrero, Alan	Mecat, Belen	Smith, Dakarai K.
Barnes, Daniel D.	Guerrero, Jose A.	Medina, Diego E.	Smith, Sade P.
Batana Martinez, Andrea	Gutierrez, Yair	Medina, Leonardo C.	Sneed, Brianna
Batana Martinez, Guadalupe	Guzman-Luca, Angel	Mehrer, Caden E.	Sostenes, Erik F.
Bell, Cameron J.	Hadley, Tre	Mendez, Liliana C.	Sowell, Robert A.
Bell, Gabryonna C.	Hall, Nickolos L.	Mendoza, Jose Manuel	Springer, JaMya M.
Benolerao, James S.	Hammond, Jaquice Q.	Mendoza, Jose Raphael	Springer, Vasheera
Bostic, Danasya C.	Hammond, Kyusha E.	Mendoza, Leonardo	Stam, Kallista J.
Brown, Zaliah J.	Hammond, Orrhyanna K.	Mercado, Leslie	Stipe, Michael
Burke, Roan T.	Harrison, Ty M.	Mercado-Alvarez, Jose D.	Strickland, Antonio R. Jr
Bush, Treasure M.	Howard, Madelyn G.	Michels, Shawn C.	Strickland, Lil Willie Jr
Caffey Washington, Damani	Illum, Ravin L.	Miller, Eniyah E.	Strickland, Teon L.
Calderon, Kevin	Jackson, Brianna L.	Moore, Ciera M.	Tate, Steven M.
Calva, Stefani G.	Jackson, Mya N.	Mulcahy, Brendan M.	Taylor, Monica M.
Camargo, Adam	Jacob, Jakobe	Murrell, Zekwan A. Jr	Thomas, Matthew M.
Campbell, Trevion D.	James, Neveah S.	Ochoa, Estefani	Toledo, Antonio
Cantrell, Lily G.	Jeffries, Contoni Jr	O'Connor, Colton J.	Tompkins, Ray A. Jr
Castillo, Rosa M.	Jernigan, Jeremiah L.	Ortega, Miguel A.	Varela, Aaliyah
Cerna, Melanie	Johnson, Devontae J.	Ortiz, Jose	Vargas, Eymmy
Christon, Haley P.	Johnson, Donneisha D.	Owens, Trent	Verrett, Cameron J.
Cortez, Daniel	Johnson, Emily	Perez, Alejandra	Villavicencio-Martinez, Alexa N.
Criswell, Javon V.	Jones, Isaiah A.	Pierce, Markila T.	Walker, Marlesia A.
Daily, Thomas J.	Jones, Jonathan E.	Pina, Sacramento	Walls, Richard D.
Davis, Tanajia L.	Jones, Khalil J.	Pina, Yarizza N.	Weathersby, KeAnthoni K.
DelaCruz, Gabriel	Jones, ZyAsia U.	Pizano, Giselle	West, Jaya M.
Dethrow, Alyssa K.	Jordan, Njaiyah J.	Prince, Tanesha T.	Whittaker, Kamar A.
Diard, Blake A.	Juarez, Jennifer	Puebla-Marin, Maria F.	Williams, Dremea A.
Diaz, Karina	Karraker, Jacob M.	Ramirez-Molina, Layevska N.	Williams, Taneisha
Diaz, Laura	Kelly, Kayla	Riley, Michael P.	Willis, Carleesha
Draper, Nathan W.	King, De'Leon M.	Robinson Cole, Zephion D.	Willis, Scotty T.
Dunlap, KeAyla D.	King, Joshua R.	Robinson, Eboni	Woods, Michigan L.
Edwards, Eric Jr	Krick, Mitchell L.	Rodriguez, Yosari	Wordlaw, Aria S.
Enriquez, Lareina	Lagesse, Sade'	Rojas, Jose	Wright, Cynteja E.
Flores, Efrain	LaRoche, Logan A.	Rosenthal, Tiara	Yonke, Jordan A.
Franklin, Damian R.	Laster, Mariyonna K.	Ruiz, Hilary	

