

# 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

Thurs., Oct. 31 - **Fall Room Party**  
1:25 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**  
3-7 PM

Thurs., Nov. 7 - **Library Field Trip**  
students who read 5 Mark Twains,  
author visit with Dusti Bowling  
12:30-2:15 PM

Fri., Nov. 8 - Safety Patrol **Hayride**  
Binder Lake Pavilion 5:30-7:30 PM

Mon., Nov. 11 - **PTO Mtg** 6 PM

Monday & Friday - Library/Tech  
Tuesday - P.E.

Wednesday - Music

Thursday - Art

**Quote:** Go the extra mile; it's  
never crowded. ---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](mailto:gina.hankins@jcschools.us)**



## Shout Outs & Reminders

- Congratulations to our 5th grade class on their performance of "Get in the Game." The students did a fabulous job! Thanks so much to our friends and families for coming to watch the show.
- Looking forward to visiting about your child's progress and grade card when I see you at **Parent/Teacher Conferences** on Monday or Thursday evening of next week. The Fall Fundraiser items will also be available for pick-up in the gym on Monday, 11/4 from 3:00--7:00 PM.
- Congratulations to our Lawson football and softball teams for successfully representing our school during the fall season.





## Spotlight Student

*Emrie Gruenberg*

- Favorite Color: Yellow
- Favorite Subject: Reading
- Favorite Food: Blueberries
- Favorite Sport: Running
- Favorite Season: Spring
- Favorite Book: Any book written by Rick Riordan
- Favorite Ice Cream: Tiger Tracks
- In her free time, she likes to read and play on her tablet.
- Someday she wants to be a baker.



Character Plus Monthly Trait:

### RESPONSIBLE

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

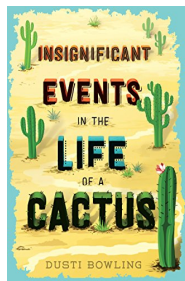
I know several students have begun to practice basketball. Games begin for the Lawson girls' team on Tuesday, November 5.



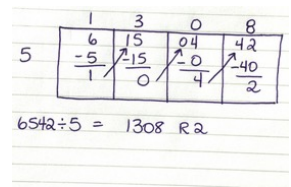
• Congrats to all of our first quarter classmates that made **Goal Getter's** by quizzing on 40 points-worth of books while maintaining at least an 80% average: *Atlas, Severus, Danette, Willie, Anthony, Emrie, Carson, William, Vito, Natalie, & Alex.* They will enjoy a party in their honor on Friday from 9:15-10:15.

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

**Reading/Writing:** We started a new classroom read-aloud this week (*Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus* by Dusti Bowling); a Mark Twain award nominee...it was one of my favorite reads from the summer. In our lessons this week, we will be focusing on character analysis & theme. Guided reading groups will also start on some new passages/stories. In writing, we're completing some grammar lessons on pronouns & present tense, while revising our memoirs to take the next step toward publishing.



**Math:** Our division of whole numbers adventure continues with 2-digit divisors. The class seems to have really taken to the grid/box method of long division. I'm excited about their ability to remember the steps (D-divide, M-multiply, S-Subtract, C-Check, & B-Bring Down), plus they know how to use the inverse operation to check the accuracy of their answer. This week, we will also cover how to handle fractional remainders.



The Grid Method for Long Division

**Science:** We will explore solubility of solutions, and what heat energy does for the dissolving process. Next we will cover mixtures & solutions, to include homogeneous solutions and heterogeneous mixtures, as well as, colloids.



We will complete our annual "Pumpkinology" project on Thursday morning with a visit by JCPD in the afternoon along with our Fall Party planned by Jennifer Berry. I can't wait, even if the weather is not cooperating much this week!