

Square Peg Memo

January 2021

Elective Teachers: Mrs. Davis, Choir; Mrs. Everett, Art; Mr. Thomas, Physical Education; Mrs. Johnson, 6th grade: Computer Applications, 7th grade PLTW Innovators and Makers (IM), 8th grade PLTW App Creators (AC); Mrs. Perkins, 6th and 7th graders Career Explorations, 8th grade Health; Ms. Talley, NEW BAND DIRECTOR.



Mrs. Johnson, Computers

6th grade Computers:

6th graders have been doing a wonderful job working with Google Docs. They have been learning cut, copy, and paste and have far exceeded my expectations!!! They have also been highlighting their documents. Soon we will be working with formatting such as changing fonts, sizes, text colors, margins, and more.

7th grade PLTW IM:

7th graders have been practicing writing algorithms and creating flowcharts. Soon they will be writing codes and downloading them to their Microbits. They will learn how to find and fix bugs in their codes.

8th grade PLTW AC:

8th graders have been doing tutorials to learn some basic steps for App Creators. We will soon begin the lessons from PLTW where students will create games and learning apps and test them on their tablets while correcting bugs in the codes.

Mr. Thomas, Physical Education



Hello, Wellston Rocket community! Here at Wellston Middle School our Physical Education students have been engaged in regular daily exercise as we begin our final semester of the year. Recently, all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Phys. Ed students have participated in the Fitnessgram PACER test. The FitnessGram PACER Test is a multistage aerobic capacity test that progressively gets more difficult as it continues.

The test is used to measure a student's aerobic capacity as part of the FitnessGram assessment. The test gets quicker as it continues until the student reaches their maximum potential. We will do the PACER 3 times this semester. Once as a Pre-Test, once at Mid-term and once toward the end of the year. Each student has a goal of increasing their PACER score by a certain percentage. It is fun and rewarding to see their hard work pay off and show them how their hard work helps them succeed.

As we get further into the semester we will begin our sport units. We will soon be learning and playing sports such as badminton, volleyball, softball/baseball, basketball, flag football, soccer, floor hockey, and ultimate frisbee. I am looking forward to a great 2nd semester with my students!



Mrs. Everett, Art

In art class, we are focusing on mental wellness and awareness when we create. Projects will have a component of self-reflection in order for students to engage their thoughts and feelings within their artworks. Art is focusing on learning skills, techniques, and emotional wellbeing, with the pandemic causing so much uncertainty.



Mrs. Davis, Choir

This semester we began with a songwriting project in all choirs and general music classes with Mr. Allen, the best music sub in the world! Mrs. Davis had a baby in December, and is back in the classroom Monday, January 25th. The choirs will be planning a spring concert event, along with raising funds for a trip to Kings Island in the spring of 2022! It's not too late to join in on the fun.



Mrs. Perkins, 6th and 7th grade Career Explorations and 8th grade Health.

The 6th and 7th graders work on Ohio Means Jobs. The school is looking at purchasing a new career explorations for this class to be used along with Ohio Means Jobs. The students have their own accounts to access Ohio Means Jobs.

The 8th grade Health classes. They use Apex to complete their health course. This class is all online. Each student has their own log in to their account. It is a self-paced course. They have 7 units to complete. If the student passes the class, he/she will have half a credit for the high school. Students will not have to retake the class at the high school.

NEW BAND DIRECTOR – Wellston City Schools, Welcomes Ms. Emily Talley!



Emily Talley was most recently the Interim Assistant Director of Athletic Bands at Ohio University where she worked extensively with the Marching 110. She received her Bachelors of Science in Education degree from Western Carolina University in 2004, as well as her Masters of Music in

Clarinet Performance in 2013. During her time as an undergraduate she served as a staff coordinator of the “Pride of the Mountains” Marching Band. In 2015, Emily received a Distinguished Educator's Award from Yale University, and attended the Yale Distinguished Educator's Symposium. Her band's at Asheville High School continuously received superior ratings at Music Performance Adjudication Festival, and have performed in Washington, DC, the Bahamas, Disney World, and Waikiki, Hawaii. Emily has participated in the InterHarmony Festival in Arcidosso, Italy and the World Adult Wind Orchestra Project in Schladming, Austria. She is a member of the International Clarinet Association, Sigma Alpha Iota, Women Band Directors International, and the National Association for Music Educators.



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