

# Summit Middle School Newsletter

March 2021

## Message from the Principal

Dear Summit Families:

It is hard to believe we are approaching Spring Break at Summit MS. We are currently making final preparations to record our first ever virtual spring play. We will distribute the final edited product the week after Spring Break in the form of a YouTube link. The actors, crew, and director have been working diligently each day after school to put this production together.

A reminder to 6th grade online Digital Dragons. Art is a required class for 6th grade students. Multiple email reminders and newsletter reminders have been sent to encourage your work on this course. It is an exceptional online product and there is still plenty of time to complete the course. If you have questions regarding this course or obtaining the necessary materials from the school, please contact Janice Arthur ( [janice.arthur@johnston.k12.ia.us](mailto:janice.arthur@johnston.k12.ia.us) ).

Our Math Counts team recently had a very successful showing at their annual competition. Thank you to Steve Skinner and Linda Lewis for sponsoring this effort. Hyperstream Club (Jeff Motz) is also in full swing, and our Spanish Club (Jilian Meyer) and Environmental Club (Kylie Templeton) are still looking for additional members. Please email the sponsors if you are interested in participating.

Finally, The Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) test and Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP) tests will be administered in April and May respectively. It is more important than ever that we get accurate data for each student to fully understand how to meet their learning needs. Please encourage your students to finish the year strong and give their best effort on these assessments. These are two data points that we use to make future educational decisions for our students.

Enjoy the upcoming warm weather. We all deserve it after February.

## Counselor Corner

The March counselor lesson focuses on See Something, Say Something. The purpose of this lesson is to teach students warning signs of violence, empowers students to act immediately to take it seriously and encourages them to share information with a trusted adult.

<https://www.sandyhookpromise.org/> is a helpful resource with lots of information for educators and parents pertaining to this topic.



The Summit Culture Committee researched notable people and places in Black History. Committee members shared their research with the school by creating a google slide with information which was displayed throughout our school on the televisions in our hallways and communities. Students were able to learn about a new person or place each day during the month of March. The next Summit Culture Committee meeting is Thursday, March 4th at 7:35am in the Library/Media Center.



## Summit Health Office


Please continue to monitor your child for symptoms of illness. Keep your child home if he/she does not feel well. Notify Summit if someone in your household is going to be tested for Covid, or if there is a positive Covid case in your home.

**6th grade parents,** If your 6th grade student has not had the Tdap and Meningitis vaccines, please consider scheduling this while students are working online. Both of these vaccines are required by the first day of 7th grade.

Below is a quarantine calculator that is helpful for families if the need arises.



quarantine-calculator.pdf

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2.5 MB

## Important Dates to Remember

### March 3rd

Dismissal at 11:50

### March 10th

Dismissal at 11:50



### **March 12 - 19**

No School - Spring Break

### **March 24th**

Dismissal at 11:50

### **March 31st**

Dismissal at 11:50

## Community Education Programs

Community Education is offering numerous swim programs to keep members of the family active. You can find our programs by clicking the link below!

[https://johnston.ce.eleyo.com/search?redirected\\_yet=true&sf%5Bcategory%5D=68](https://johnston.ce.eleyo.com/search?redirected_yet=true&sf%5Bcategory%5D=68)



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