## Language Arts Department

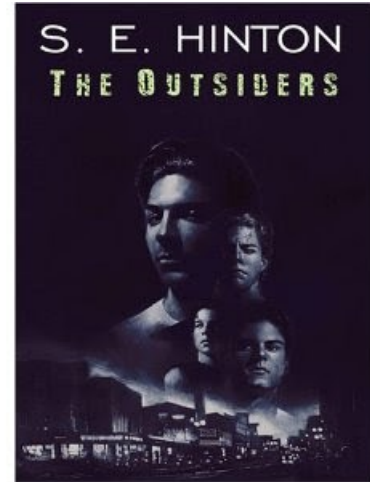
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In seventh grade language arts, students have been learning about story elements including plot, characterization, point of view, and conflict. We are continuing our work in determining author's purpose and practicing citing textual evidence. As we move into second quarter, we'll be focusing on analyzing text with *Freak the Mighty* by Rodman Philbrick. Remember, even if your student doesn't have homework, they are expected to read an independent reading book for 20 to 30 minutes per day.

It was great meeting with so many families during conferences. Thank you to all of the parents and students who came. If you happened to miss conferences, please e-mail your student's teacher with any questions or concerns. Parents and students are encouraged to check their grads on Skyward weekly.

### 8th Grade

We are off to a great start this school year! We have a new teacher, Mrs. Orr, in the department. She is very familiar with the district as she comes to us from Kennedy Middle School. We are happy to have her! Currently, all 8<sup>th</sup> grade language arts classes have completed unit 1 in our reading series. The unit theme focused on immigration and the need to belong. To further the theme and concepts being taught in unit 1, the students read the novel, *The Outsiders*. This is always a hit with our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Beginning with the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes started Unit 2 in the reading series which focuses on the horror/mystery genre. This is a very fun unit because everyone can relate to fear! As with any subject, the more students practice the skills taught in class, the better they will become at using them. Therefore, many of the language arts teachers require outside reading and/or time on IXL.com (a skills based computerized program). Please ask your child to see his/her Chromebook and check their Google Classroom for projects and assignments they may have in their language arts classes. Also, parents can regularly check their child's grades through Skyward. If you do not have parent access to this, contact the guidance office for a login.



## Mathematics

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### 7th Grade

We would like to recognize the many students who are working diligently on the software and making huge gains in 7<sup>th</sup> grade Math 180 courses!!! Congratulations! The 7<sup>th</sup> grade honors Math classes are working on Accentuate the Negative during 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, which focuses on integers and rational numbers. Afterwards students will into the Moving Straight Ahead unit to learn about linear relationships. The math department would like to thank the families who were able to attend Parent Teacher Conferences and Family Math & Reading Night in October! Your support and teamwork is very much appreciated

### 8th Grade

In 8<sup>th</sup> grade CMP3 courses, students are wrapping up a unit about Inverse Variations from the Thinking with Mathematical Models unit. Students studied tables, graphs, equations, and bivariate data to solve real world problems and make comparison between variables. Many students have an IXL.com account. This account can be used at home to assist the students as a study aid and re-teaching tool. Students can complete tasks as chosen and earn badges for achievements. In addition, some classes have begun working in MathXL online. This program is aligned to the curriculum so students may continue to work on skills from home and in the classroom with online support tools. During the second quarter, some classes will learn about the Pythagorean Theorem, while others will learn about exponential growth. In 8<sup>th</sup> grade Math180 courses, the students have software to work on at home. Students should complete 60 minutes of the Brain Arcade weekly to practice their math skills. As an important reminder, students need earbuds in class every day, so please check with your child to ensure they come prepared to learn.

## Social Studies

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As the seventh grade social studies has progressed throughout American History, our students now have learned about the 2016 presidential election, the birth of the United States, and are moving into the United States Constitution. As we continue, we have also implemented a digital citizenship class in order to teach our students the importance of behavior on social media. This section of our class teaches responsibility and etiquette on internet websites such as Facebook, Instagram, and Snapchat. Other topics throughout the year will include a focus on geography, the expansion of the United States, and researching current events. As a department, we encourage students to stay current with what is going on in the world around them by watching CNN student news. As the 2016-2017 school year continues we look forward to molding our students into positive citizens and preparing them for their journey ahead!

Below are resources that the students may access on their Chromebooks or any internet device.

- <http://www.socialstudiesforkids.com/subjects/ushistory.htm>
  - A website divided into periods of U.S. History. Students can explore timelines, articles, and maps that offer information on the curriculum.
- <http://lizardpoint.com/geography/>
  - A website that offers countless maps from across the world that prepares students for geography. Maps are interactive and students can quiz themselves on the different cities, states, and nations.
- <https://newsela.com/>
  - Students can create a free account and look at current events on a variety of subjects. These articles can be seen in a variety of reading levels, which allows students to challenge themselves as they work on their reading skills. These articles include writing and quiz options for the students to assess their skills.

