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JOHNAKIN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Principal's Corner

Academics

Keep Pushing Forward!

JMS, welcome to Week 9!

We are well into the school year, and now is the time to take a close look at where we are, celebrate the progress we've made, and identify where we still need to grow.

Our academic focus continues to center on ELA and Mathematics, while every content area plays an important role in helping students become stronger readers, writers, thinkers, and problem-solvers.

This week, we are focusing on:

- Reading for understanding and responding with evidence
- Strengthening writing and communication skills
- Building mathematical reasoning and problem-solving skills
- Using data to identify student needs and monitor growth
- Setting meaningful academic goals
- Persevering through challenging tasks
- Taking ownership of learning

Week 9 Challenge:

Don't just do the work. Own the work.

Students, know your goals. Know your strengths. Know what you need to improve and keep working until you get there!

Data + Instruction = Student Growth

Our teachers and instructional teams continue to examine student performance and use that information to make informed instructional decisions.

Data is not simply a number; it is information that helps us determine what students need next.



Principal’s Corner Continue

Talk about academic goals and progress.

Ask your child to explain how they solved a math problem.

Encourage complete and thoughtful written responses.

Communicate with teachers when questions arise.

Establish routines that support getting to school on time and prepared.

Most importantly, remind your child:

“I believe you can do it, and I expect you to give your best effort.”

This Week at a Glance

Monday: Start with purpose

Tuesday: Focus on learning

Wednesday: Check your progress

Thursday: Push through the challenge

Friday: Celebrate growth and achievement

Please refer to school communications for specific events, dates, times, and reminders.

Principal’s Message

Dear JMS Family,

Week 9 is here—and we are still in action!

As we move further into the school year, I want us to remember that achievement requires all of us.

It takes students who are willing to work.

It takes teachers who are willing to push, encourage, reteach, and challenge.

It takes families who support learning at home.

And it takes a school community that refuses to lower expectations.

We have made progress, but we are not finished.

If you’re a student who is doing well—keep going! Don’t become comfortable.

If you’re a student who is struggling—keep going! Ask questions. Seek help. Try again.

If you’re a parent—keep encouraging!

And to my faculty and staff—keep pushing! Continue collaborating, using your data, refining instruction, and doing what is best for our students.

The goal isn’t simply to make it through the school year.

The goal is growth. The goal is achievement. The goal is excellence.

Fox Family, let’s continue to raise the bar and show the world what Johnakin Middle School is capable of accomplishing.

Lights, Camera, Achievement in Action!

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Principal's Corner Continue

Our goal is to make sure that instruction meets students where they are while challenging them to move forward.

Every student. Every classroom. Every day.

That's the work.

Attendance Matters

Be Here. Be Ready. Be Engaged.

We continue to encourage our students to make attendance a priority.

Each missed day can mean missed instruction, missed practice, missed feedback, and missed opportunities to learn.

Parents, please help us by making sure your child:

- ✓ Attends school consistently
- ✓ Arrives on time
- ✓ Comes prepared to learn
- ✓ Is present for the entire instructional day

When our students are here, they have the opportunity to grow!

JMS Family Celebrations

There is always something to celebrate at Johnakin Middle School!

This week, we recognize:

- 👏 Students who continue to demonstrate growth
- 👏 Students making positive choices
- 👏 Students showing perseverance
- 👏 Teachers who consistently put students first
- 👏 Staff members who step up and support the JMS Family
- 👏 Parents and families who continue to partner with us

Your effort matters. Your consistency matters. Your commitment matters.

Parent Corner

How Can Families Support Achievement at Home?

Encourage your child to read every day.

Review grades and assignments regularly.

Upcoming Events

9/30 Fall Picture Day and Johnakin at Mullins

10/2 National Custodian Day

10/4-10 National Fire Prevention Week

10/6 National Instructional Coach Appreciation Day

10/12 National School Librarian Day

10/14 Report Cards Sent Home

10/16 Boss's Day

10/19-23 National Health Educational Week



Students of the Week

Fox

Jamari Finklea, Tyzeon Ingram, Jy'Crus McCray, Kymari Alford, Eleana Currie, and Carson Lester

Emerging

Carson Rhodes, Skylar Bass, Michael Lloyd-Philliaps, Carter Foxworth, Kennedy McCummings, and Makenzie McCummings

Guidance Corner

Guicance Character Word is: Personal Safety

What is Personal Safety?

Personal Safety is the ability to protect yourself from harm in different environments.

- One way to protect yourself is to ASK someone for Help when you need it.