

# HANKINS' HERALD

Our vision is to strive to become the premier school district in the state. Our mission is to create a safe & respectful learning environment that gives all students hope for a better tomorrow by helping them reach their potential.

## Mark your Calendar

Mon., Sept. 23 - Vision Screenings begin this week

Sept. 24 & 25 - **Donuts with Grown-Ups** 7:30-8:30 AM; Tues. K, 2, 4 - Wed. 1, 3, 5

Mon., Sept. 30 - 5th grade **Outdoor Day** at Binder Lake

Mon., Oct. 7 - **PTO** Mtg 6 PM

Thurs., Oct. 10 - Recording the **Daily Pledge** for KOMU Ch. 8

Tues., Oct 15 - School **Picture Day**

Monday & Friday - Art

Tuesday - Library/Technology

Wednesday - P.E.

Thursday - Music

**Friday mid-terms go home!**

**Quote:** *Life is like a game of tennis; the player who serves well seldom loses.*  
---author unknown

## 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](mailto:gina.hankins@jcschools.us)**



## Shout Outs & Reminders

• Outdoor/Fishing Day at Binder Lake is next Monday! Be sure students are dressed appropriately and well-prepared for a day of fun activities outside. It sounds like it's supposed to be



hot...check that your student has sunscreen and a hat, old shoes, etc. A letter will go home this week with some additional details for chaperones, as well as a reminder on Friday regarding your student's lunch choice for that day.

**Remember:** Students may also purchase live bait that day for \$2.50.





### Spotlight Student

*Landon Helleman*

- Favorite Color: Turquoise
- Favorite Subject: Math
- Favorite Food: Biscuits n' Gravy
- Favorite Sport: Football
- Favorite Season: Summer
- Favorite Book: *Big Nate* by Lincoln Pierce
- Favorite Ice Cream: Cookies N' Cream
- In his free time, he likes to play sports.
- Someday he would like to be a paramedic.



Character Plus Monthly Trait:

### RESPECT

Treating others the way you want to be treated. It means valuing each others points of view and being polite and kind even when no one is looking.

• Mid-term grades will go home this week! Please discuss these with your child, sign, & return the bottom portion of the report with any comments you may have as soon as possible. I will also attach your student's beginning-of-year iReady test and Reading Counts reports.



• *Looking forward to seeing parents and special friends come out on Tuesday/Wednesday for "Donuts with Grownups." Don't forget to stop by our classroom to participate in a vocabulary-focus activity and leave with a free parting gift to help support your fifth grader's learning.*

• Lawson football and softball games this week:  
The ladies played softball last night against Thorpe Gordon.  
**Football** - 9/24 at 6:45 Williams/Binder Park vs M Heights



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

**Reading/Writing:** This week we will be introduced to our guided reading groups, cover lessons on story elements, and discuss what makes good fiction. We will also reflect on ourselves as readers and set new goals to improve & challenge ourselves this year. In writing, we'll finish publishing our first narrative writing pieces, complete with an author's note.

**Math:** We finish our last lesson over finding patterns in decimals, then review for the Unit 1 test on Wednesday. Be looking for a review packet to come home on Tuesday night of this week to help your student prepare. The test will be over place value from billions to thousandths, comparing/ordering & rounding, as well as adding and subtracting decimals. Our next unit will begin later this week over multiplication & expressions.

**Social Studies:** Students did well on their first quizzes over the Northeast & Southeast states. We are learning about where they live in the Midwest region this week with a quiz on Wednesday, then it will be on to the southwest states. Below are a few websites your child may like to use at home to prepare for upcoming quizzes and the final 50 states test:

<http://online.seterra.net/en/vgp/3003>

Tour the State's - Official Music Video on YouTube.(available on the Links from the Lawson 5th grade website)