## Hispanic Cultures

Students in Mr. Bretzlaff's Hispanic cultures class have been studying various Hispanic artists. Students examined and discussed artwork by Salvador Dali, Diego Rivera, Frida Kahlo, Fernando Botero, Marisol Escobar and many others. As a culminating activity students will create "commemorative stamps" to celebrate the life and work of an artist of their choice. In addition students will be asked to write a short biography of their artist. Students have been working very hard to learn the geography and flags of Central and South American countries. Students can use the website, [www.lizardpoint.com](http://www.lizardpoint.com) to practice their map and flag skills at home. In addition, students are required to practice their Spanish language skills on a daily basis using the language program, Duolingo.

## Science

The 7<sup>th</sup> grade science students just completed a first quarter unit on the scientific method. They will be using this thought process throughout the year with the different concepts that will be studied in science.

The second quarter unit of study is an Introduction to Matter. Students will be learning about the physical and chemical properties of materials, as well as, the physical and chemical changes that matter can undergo. In addition, they will learn how to make various measurements of matter, using different tools and calculations. The quarter will wrap up with a study of the states of matter. Students will gain an understanding of how matter behaves as a solid, liquid, or gas. They will also learn the terminology for the changes of state and how energy added to or removed from matter can cause these phase changes.



## ESL/ELL

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My how time flies! The ESL and ELL students have been extremely busy at KJHS during the Autumnal season! KSD111 just finished celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month.

Our focus and theme this year was, **Positive Changes: Make a choice. Take a chance. Embrace the change.** The students were able to create wonderful door decorations that featured notable Hispanic individuals that have made significant contributions to our world. They honored Hispanic astronauts, scientists, musicians, and entrepreneurs. The culminating celebration at LCC was a huge success. Students and families in our district were able to participate in dancing, singing, and eating great Hispanic delicacies as well.

Now, students and teachers are focusing their attention and efforts into finishing the semester strong and healthy, because our well-deserved holiday break will be upon us before we know it.



### Increase ELL Parent Involvement

No matter what language you or your students' parents speak, parental support is a big key to academic success. ELL families are often at a disadvantage when it comes to supporting their child because of language and cultural barriers. It can be easy to interpret ELL parent "no shows" as a lack of interest in education; however, very often ELL parents want their children to succeed as much as any other parent but are unable to participate to the same extent that other parents participate due to these barriers or their work schedules.

Regular, open and friendly communication from the teacher can make a big difference in ELL parent participation. It can feel daunting for an English speaking teacher to call a non-English speaking parent, but usually there is someone in the family who speaks enough English to interpret the message for the parent, or the parent speaks enough English to understand a simple message. It may also be possible to get help from a bilingual school staff member to assist in making a quick phone call. ELL parents will be very pleased and excited to hear positive news about their child and will feel more comfortable asking questions and visiting the school in the future. The more informed the parents are, the more likely it is that the student will get support at home and parents will have the information they need to help their child be successful.

In addition, parents should not be afraid to initiate communication with their children's teachers as well. They can do this via a family member that is fluent in English, or they can use the student to guide and build relationships between each of their teachers and home too. Any communication is always a positive step in the right direction for building positive relationships and achieving academic success.

<http://www.colorincolorado.org/>

## Beta Club

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Beta Club is off to a tremendous start this year. The club is 61 members strong and is very involved with volunteering right from the start. They have participated in the Back to School Event in July. They also participated in the Out of the Darkness Walk and Color Run in September. They have watched kids at Stuben during PTO meetings and have even helped out during our own parent/teacher conferences. Every Tuesday, the members get to participate on committees that they were able to choose. We offered the following committees this year: Beta Buddies, Library and Technology Helpers, School Spirit, and Finance/Volunteer. The students have also participated in "Ask Me Anything Friday." This is when a community member comes in and speaks to the kids about themselves, their profession, and answers the kids' questions, which sometimes can be very personal. This has been a hit, not only for the club, but the community members that have taken part in this.

Currently, Beta Club is collecting pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House. Please send your child with as many pop tabs as possible to school. Our members will be collecting them in connections until November 15.

