Hello, Future Bulldogs!



Welcome to North Kirkwood Middle!

QUESTIONS? Email: lisa.owens@kirkwoodschools.org

AGENDA TONIGHT



- Learn a little about us
- Learn a little about you
- Learn a little about 6th grade
- Learn about middle school
- Have a few laughs
- Stay for a tour

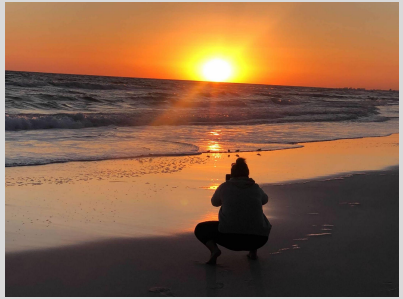
A Little About Us

Dr. Liberton
27 Years at NKMS
Avid Pickleball Player
Future Survivor of a Middle School Child











Mrs. Owens
21 Years at NKMS
Diehard Packers Fan
Recent Empty Nester

Let's Learn a Little About You



STAND UP if….

- This is your first child attending NKMS
- You went to NKMS
- You've served on an Elementary PTO
- You currently have a student at NKMS
- You've had a student attend NKMS in the past
- Guess the enrollment for this incoming class

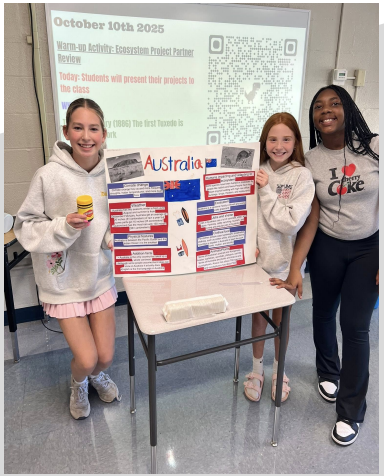
The NKMS Mission Statement

To equip students with the skills, knowledge and understanding to be empathetic, successful, and to value all people.

Our instruction is focused on essential 21st century skills:

- Literacy: Reading and Writing
- Critical Thinking
- Problem Solving
- Civil Discourse
- Well-Being





Everything will link back to CHARACTER, LEARNING, and COMMUNITY!

Getting To and From NKMS

- 6th Graders typically use the main lot on Manchester
- Mrs. Owens, Officer Riley and I will be outside AM/PM
- Arrival → 7:45 am (1st hour begins at 8am)
- Dismissal → 3:00pm (please park)
    - Bus Riders: 1.5 miles from NKMS to qualify
    - Bus riders are dismissed at 2:55pm
- Crossing Guards
    - In front of school on Manchester
    - At Geyer and Manchester
- Lots of Bike Riders! Racks at each lot.



What will be different for parents ...

- Communication: From 1 to as many as 7 teachers
    - For starters, it's me: lisa.owens@kirkwoodschools.org
- How to know what you need to know:
    - Class-specific emails every Sunday
    - Missing Assignment Report on Tuesday
    - NKMS Newsletter every Wednesday
    - General Announcement Texts and NKMS Facebook
    - Parent Facebook Group – any takers?
- Does my middle schooler still want me around? YES and NO
- PTO is a great option! Quarterly meetings on Wednesday nights.
    - You are invited to our final PTO meeting this spring on April 22 at 6:30 in the NKMS Library.



What will be different for students. . .

- Lockers, new people, new classes, wellness/PE daily, quarterly encores
- Changing from class to class and teacher to teacher
- Opportunities and responsibilities outside of the classroom will increase
- More freedom = more responsibilities
- Our school is big! NKMS sits on 23 acres
- Complete the Google Form (Schedule and Need to Know)







Fun Beyond Class. . .



After school activities-- lots of clubs, intramurals, plays/musicals





Theme Thursdays





Character, Learning & Community Assemblies







6th Grade Camp is coming! Tree climbing, canoeing and fishing, OH MY!



Encore and Wellness Teachers



Mrs. Dane
Orchestra



Mr. Calza
Band



Mr. Manwaring
Engineering



Ms. Waggoner
Drama



Ms. Luciano
Music



Mr. Timlin
Wellness



Mr. Williams
Wellness



Ms. Venturella
Wellness



Mrs. Siebert
Wellness



Mr. Hohenstein
Wellness



Mrs. Wager
World Language



Dr. Mariscal
World Language



Mr. Bosquet
World Language



Ms. Cooper
World Language



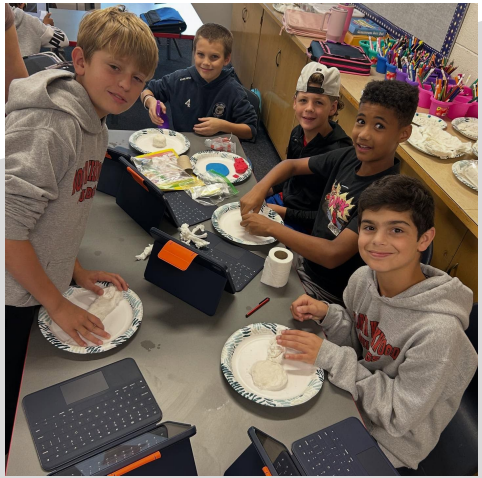
Ms. Ulrich
Art

Middle School Teaming

CORE TEAM

(Math, English-Language Arts, Science, Social Studies/SOAR, Literacy)

