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## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

We would like to take a moment to welcome you to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade team. This year will be a challenging one for your student, as we will really be focused on making the necessary adjustments in order to transition to high school. We really work on being more independent in managing their time and taking more personal responsibility for their own education. We encourage you all to monitor your student's progress on Power School. We update at least once a week and are always available through e-mail

It is important to remember that any time that a student is gone they are responsible for making up their work. We have our assignment sheet located online on the school website. It is located under 8<sup>th</sup> grade team. Also, we want to remind students that if they are gone for school events they are not excused from the work that is assigned for that day and they do not get extra time.

If extenuating "life happens" moments happen—please feel free to contact us—we are very willing to work with you and your student.

We allow our students to have snacks but they must be in zip-lock plastic sandwich bags. They cannot eat in the hallway at any time. They may have water in clear or see-through bottles only.

We are looking forward to working with you and your students! Please feel free to e-mail us with any questions or concerns!

## Calendar of Events

### September:

2<sup>nd</sup>—No School—Labor Day

6<sup>th</sup>—MS Dance—3:15—5:15

10<sup>th</sup>—8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band to State Fair

13<sup>th</sup>—Mid--Terms

20<sup>th</sup>—Picture Day and Fall Sports Day

23—No School—Teacher In-service

### October:

17<sup>th</sup>—End of 9 weeks

18<sup>th</sup>—No School

24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> Conferences  
3:45—7:30

31<sup>st</sup>—Conferences 7:30—11:30

Nov. 1—No School

## Volleyball

Date: Opponent: Location:

9/5	Haysville	Here
9/12	Winfield	Away
9/16	Wellington	Away
9/19	Clearwater	Away
9/21	Haysville West	Away
9/26	Mulvane	Here
9/20	El Dorado	Away

## Football

Date: Opponent: Location:

9/5	Haysville	Here
9/12	Winfield	Away
9/19	Clearwater	Away
9/26	Mulvane	Here

## Cross Country

Date: Opponent: Location:

9/5	Clearwater	Away
9/10	Hutch/Prairie Hills	Away
9/23	Derby North	Away

# In the Classrooms...

Science: Keith George email: [kgeorge@usd394.com](mailto:kgeorge@usd394.com)

In Science we will begin with a Chemistry unit. By the end of this unit students will be able to find information on the Periodic Table, identify the differences between Ionic, Covalent, and Metallic Bonds, describe and recognize Chemical Reactions, compare Acids and Bases, and will have an understanding of the Fire Triangle. Along the way students will see chemical reaction demonstrations as well as participate in chemical reaction experiments.

History: Sally Smith email: [ssmith@usd394.com](mailto:ssmith@usd394.com)

We will begin the year laying an important groundwork on the importance of knowing our history. We will watch the movie *Robin Hood* and establish some foundational concepts we will revisit the entire year through a writing analysis about certain quotes in the movie. In September, our main focus is on the Thirteen Colonies and the main reasons our Founders were compelled to declare independence and embark in our Revolutionary War.

Language Arts: Amy Conway email: [aconway@usd394.com](mailto:aconway@usd394.com)

In Language Arts, we will begin the year completing a Baseline Narrative over a Personal Memory. This is will be mostly unguided in order to establish where students are in their writing abilities. Then, we will further study what makes a “good” Narrative (i.e. imagery, dialogue, etc.). We will read “The Veldt” and discuss the imagery, dialogue, and suspense built from those. Students will try to duplicate those items in a second Memory Narrative.

Reading: Donna Walker email: [dwalker@usd394.com](mailto:dwalker@usd394.com)

Reading assessments will occur during the beginning of the year. The four areas of comprehension, vocabulary, state standards, and independent reading for enjoyment are the focus for the 8<sup>th</sup> reading curriculum. We work on skills that will improve student reading and prepare our students for high school.

Math: Gina Geer email: [ggeer@usd394.com](mailto:ggeer@usd394.com)

Math is divided into three levels. Each will learn their own concepts and progress at their own pace. Pre-Algebra will begin with review of 7<sup>th</sup> grade math skills including operations with integers, fractions and decimals. Intermediate Algebra will also review integers and converting decimals to fractions as well as identifying rational and irrational numbers. Algebra students will review integer operations and basic Algebra concepts before starting in on equations and inequalities.