## Art: Cultural Project

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## Band

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The Band students at KJHS have completed their first performance of the year and are working towards the next one.

On Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, the KJHS Band students performed with the high school band for half-time of the varsity football game. They performed "Pirates of the Caribbean", "The Great Gate of Kiev" and "Kankakee School Song" to the cheers of the crowd.

The next performance will be on December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the KJHS auditorium. The concert will feature the 7<sup>th</sup> grade band, 8<sup>th</sup> grade band and the Jazz Band. The concert is free and open to the public.

## Drama

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It is a yearly tradition that Kankakee High School produces a spring musical. This year, for the first time ever, Junior High students are invited to audition! This year's production will be *The Wiz*, the beloved tale of Dorothy and her adventures through Oz. KJHS auditions will be held on December 6th after school and all 7th and 8th graders are encouraged to audition. We cannot wait to ease on down the road with you on March 10th and 11th at 7:00 in LCC! Please email Deena Cassady (director) with any questions at [Deena-cassady@ksd111.org](mailto:Deena-cassady@ksd111.org)

## Kankakee Junior High School Athletics

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### **Softball**

The softball team had a nice season overall with a bunch of new faces on the field. Under the direction of Coach Johnston and Coach Pomije, the softball team had a positive season. There was a lot of improvement and many girls made memories they will remember for a lifetime. The season ended by losing to Clifton Central in regional play. Coach Johnston and Coach Pomije look forward to next year and hope many girls come out over the 2017 summer for softball camp.

### **Baseball**

The baseball season was very short this year due to all the rainouts. However, when the boys played, they learned a lot and tried their best. Try-outs this year were very competitive with over 30 boys coming out and 19 boys being picked for the team. Coach Dayhoff and Coach Latham taught the basics and worked with the boys on improving their game. Coach Mannering, the high school head coach, evened helped out at the beginning of the season so he could get to know the players before they get to the high school.

### **Girls' Basketball**

The 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls' basketball is showing a lot of promise and consistency as they head to regional play in a few weeks. Under the direction of Coach King, the girls have only loss 2 games and should be a top seed in regionals. Teamwork and willingness to work hard, in and outside of the gym, is what is making this team special. The girls are on the road for the last couple weeks of their season and will be tested with a couple of tough teams ahead.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls' basketball team is starting to get in their rhythm before regional play. Slow and steady improvement and stepping up and working harder at practice helped this team better itself from the beginning of the year. Under the direction of Coach Culver, the girls will be using the last few games of the season as a tune up for regional play. They know this is their last chance to shine on the court before heading to high school next year.

### **Cheerleading**

Coach McCaleb is the new cheerleading coach for KJHS. She is a spunky coach with lots of passion and love for the sport. Cheerleading try-outs were competitive and 19 girls were chosen for the squad. The hope for this year is to make this a competitive sport, so the girls will be tumbling and working with the high school teams to prepare to travel to competitions. The girls are working very hard and have been practicing new routines and cheers.

### **Boys' Basketball**

Boys' basketball just started, but already played huge games against BUGC. Both squads won and both teams learned a lot from playing such a tough opponent right off the bat. Mr. Niemann is heading up the 8<sup>th</sup> grade team this year, while Coach Thomas, is coaching the 7<sup>th</sup> grade team. Coach Thomas is a new coach for KJHS, but has a lot of experience coaching boys' basketball. We look forward to a fun and exciting year of boys' basketball.

## In Memory

Coach Thomas Kearney, our volunteer track coach, suddenly passed away in September. He had several grandkids on a variety our teams and was an integral part of our coaching staff. He was willing to share his knowledge and love of the sport and we grew as a sport because of him. We will miss his insight, his ability to cheer us up, and his consistency. We will be offering two track scholarships this spring (one for a girl and one for a boy) in Coach Kearney's memory. This remarkable coach will be missed but the memories of him will last for a lifetime.



## Quote of the Month

“Exercise and recreation are as necessary as reading. I will rather say more necessary, because health is worth more than learning.”  
Thomas Jefferson

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Fall is here, which means the temperature is dropping. Along with the colder weather students may want to be a little bit warmer in the gym. If so they can wear sweats and hoodies as long as they have their PE uniform underneath. Also, students need to make sure they have their gym shoes as boots are not acceptable in either gym.