- Three Core teams
- Create balance on teams
- Great opportunity to build new friendships
- Community feel within the larger grade level



ENCORE ROTATIONS

- Purpose: To expose students to a variety of opportunities at NKMS
- Band and Orchestra is an option for all students
- Encore Courses include: Art, Drama, Music, Engineering, World Languages

Let's talk schedule!

Core: Science, ELA, Math, Social Studies/SOAR

Encores = Electives



HR/1st: CORE Class

2: CORE Class

3: Encore/Wellness/Literacy

4: Encore/Wellness/Literacy

5: Encore/Wellness/Literacy

(Band/Orchestra = 5th hour)

LUNCH: 12:30"ish"

6: CORE Class

7: CORE Class

Transition Opportunities

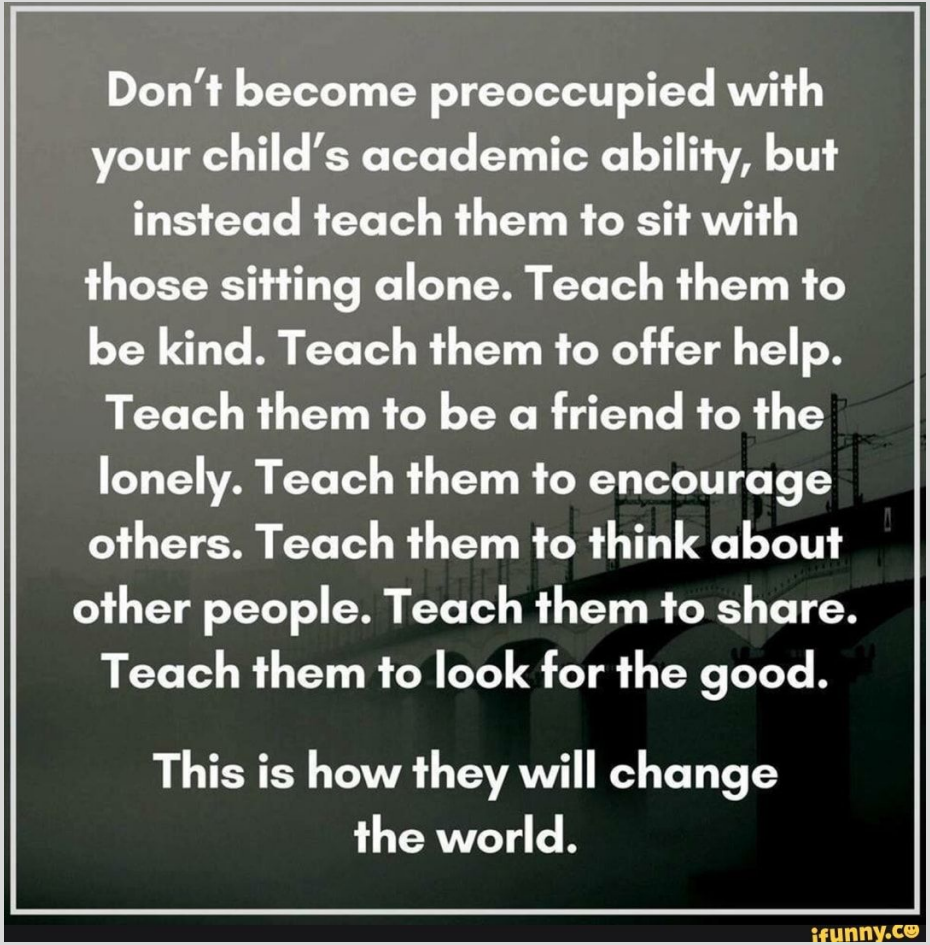


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- **PTO Meeting:** April 22 at 6:30
- **Movin' In the Middle:** May 8 in the morning
- **SUMMER ACADEMY**
  - July 7 - July 31
    - 8:30am - 12:00pm
    - *FREE*
    - *At North*
- **OPEN LIBRARY (from 10am - 12pm)**
  - June 3 & 17
  - July 8 & 22
  - August 5
- **ORIENTATION:** August 12 from 12pm-6pm
  - Photos, Lockers, Schedule, iPad
- **BUILDING IS OPEN: (from 8am - 3pm)**
  - August 13, 19 & 20
- **Trivia Night:** November 14

FINAL THOUGHTS





We cannot wait to welcome your kids to NKMS!



THANK YOU!!!!

If you have questions, please contact Lisa Owens at:

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Head out or join Dr. Liberton and Mrs. Owens on a tour of our building!



