

Summit Middle School Newsletter

September 2021

Message from the Principal

Dear Summit Families:

School is in full swing at Summit MS! As we begin the year, I want to remind you of a few things:

Parent Pick up/drop off

- Please use the pick up/drop off loop in front of our building.
- Do not use the middle parking lot during pick up/drop off students.
- Do not park on Windsor Parkway to pick up or drop off students.

These rules are for the safety of students and the efficiency of the process each arrival and dismissal time.

SOAR

Our SOAR expectations are designed to clearly describe behavioral expectations for students and teachers:

- **S**afe at Summit
- **O**n time
- **A**lways respectful
- **R**esponsible with technology

During the first week, I visited all forty base-camps (homerooms) and shared these expectations in a fun but firm way.

Leader in Me

Leader in Me is a program used in elementary and middle schools to promote student leadership in all aspects of education. Detailed information regarding this program can be found at www.leaderinme.com. The program is based on the Seven Habits of Highly Effective People. Students will experience the following outcomes:

- Student lessons around the seven habits

- A student leadership team that leads building level activities
- Increased leadership activities in communities and classrooms
- Additional student lead clubs and activities

I sincerely hope the start of the school year has been a positive experience for your student. The staff felt we had a very positive first week. Thank you for sending us your students each day.

Chris Billings
Summit Principal

Counselor Corner

Hello Summit Families!

The school counseling team would like to welcome you to the 2021-2022 school year! As your student's school counselors at Summit Middle School, our counseling goals are to work with you and your child to ensure a successful middle school experience.



The various contacts with your child will include individual conferences and monthly counselor lessons during the course of the school year. Students may request to visit with their counselor by submitting a confidential counselor referral form using their iPads, sending an email or just stopping by and making an appointment.

School Counselors also help children by...

- Promoting positive attitudes among students towards self, family, peers, and community.
- Assisting students in learning how school performance relates to future opportunities.
- Developing and delivering classroom guidance lessons that teach skills, such as health decision making, resolving conflicts, and respecting others.
- Working collaboratively with students, parents, and teachers to identify and remove barriers to learning.
- Supporting students by teaching skills for achieving success.
- Helping students recognize and make the best of their abilities.
- Counseling with students individually and in groups.
- Providing support during personal crisis.
- Orienting new students.

How and Why do Parents Contact the School Counselor?

- Concerns over student achievement
- Family health problems
- New school orientation
- Discussing special needs of their child
- Early discussion of potential crisis
- Family difficulties or concerns that affect school performance
- Social and/or emotional concerns about their student

Below is a contact list of our counseling staff and student assignments:

Lauren Heston, 6th Grade: lauren.gallo-heston@johnston.k12.ia.us

Shannon Brock, 7th Grade: shannon.brock@johnston.k12.ia.us

COMING TO SUMMIT: GARDEN CLUB!!

Be on the lookout in announcements at the start of the year for the opportunity to learn more about our group and for the link to sign up if your student would like to participate! This opportunity is open to all sixth and seventh graders.



Summit PTO Fundraiser!

The Third Annual UN-FUNDRAISER

The Summit PTO is kicking off the third year of the UN-FUNDRAISER, which is a direct ask for funds. This replaces the magazine sales held in years past. There are multiple benefits to this approach including a higher percentage of funds going directly to the school and less work on behalf of our families.

- **No** walking door-to-door to sell stuff to your neighbors.
- **No** time required to upload emails.
- **No** postcards to mail to your family.

How are the dollars used? Due to the pandemic, our PTO funds were somewhat depleted. We plan to use fundraiser dollars for teacher classroom grants, the community day service project, student recognition, and teacher appreciation.

Last year, our fundraiser dollars were used to replace 3D printers that suffered wear and tear associated with printing PPE for hospitals and other organizations in need of face shields. Over 400 pieces of PPE were printed. [Click here for KCCI news story.](#)

Here are some examples of what we will use funds for this year:

- Teacher Grants: Purchasing the teen choice award winning books for each language arts classroom and the library.
- Community Day: Funding a Meals from the Heartland/Johnston Partnership service project for our students.
- Student Recognition: Funding celebrations for students who participate in activities like Math Counts Competitions.
- Teacher Recognition: Purchasing retirement plaques to place in the entry area that recognize decades of service to our students and the district.

Is there any fun? Absolutely! As we meet these totals, the students (and parents) will be able to celebrate:

- \$5,000 Silly String the Principals
- \$10,000 Administration and Teachers will Perform a TikTok Dance for Each Lunch
- \$15,000 Dunk Tank for Selected Staff

Celebrations will be held during each lunch. The big kick off for the kids will be on September 13th with the end of the campaign on October 8th.

Thank you for supporting Summit Middle School this year!
Summit PTO & Chris Billings, Principal



Important Dates to Remember

September 1st

Picture Day

Dismissal at 1:50

September 6th

No School

September 7th

Summit PTO Meeting

7pm via Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/96939369456>

September 8th

Dismissal at 1:50

September 15th

Dismissal at 1:50

September 22nd

Dismissal at 1:50

September 29th

Dismissal at 1:50



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JCE - Summer Pool Fall Activities

Here is some information to pass along for the month of September, I have included our pool calendar

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Open/lap swim and private lessons have started. Those interested in lap swim during the school day will need to reach out to Breonnhia.bailey@johnston.k12.ia.us , so I can let them in the building. Private lessons can be found on our website.

Registration is now open for our Intro to competitive swim I and II classes. Those classes are for level 4 and up swimmers that are looking to improve their skills and stay active.

We are also offering Masters Swim. Times may vary during the school year but it is geared towards Adults, ranging from beginner to expert, looking to train or just get in a great workout, led by a coach. If you are training for an Ironman, this class will be a great fit for you!

Blaze swim team is open for registration year round- and kiddos looking for the next level of swimming are encouraged to join! Contact ----- for tryout information. Registration can be found on this website: <https://www.teamunify.com/team/iajbcs/page/home>

Lastly, we are hiring for Swim instructors and Asst. Coaches, anyone interested please scan the QR code in the attached document for the applications.



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