Middle School Principal Update

Friday, January 19, 2024

Recreating...
Students recreate small sections of a Diego Rivera Painting

Grade 7
Mrs. Hagers Art Class

Art History...
Diego Rivera, Mexican Muralist, Artist and Revolutionary Diego Rivera sought to make art that reflected the lives of the working class and native people of Mexico.

Please review the weekly update with your student

Student Arrival Reminder

- Middle School doors open at **7:05 a.m.**
- First breakfast ends at **7:19 a.m.**

- Students arriving after **7:25 a.m.** are marked late
- Second breakfast ends at **8:06 a.m.**

Reminder: Please Dress Appropriately for the Winter Temps!

Please remind your students to dress appropriately for the cold weather. Students will be outdoors for recess and PE when the weather permits.

Dean of Student's Spotlight

Grade 7

Elias T. - Great effort, working hard and asking questions when he needs help.

New Middle School Traffic Pattern Coming Soon!!

Please be advised that the middle school will be implementing a new traffic plan for student arrival. Additional information will be shared with all families by the end of January. The new traffic plan is schedule to go into effect on Monday, February 5th.

Get it Done !

Due Sunday January 21st between 5:55 p.m. - 5:59 p.m.

The first student in each grade to respond to the following questions correctly and will receive a FREE dress down day and four Bear Paws.

Rules:

- Send the correct responses to Principal Hinds between 5:55 p.m. and 5:59 p.m. on Sunday, January 24th.
- **The email must be sent using your AKFCS student email account**
- **Responses must be in blue / comic sans /size 12 font**
- **1 winner per grade level**

Questions:

1. What is the average temperature of the human body?

3. How many continents are there?
4. Name all of the continents.
5. Is the sun a planet or a star?
6. How long does it take to the earth to rotate around the sun once?
7. Who is Dr. Mae Jamison?
8. Name two places families can find the AKF upcoming events?
9. How many colors are there in a rainbow?
10. What is a group of lions called?
11. Sponge Bob SquarePants lives in which fruit under the sea?
12. How long should you wash your hands with soap to get rid of germs?
13. Which month has only 28 days?
14. Which direction does the sun rise from?
15. Which country gave the the Statue of Liberty to the United States as a gift?
16. Which country started the tradition of the Olympics?
17. How many holes are in a standard golf course?
18. When was Abby Kelley Foster Charter Public School Founded?
19. How many seats are on a standard size school bus?
20. Name three colleges or universities located in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Middle School Concert & Play Information

Dear parents of string students past and present,

Peter Sulski writing to you, String Ensemble Director here at Abby Kelley. Whether your children have been active with strings lately or not, I just wanted to invite you to a showcase of our work on Tuesday, February 6th, 2024, at 6pm, at the High School.

We will present a varied hour of music, and be joined by Crocodile River Music, who will collaborate with us in a beautiful and unique way. Crocodile River are a Worcester cultural treasure, specializing in African drumming and other original instruments.

To be clear, any student who has played strings before is certainly welcome back after February 6th. I always design programs that can accommodate all levels of experience. I do ask that students who want to be active in our program be as consistent as they can possibly be. Otherwise, it is easy to fall a bit behind.

Our Abby Kelley High School String Orchestra, which I also direct, played a powerful concert last November and will be competing for medals in April at the Massachusetts Teacher Association Music Festival. High School participants take the ensemble as a full course and see me 6 days out of every 7. This amount of time together allows us to craft varied and challenging programs. We are also planning some public performances at the JMAC Pop Up in downtown Worcester.

Just to give you an idea of what is available and possible in the future.

Most sincerely,

Peter Sulski

Finding Nemo
***Tentative* Performance Dates: Friday,** January 25th @ 7 p.m. and **Saturday,** January 26th @ 2:00 p.m.

Upcoming Dates and Events...

January 22nd- January 26th- Quarter 2 Report Cards (Posted in PowerSchool)
January 25th - Character Virtue Breakfast
January 29th - Dental Screening #2
February 6th - Winter Concert *(Rain Date and RSVP details coming soon!)*
February 16th - Dress Down Day ($1.00)
February 19th -23rd - Winter Break
February 26th - Students return to school
February 29th - Character Virtue Breakfast
March 1st - Progress reports
March 20th - Early Release Day
March 21st - Early Release Day
March 29th - Good Friday (No School)
April 10th - MCAS Testing
April 11th - MCAS Testing

April 15th - April 19th - Spring Break
April 15th - Spring Break
April 25th - Character Virtue Breakfast

See the AKF website and calendar for additional dates / information https://www.akfcs.org/

Uniform Reminder

Reminder: UGG Slippers and Crocs - Not Allowed As Part of the Middle School Uniform

Abby Kelley Foster Charter Public School Parent/Student Handbook

Please refer to the 2023-2024 Parent /Student Handbook (Page 16) for the middle school uniform policy.

Closed toe, closed heel only. (No Crocs, sandals, flip flops, dress shoes with heels, or open toe shoes allowed).

Student Pick-Up and Drop Off

No U-Turns on New Bond Street

Please refrain from making U-turns on New Bond Street. We realize that everyone is busy during the morning and afternoon commute but we must work together to keep our community safe.

Middle School Arrival and Dismissal Times

Student dismissal begins at **2:00 p.m.** with busses leaving the Middle School at approximately **2:15 p.m.**

Half Days: Student Dismissal begins at **10:35 a.m.**, with busses leaving the Middle School at **approximately 10:42 a.m.**

Any requests for **same day transportation changes should be made before 12:30 p.m. on full days and before 9:30 a.m. on early dismissal days.

****Family Requested Early dismissals** should occur before 1:00 p.m. on full days and before 9:30 a.m. on early dismissal days.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Students and Social Media - FAMILIES WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Please monitor your students **social media & gaming accounts** at home. Negative social media & gaming exchanges between individual students and student groups are impacting relationships

within our school environment.

Remember:

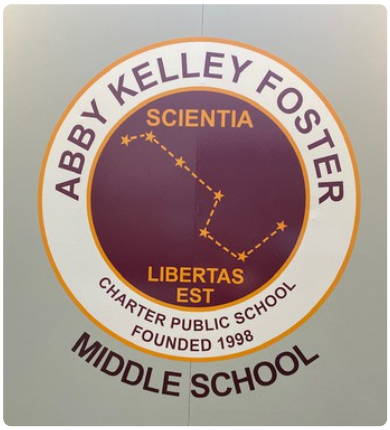
- Manage your privacy settings.
- Remember: once posted, always posted.
- Build a positive online reputation.
- Keep personal info personal.
- Protect your computer /tablet /phone
- Use strong passwords.
- Be cautious on social networking sites.

Resources for Middle School Families

Middle School Lunch Menus

Middle School Bus Routes

Middle School Staff Directory



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