

HANKINS' HERALD

Our vision is to strive to become the premier school district in the state by growing our tradition of pride through excellence. We exist to give all students hope for a better tomorrow by helping them reach their potential.

Mark your Calendar

Fri., Dec. 20 - PTO **Hat Day** \$1 & Winter **Room Party** 9 AM

Fri., Dec. 20 - **Early Release** at 11:45 AM for **Winter Break**

Mon., Jan. 6 - **Classes Resume** & **PTO Meeting** 6 PM

Sun., Jan. 12 - Public **Tours** of JCHS (1 PM) & CCHS (3 PM)

Jan 13-24 - **iReady** Testing

Wed., Jan. 15 - 2-hour **Early Release** at 12:45 PM & **grade cards** go home

Thurs., Jan. 16 - **Q2 Lion's Club** reward & **Goal Getter's** Party

Tuesday - Library

Wednesday - P.E.

Thursday - Music

Friday - Art

Quote: "Seeing is believing, but sometimes the most real things in the world are the things we can't see." --*The Polar Express*

Teacher Information

The best time to contact me is during my daily planning period from 9:30 - 10:20 AM. Please use the school office phone number at **(573) 659-3175**. You may also send email to:

gina.hankins@jcschools.us



Shout Outs & Reminders

- I am organizing the holiday room party for our class this Friday. It will be an electronics/games & breakfast party. I will make pancakes to order, & students can wear their PJs to school, if they like. They can bring board games from home, as well as, handheld electronic games to include iPads or a DS (no cellphones), but use of the schools's WiFi (for online gaming, etc.) will not be permitted. What you allow your child to bring to school for this party, will be his/her responsibility to care for and keep safe.

- Wishing you and your families a happy Winter Break. I hope you are blessed with rest, relaxation, and the opportunity to make some wonderful new memories. *Please be safe & enjoy!*





Spotlight Student

Jocelyn Contreras

- Favorite Color: Teal
- Favorite Subject: P.E.
- Favorite Food: Pizza
- Favorite Sport: Gymnastics
- Favorite Season: Summer
- Favorite Book: *Mark Twain Award Nominees*
- Favorite Ice Cream: Cookies N' Cream
- In her free time, she likes to do gymnastics.
- Someday she wants to be a veterinarian because she loves to help dogs & cats.



Character Plus Monthly Trait:

Kindness/
Compassionate

Being gentle and thoughtful through actions and word.

- Boys & Girls Basketball schedule this week: FINAL games
Lawson Girls: Tues., 12/17 at Thorpe G 6:45 PM vs. South/TG
Lawson Boys (Jones): Thurs., 12/19 at Belair 5:45 PM vs. Belair
Boys (Young): Thurs., 12/19 at C Hills 5:45 PM vs. Callaway Hills
- *Congratulations* to our Lawson Girls and Boys Basketball Teams & Coaches on another successful season representing our school on the hardwoods!

What's going on in our classroom this week?

Our class has been discussing what it means to have a growth vs. fixed mindset.

Fixed mindset: assume intelligence and other qualities/talents are fixed traits and cannot be developed.
Growth mindset: ... are able to be developed through effort, learning, and dedication over time.

2nd Steps - Lesson II - *Managing Anxiety*

Reading/Writing: Your student has a break over the holiday from completing the weekly reading log, but that said, please still encourage time in a good book. This will only help promote the reading momentum & skills they've been developing this year...*not to mention, achieving the Goal Getter's and/or Q2 Reading Award incentives.* This week we will work on introductions, conclusions, and citing references for our Native American research papers and work on using *context clues* to unlock meaning of unfamiliar words.

Math: This week we are working on dividing decimals with a zero embedded in the dividend and conquering various word problems. I was hoping to complete the unit before the holiday, but it would have been too stressful. We'll review the first few days we're back, and test Wednesday/Thursday of that week.

Social Studies: We complete our unit of "Great Explorers" with the search for the Northwest Passage & some activities using historical maps/timelines.

