

DODGE CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Growing Stronger Together in 2016 - 2017

SIXTH GRADE RELATIONSHIP BUILDING

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL AUGUST 17, 2016

Dodge City Middle School has five top things we believe and one of those beliefs is about caring. This year, as a part of our back to school events 6th grade students will spend most of the first day of school building relationships with their advisory teacher.

As a school we realize the first day of middle school can be a very stressful transition for 6th grade students. We also know if students feel that we value them as individuals and care for them, they adjust to a new school setting more readily. So it just makes sense to spend a day developing positive relationships with students, especially if they are in transition from one school to another.

During the morning session students will first meet in the North Gym at 8:05 as we group them into their teams by advisory teachers. They will be greeted by their advisory teacher and taken to their advisor class where they will secure their belongings for the day. At 8:30 they will meet in the auditorium with Mr. King where he will make his "You Matter" presentation. Shortly after the presentation students will attend three sessions where they will setup their iPads, get to know their daily schedule, and attend electives.

After 6th grade students attend lunch they will be guided in several relationship building activities led by Mr. Joe Coles. Mr. Coles is very passionate about working with students and teachers, helping them become better students and leaders in their schools. Mr. Coles will spend the entire afternoon with our students and teacher guiding them through many activities to help our 6th grade students to get to know one another. Getting to know the teacher is very important but since our students come from three different feeder schools they may or may not know their classmates. The building relationship activities are a perfect way for our students to build strong and lasting relationships with classmates. We are inviting parents to also attend any and all events on the first day of school. The schedule for the day has been posted below.

MORNING SCHEDULE

GROUP STUDENTS INTO ADVISORY AND TEAMS (NORTH GYM)8:05-8:15

STUDENTS REPORT WITH ADVISORY TEACHER TO ADVISORY CLASS8:15-8:50

- Claim locker and put up materials

SHORT ASSEMBLY IN AUDITORIUM PRINCIPAL WELCOME.....8:50-9:20

- You Matter Presentation (Parents Invited)

ADVISORY BREAK OUT SESSION ONE9:20- 9:40

- [iPad Classroom Expectations School Website](#)

ADVISORY BREAK OUT SESSION TWO.....9:42 – 10:10

- **SPARTANS** Getting to Know Your School
 - Entering the building in the morning
 - Rest Room breaks and locations
 - Lunch Room procedures including where to put iPad/Binder and going through the line/Lunch ID number
 - PE Uniforms, where should they be stored
 - Proper etiquette for changing classes (line up against the wall, wait until the other class leaves, then enter)
 - Procedures for seeing the counselor/nurse
 - [Picking up and dropping off students](#)
- **OLYMPIANS** Getting to Know Your Schedule
 - Have students use the map to locate all classrooms – [DCMS MAP](#)
 - Tour building with your advisory class and answer questions.

ADVISORY BREAK OUT SESSION THREE10:12 – 10:42

- **SPARTANS** Getting to Know Your Schedule Spartans
 - Have students use the map to locate all classrooms – [DCMS MAP](#)
 - Tour building with your advisory class and answer questions. Teams can determine when they take a tour so both teams are NOT in the halls at the same time.
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ATTEND ELECTIVES:.....10:45 -12:12

- Students Attend Elective Classes

6TH GRADE TEACHERS JOINT TEAM IN-SERVICE:10:45 -11:27

- 6th Grade Teacher In-service with Anne & Joe
- Planning Afternoon Sessions

6TH GRADE INDIVIDUAL TEACHER PLANNING TIME11:30 -12:12

6TH GRADE LUNCH12:15 -12:57

- Olympian Lunch Rotation A12:15 – 12:45
- Olympian Extension12:45 -12:57
- Spartans Extension.....12:15 – 12:27
- Spartans Lunch Rotation B12:27 - 12:57

AFTERNOON SCHEDULE

RELATIONSHIP BUILDING BREAK OUT SESSIONS WITH ANNE & JOE1:00- 3:00

- Get into advisory groups.....1:00-1:10
- Get Acquainted Activity1:10-1:25
 - Name Tag (Index Card)- rumor- Stay in advisory groups

- Get into 2 teams per advisory group1:25 -1:40
 1. What did you get out of this activity?
 2. Did anyone tell you something that you did not mention this morning?
 3. How do we get kids to step out of their comfort zone and meet others?

- Discuss what is going on for the day!1:40- 2:50
 - a. Habits
 - b. Gold Sheets
 - c. Restroom
 - d. Tech Free

- We Both Activities.....1:50- 2:10
 - Group Work and Questions

GROUPS PROCESS ACTIVITY (2 DIFFERENT TEAMS PER ADVISORY TEAM)2:10- 2:25

1. Where does empathy play into this activity?
2. Ways to get kids involved in getting to really know one another.
3. Positive notes

GRIT- VIDEO2:30- 2:55

1. What is grit?
2. How does grit play into our daily lives?
3. Where does a mindset play into grit?
4. Positive notes

Where do we go from here?.....2:55- 3:00

GETTING TO ADVISORY & PREPARING FOR END OF DAY3:00- 3:15