



# Kennedy Middle School

## September 2023 Sixth Grade Newsletter

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year. We are off to a great start in 6th grade at Kennedy. This is your September Newsletter to give a brief introduction to our 6th grade teams and important news and events for this month.

<b>6th grade Admin Team</b>  Mrs. McCain 6th Grade Dean of Students <a href="mailto:nekeatag.purdue@cms.k12.nc.us">nekeatag.purdue@cms.k12.nc.us</a>  Ms. Chatmon 6th Grade School Counselor <a href="mailto:samaiyahm.chatmon@cms.k12.nc.us">samaiyahm.chatmon@cms.k12.nc.us</a>	<b>6th Grade Class Schedule</b>		<b>Noteworthy Dates</b>
	8:45 - 9:15 Homeroom 9:15 - 10:45 1st Block 10:45 - 11:05 SEL 11:08 - 1:05 2nd Block 12:05 - 12:50 6th Grade Lunch by team 1:08 - 2:32 3rd Block 2:35 - 4:05 Electives (A/B day)	9/4 No School-Labor Day Week of 9/4 Chromebook Distribution 9/14-9/15 Reading MAP Test 9/18-9/19 Math MAP Test 9/20 Early Release (1:15) 9/25 No School-Teacher Workday	

### Meet your 6th Grade Teams:

#### Charlotte 49ers (Inside)

Ms. McNeirney-ELA  
 Ms. Trice-ELA  
 Mr. Solorzano-Math  
 Mr. Keady-Math  
 Ms. Saliba-Science  
 Mr. Isgrigg-Social Studies

#### Tar Heels (Mobiles)

Ms. Lilley-ELA  
 Ms. Angelou-ELA  
 Ms. Campbell-Math  
 Ms. Day-Math  
 Mr. Taylor-Science  
 Ms. Spontak-ELA & Math Support  
 Ms. Glover-ELA Support  
 Ms. Mills-Student Teacher  
 Social Studies filled this month

Chromebook Distribution begins this week for the students that have returned their signed technology agreement to their homeroom teacher.



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## News By Content Area:

### ELA: (Angelou, Lilley, McNeirney & Trice)

In ELA this month, students will work through module 1 of EL Curriculum. This module focuses on Greek Mythology and students will read the novel *Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief* as well as several companion texts exploring different mythical characters. Some concepts we will investigate during this module are figurative language, point of view, and vocabulary.

### Math: (Campbell and Solorzano)

Welcome to the 2023-24 school year. Math students have been doing a great job getting used to routines and they are eager to learn. We will begin Unit 1 on Tuesday, September 5. The focus of our first unit is Area and Surface Area. We will begin with a brief review of basic area and then start to develop and use formulas for new shapes to be introduced in this unit which will include triangles and trapezoids. This unit will also introduce surface area which will be a brand-new topic for our 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Students will get their first homework assignment on Tuesday. Homework will be given at the beginning of each week and will be due on Friday. We hope everyone had a restful summer and we look forward to partnering with you this school year.

### Honors Math (Day and Keady):

We have begun Unit 1 of study covering Fraction Division and Base Ten Arithmetic. Daily work is completed in workbooks that will stay in the classroom. Students will have homework weekly that they receive at the beginning of the week and will be due on Fridays. Mid and end unit assessment dates are communicated to students in a timely manner. Please feel free to reach out with questions or concerns. An online version of our workbook can be found at <https://openupresources.org>. PowerSchool is updated regularly to stay apprised of your student's progress.

### Science: (Saliba and Taylor)

In science we are starting with what we call "Unit Zero." We spent the first 2 weeks learning about the expectations of the class, lab safety, and the steps of the Scientific Method. We also conducted a lab where the students applied the steps of the Scientific Method to predict which color of M&M is the most common. We will spend the rest of the month of September in our first unit: matter.

### Social Studies: (Isgrigg)

The Social Studies team wants to welcome you to Kennedy Middle School. Students are getting to know each other in class as we kick off our first unit of study titled "Social Studies 101 and Early Humans". We are Learning how we will be exploring and learning about Social Studies this year. It is a compilation of map skills, primary and secondary sources, continents and oceans, and vocabulary. To ensure success this year please check PowerSchool for students' grades and missing work. We look forward to a great year!



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## REMINDERS:

- We are a uniform school. Navy or khaki (not black) pants and navy or white collared shirts are required. No slides or slippers allowed. Thank you for your help and support.
- Please help your student remember to charge and bring their chromebook to school daily, once issued.
- Cell phones must be turned off and put away. If a cell phone is found in use, it will be turned in to the office for later pickup. If a student becomes a repeat offender, that cell phone will require parent pickup from the office.
- Hoodies should not be worn inside the school building. It is a safety concern if hoods are worn inside the school building.
- We love to recognize positive behaviors by nominating Students of the Month as well as issuing WOW cards that can earn students prizes in Friday drawings. Any donations of sweets or treats for the Friday drawings would be greatly appreciated!
- Online incentive trackers promote and recognize positive behaviors throughout Kennedy Middle School. We have a shared and consistent plan for ALL students. It gives students a chance to change behaviors that earn demerits. Students may receive demerits on the incentive tracker for a variety of reasons (Tardy, Disrespect, Disengaged and Forbidden Items). Students will also have the opportunity to fix mistakes with a Redemption Card. Redemption Cards can be given by homeroom teachers which will track a student's behavior for a day to remove a demerit. A low number of demerits will earn students the entry to an incentive reward at the end of the four-week period.
- Students are issued a monthly bathroom pass for emergency restroom use. Students must keep track of this bathroom pass. (These passes are in addition to students having the ability daily to use the bathroom during homeroom, lunch, and elective periods.)
- Please don't hesitate to contact teachers using ParentSquare or email with any questions or concerns.

We look forward to a wonderful and successful school year.

