

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

Wed., Dec. 11 - Fri., Dec. 13 -
Holiday Shoppe on the stage

Fri., Dec. 13 - Winter **Family Night**

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

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

Mon., Jan. 6 - **Classes Resume**

7:45 AM & **PTO Mtg** 6 PM

Fri., Jan. 10 - 2nd Quarter ends

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

Wed., Jan. 15 - **Early Release**

12:45 PM

Monday & Friday - Music

Tuesday - Art

Wednesday - Library/Tech

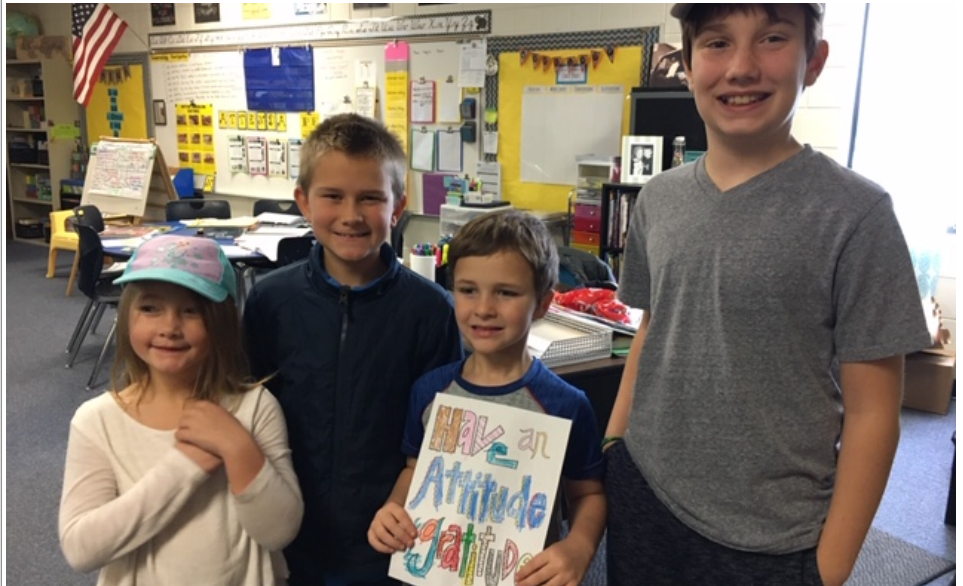
Thursday - P.E.

Quote: *Gratitude* helps us to see
what is there instead of what isn't.
--unknown

Teacher Information

The best time to contact me is
during my daily planning period
from 8:15 - 9:00 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

- Keep in mind the ***Native American Dwelling*** project is due on **Friday, December 13th**. Students may start to bring them in as early as Wednesday, December 11th (next week). Please use as many natural items as possible to create the home & its landscaping. Your student is also responsible for writing a brief project description to include: tribe's name & location, type of home & materials used, and a response about what he/she has learned from this project experience.

- **Second Steps**-*Weekly Social Skills Lesson*: Lesson 2 **Anti-Bullying**





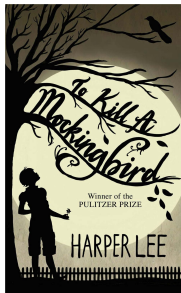
Spotlight Student

Carly Latuszek

- Favorite Color: Gray
- Favorite Subject: Reading
- Favorite Food: Pretzels
- Favorite Sport: Figure Skating



- Favorite Season: Fall
- Favorite Book: *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee
- Favorite Ice Cream: Vanilla



- In her free time, she likes to figure skate or read.
- Someday she wants to be a pediatric physical therapist.

Character Plus Monthly Trait:

Polite

Showing behavior that is respectful and considerate of other people.
 Synonyms: well behaved, courteous, good-mannered, and gracious.

- November **BOOK IT** is due by 12/5...certificates will be emailed to student participant's parents.

- *Basketball Game schedules for this week:*

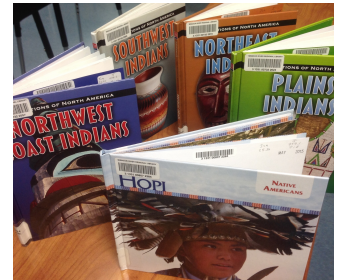
Girls Team: Tues., 12/3 at Pioneer Trail 5:45 PM vs. Moreau H.

Boys Team (Jones): Tues., 12/3 at Lawson 6:45 PM vs. Cedar Hill

Boys Team (Young): *Will play again next Tuesday, 12/10.*

What's going on in our classroom this week?

Reading/Writing: This week students will wrap up conducting research on his/her Native American tribe. We will discuss the need for using "expert" vocabulary when researching & writing factually on a topic. Our writing lessons focus on characteristics of biographies, while our reading lessons center on using context clues to find meanings for difficult vocabulary and using text features & questioning to make connections within nonfiction texts.



Math: Students will spend Monday reviewing for the multiplication of decimals test on Tuesday/Wednesday this week (*it's a long one*). We will complete the online "Show What You Know" exercise and vocabulary builder for the next unit over dividing decimals. Then dig into finding patterns in decimal division and dividing decimals by whole numbers.

Science: We start our unit over the exploration of the geosphere and how it interacts with the hydrosphere.

Social Studies: We will begin reading about the period of Great Exploration by Europeans, which led to the discovery of many new lands, including the United States.

