

# 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

Tues., Oct. 22 - **5th Grade Performance** of "Get in the Game" 6:30 PM Lawson Gym

Thurs., Oct. 24 - Dental Screenings

Fri., Oct. 25 - End of Quarter; last day for earning **Goal Getter's**

Thurs., Oct. 31 - **Fall Room Party** 1:30 PM; **PJs for \$1** to support "Character Plus"

Fri., Nov. 1 - **Lion's Club** - Character Award for 1st Qtr; **Field Trip** to Runge Nature Center

Mon., Nov. 4 & Thurs., Nov. 7 - **Parent-Teacher Conferences** 3-7PM

Monday & Friday - Art

Tuesday - Library

Wednesday - P.E.

Thursday - Music

**Quote:** "Let your smile change the world, but don't let the world change your smile."  
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## 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](mailto:gina.hankins@jcschools.us)



Lion's Club & the JCPD supplied new Safety Patrol vests this year!

## Shout Outs & Reminders

- Good luck to our 5th graders in their musical performance, "Get in the Game." I've seen their hard work pay off during rehearsals last week. Lawson students and families are in for a real treat this Tuesday night. *Thanks for supporting & encouraging them!*
- Later this week, your student will be bringing home a confirmation form for the date/time of your **Parent/Teacher Conference** scheduled on either Monday, 11/4 or Thursday, 11/7. Please return the lower portion of this form as soon as possible.
- Fri., Oct. 25 will be the last day for passing reading counts quizzes to earn an invitation to the **Goal Getters' Party** for 1st

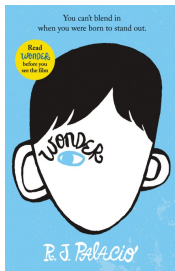




## Spotlight Student

*Madison Smith*

- Favorite Color: Blue
- Favorite Subject: Reading
- Favorite Food: Chicken
- Favorite Sport: Volleyball
- Favorite Season: Fall
- Favorite Book: *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio
- Favorite Ice Cream: Mint
- In her free time, she likes to read.
- Someday she wants to be a teacher.



Character Plus Trait:

### RESPONSIBLE

Being accountable for your own behavior and actions. A responsible learner is trustworthy, dependable, and self-disciplined.

quarter. Students need 40 points, as well as an 80% average.

- Well, fall is officially here and with it, the adjustment to cooler temperatures. Fifth grade has recess at 10:30 & 12:30 each day and weather permitting, spends them outside provided it's above 20 degrees. Please make sure your child is dressed for the season change, so they can comfortably enjoy recess with their friends.

- **2nd Steps:** This year, Lawson is teaching a set of social skills lessons each Monday morning. The *2nd Steps* series helps to promote social awareness, as well as academic success at each grade level. We are currently on *Lesson 6: Accepting Differences*. Each lesson contains short videos centered around different issues that come up in a school setting and provides discussion questions to get us talking about how to handle these responsibly & respectfully. *You may want to ask your child what they remember from his/her "2nd Steps" lesson each week; it could generate some good conversation at home, too.*

- **Final Lawson softball game this week:**

Softball - Monday, 10/21 5:45PM at Washington Park vs. North  
Football - *Congratulations on a successful season, gentleman!*

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

**Reading/Writing:** We will practice the **RACE** strategy (restate, answer, cite, & evidence) when trying to provide text evidence to support conclusions and inferences. We will also work on determining theme, as well as analyzing characters. We are drafting our personal narratives this week, trying to keep our audience/purpose in mind, while including transitional words & phrases. Students will also begin working on the digital platform with *Words Their Way* for spelling. *(Trust me when I tell you, there's going to be quite a learning curve for their teacher.)*

**Math:** We start **Unit 3** over **Division of Whole Numbers**.

We will use a popular strategy called the "grid/box method" which really seems to help students feeling a bit overwhelmed by division. We will divide by single digit and 2-digit divisors this week.

**Science:** We will continue to focus our studies on the *States of Matter*. We performed some experiments last week exploring the concepts of measuring mass & volume. This week we will model the particles of matter, discussing how they are structured & organized.