# 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.-Fri., Dec. 11-13 PTO **Polar Pals Shopping** is open for business

Fri., Dec. 13 - Winter **Family Night** - Polar Express Movie 6-8 PM

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)

Wed., Jan. 15 - Early Release

Monday & Friday - Art

Tuesday - Library

Wednesday - P.E.

Thursday - Music

**Quote:** I am blessed with everything I need. I am working hard toward everything I want. And most of all, I appreciate everything I already have.

#### **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

- **Mid-term grades** for 2nd quarter went home last week. Please return the bottom portion of this (yellow) paper with parent/guardian signature, as soon as possible.
- Keep in mind the *Native American Dwelling* project is due on <u>Friday</u>. Students may start to bring them in as early as Wednesday this week. A shoebox or box lid base can make it a bit easier to transport these to and from school. Don't forget the landscaping is important...things from nature as much as possible. Your student will





#### Lawson Elementary



# **Spotlight Student**

Willie Cox

• Favorite Color: Blue

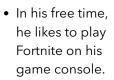
• Favorite Subject: Reading

• Favorite Food: Pizza

• Favorite Season: Summer

 Favorite Book: Percy Jackson series by Rick Riordon

 Favorite Ice Cream: Cookie Dough



 Someday he would like to be a football player.

Character Plus Monthly Trait:

# Kindness/ Compassionate

Being gentle and thoughtful through actions and words. Synonyms: considerate, warmhearted, caring, and understanding. receive a notecard to write the information for his/her class presentation on Tuesday. Please keep in mind that a late project will not receive full credit.

- Don't forget our classroom's **holiday shopping** at the Polar Pals store on the stage is scheduled for Wednesday morning & **The Polar Express** "Winter" Family Night is this Friday from 6-8 PM in the Lawson Gym.
- Boys & Girls Basketball schedule for this week: Lawson Girls: Tues., 12/10 at Lawson 7:45 PM vs. PT Blue Lawson Boys (Young): Tues., 12/10 at C Hills 6:45 PM vs. Belair Boys (Jones): Tues., 12/10 at C Hills 7:45 PM vs. Thorpe Gordon

### What's going on in our classroom this week?

Ask your student about our **Growth Mindset lessons:** We're trying to have positive attitudes about what our abilities are to learn and "grow our minds."

**Reading/Writing:** Students will be organizing their Native American informational piece into paragraphs with a solid main idea and supporting detail sentences. We will work to include an engaging introduction, as well as, a memorable conclusion. We are also listening to some interesting biographies & trying to use context clue strategies for determining definitions of unfamiliar words within an informational text.

**Math:** We will work on lessons this week to divide decimals by a whole number and divide decimals by another decimal. The trick is really about using what we know to determine where the

decimal point should be located in the final quotient.

**Social Studies:** We are enjoying our discovery of "The Age of Exploration," reading and discussing Europeans coming to the Americas, the Aztecs, and the



building of the Spanish Empire.