The second semester is here and it's clear our students are enjoying their time in Physical Education. Mr. Culver's and Mr. Dayhoff's classes are learning how to master the fundamentals of Basketball, while Mrs. King and Ms. Gathing teach their girls all there is to know about health and swimming. The PE department is so proud of our students at KJHS. This has been one of our best years so far in terms of classroom participation and proper behavior. We hope to see our students continue this trend of success and maturity on through the rest of the school year.

## Daily Workout Challenge

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Complete this workout routine 3-5 days a week for 4 weeks:

- 1 minute run in place
- 20 squats
- 1 minute front kicks
- 10 dips
- 1 minute skip in place
- \*Repeat 3 times



## Counselor's Corner

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We have completed our first nine weeks of the school year and a busy nine weeks it has been! We have enjoyed seeing the familiar faces from last year as well welcoming those who are new to our building this year, 7<sup>th</sup> graders and 8<sup>th</sup> graders alike.

Let us introduce ourselves ....

Ms. Lenfield is the 7<sup>th</sup> grade counselor. She is a graduate from Olivet Nazarene University. Her hobbies include coaching high school badminton and cheering on the University of Michigan football team. In our building anyone can attest, she has a contagious smile and an amazing ability in working with children. One of her most valuable assets is the wealth of knowledge and experience she has in working with children and families in crisis. In her 6<sup>th</sup> year as a school counselor she provides exceptional support for our students, teachers, administrators, and families of the district. Each day in collaborating with students Ms. Lenfield strives to prosper the child's academic experience, their social/emotional understanding, and their life long vision.



Mrs. Glenn is the 8<sup>th</sup> grade counselor. She is a graduate of Olivet Nazarene as well. Outside of school she stays busy with her family of seven, 4 boys and 1 baby girl. This is Mrs. Glenn's third year working at the junior high. One of her strengths in working with students is guiding students in the discovery process in who they are as they transition from elementary years to preteen years. She, like Ms. Lenfield, seeks to help each student in their journey of self-discovery. Mrs. Glenn works with students in their preparedness of academics, provides guidance in the student's social emotional growth, and aids in students being able to create a vision of long term goals.

Ms. Lenfield and Mrs. Glenn work cohesively for the success of each student's positive experience as a Kankakee Junior High student!

Mrs. Broyles, the guidance secretary, works diligently with both counselors in helping our students be successful in their KJHS journey. From schedules, progress reports, parent teacher conferences, skyward login assistance, uniform assistance, and more ... Mrs. Broyles is instrumental in providing help to our students. She always makes our students and families feel welcomed with her beautiful smile!

Our department is a team, here to help all students of the junior high. If a student or a parent needs to speak with us they can easily do so by contacting us or Mrs. Broyles.

Happiest Thanksgiving to our KJHS students and families!

Mrs. Glenn (8<sup>th</sup> Grade Counselor) - Ms. Lenfield (7<sup>th</sup> Grade Counselor) - Mrs. Broyles (Secretary)

## Students of the Month

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Congratulations to our September and October Students of the Month. Students are nominated by the KJHS staff based on academics, leadership, and character. We are very proud of all their accomplishments.

September:

Jae Alderson      Indigo Childs  
Athzirya Garcia      Jocelyn Gomez  
Mariana Hernandez      Calvaieseia Houston-Paino  
Bryana Mahaney-Grundy      Wesley Matthews  
Saryla McCurry      Brooke Minnich  
Alexis Pope      Tia Rogers  
Justin Thurmon      Tyrone Williams  
Rodrigo Varela



October:

Jaqueline Avalos      Chloe Blakey  
Isabel Haut      Erik Hertzberg  
Riley Lato      Cameron Leonard  
Jimena Medina      Logan Morris  
Evan Ruiz      Betsy Sanchez  
Lesli Santoyo-Medina      Paige Senesac  
Brianna Sneed

# Kankakee Junior High School Library

## Book Fair Was Huge Success!

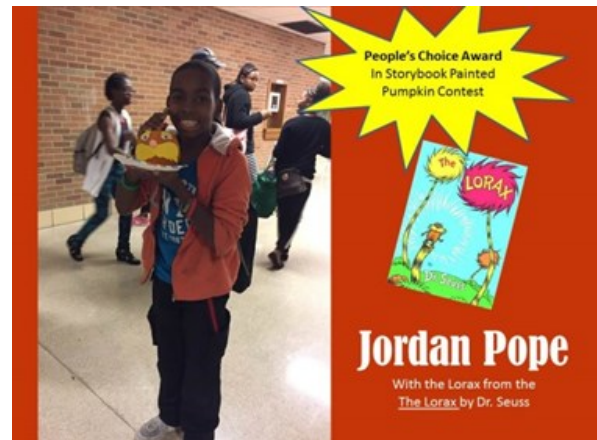
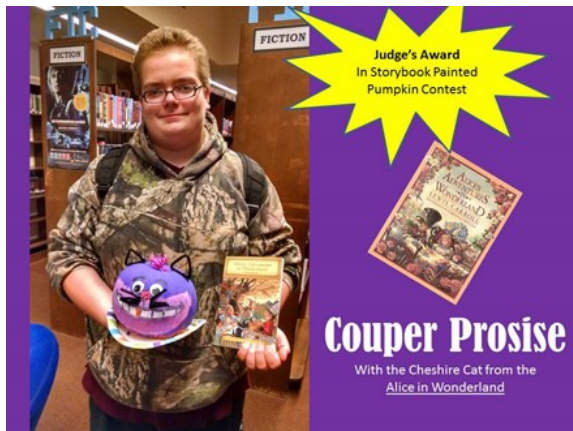
The Junior High Library hosted a Scholastic Book Fair during the week of parent conferences. The fair was a tremendous success with many students buying books for their own home collections. A 2014 study of 42 nations found that homes which own at least 100 books produce students which have reading levels that are 1.5 grade levels above homes without reading materials (Evans, 2014). We were so pleased to see so many families adding to their home libraries. The library will also benefit from the successful fair, as we earned \$1500 in profit that will be spent on new books for the library.

Everyone who visited the fair during conferences was entered in to a drawing for a free book. We drew eight names and gave a free book to each of the following: Hailey Lamie, Xander Phillips, Mekinzie Gentile, Timarion Lee, Yarizza Pina, Damarion Brizuela, Tamara Martinez, and Kobe Sands.

We would like to thank everyone who supported the book fair.

## Library Sponsors Painted Pumpkin Contest!

As part of the festivities of Family Math and Reading Night held October 13, the library hosted for the second year a painted pumpkin contest. Student painted pumpkins to resemble characters from books or to reflect a motif in the book. The judge's award went to Couper Prorise with his pumpkin painted like the Cheshire Cat from Alice in Wonderland. Three other students won people's choice awards: Jordan Pope, Kallista Stam, and Kendal Scott.





## Special Notes

My name is Mrs. Walz and I am the 7<sup>th</sup> grade assistant principal. I have really enjoyed getting to know this group of 7<sup>th</sup> graders. What a great group of kids. I would like to share with you some of the things going on at KJHS so far this year.

We currently have a group of 20 students taking a sign language class. We meet once a week during Connections and have learned a lot. These students will be teaching other students the basics during our early release on November 16<sup>th</sup>.

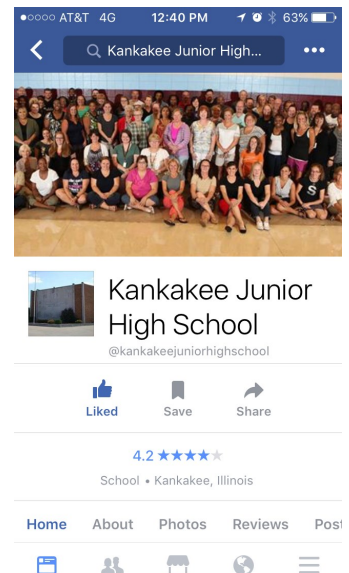
Kankakee Junior High School takes the safety of our students and staff seriously. We changed our evacuation procedure this year to ensure we have accountability at all times of the day. Students and staff have done a great job adjusting to the new procedure. We have conducted drills in the areas of evacuations (fire drills), shelter-in-place (severe weather) and lock downs. Members of the Kankakee Police Department will be here on November 16<sup>th</sup> to talk to the students about active shooters. More information about this will be sent home with the students. The police will also conduct training with our staff during our early release in December.

## Find us on the Web!

As part of our School improvement plan, we want to improve communication and create a more positive public perception. Kankakee Junior High School now has its own Facebook page. We would love for you to like and share our page! Get a daily glimpse into our school, see all the exciting activities, and keep up with important announcements.



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## Kankakee Junior High School Staff 2016-2017

