

6th Grade Quarterly Newsletter

“Whatever it Takes”



A New School Year Begins

From everyone on the 6th Grade Team, we want to say, “Welcome!” to your first year of middle school.

We are excited to start this new school year with you! We think sixth grade is the best year of middle school (though we may be a little biased), and are working hard to make sure you have a lot of fun while learning every day. We've included important info and great tips in this newsletter to help you feel comfortable and successful as the year begins. Welcome to our family!

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DRESS CODE

Always dress in khaki bottoms and solid navy or white tops.

2

CELL PHONES & BACKPACKS

Must remain in your locker at all times.

3

ATTENDANCE

Be on time, everyday. School starts at 7:20. First bell rings at 7:10.



Spirit Wear

Order online
<https://goo.gl/UPjHwS>



Remind App

Download the Remind App to stay in quick contact with teachers.



Infinite Campus Mobile App

Download the IC Mobile App to keep up-to-date on

Meet the Team

Unlike elementary school, you have many new teachers you'll see everyday. Let's meet them!

Mr. Godlewski

Mr. Godlewski has taught social studies for four years at Juarez. He's passionate about teaching students the importance of social justice and character development.

Mr. Ramo

Mr Ramo is a Spanish teacher who has come to learn about a different educational system and who is going to teach Science in both Spanish and English. He has been in the States since 08/04/2018.

Ms. Sorensen

Ms. Sorensen teaches 6th grade Dual Language Math. She recently graduated from Northern Illinois University this past May with a B.S. in Math Education. This is her first year as a teacher at Juarez. She has a pet turtle named Olive.

Ms. Gliberman

Ms. Gliberman teacher 6th grade General Music, in addition to 7th/8th grade choir and general music. She recently graduated from Case Western Reserve University with a B.S. Music Education and this is her first year in



teaching at MJMS. Her favorite thing to do is perform (classical voice, choir, and musical theatre).

Mrs. Engelkemeir

Madame Engelkemeir teaches 6th, 7th, and 8th grade French. This is her second year at Juarez, and many years teaching! She is super excited and looking forward to bringing District 60 students to Paris, France this Spring Break! Please attend the parent/student meeting September 11 at 6:00 pm in room 164, or contact her for more information! jengelkemeir@wps60.org

Mrs. Fuentes

Mrs. Fuentes teaches 6th, 7th, and 8th grade ELA/ESL. This is her first year at Juarez but her fifth year working in the district. She is very excited to join the Juarez team and help bring great things to Juarez students and their families. When she's not teaching,

NEED TO GET A HOLD OF US?

All teachers can be reached during the school day by email or phone. Go to our school website at www.juarez.wps60.org to locate our email addresses or call the main office at 224-303-2660 to reach us by phone. Most 6th grade teachers use the Remind text message system to communicate with parents and students. Check out the next page to see who's using Remind and find signup info!



Mrs. Fuentes is busy being a mom to her own four kids. Her favorite phrase is... "¡échale ganas!"

You can also sign up for Remind using your email address. Visit remind.com/join and find your class using the codes above!

Ms. LaScola

Ms. LaScola teaches 6th Grade Flex ELA. I have been in the district for many years. I have twin grandsons, and a Great Dane named Lovie. (Go Bears!) I also teach classes at CLC.

Mrs. Ballesteros

Mrs. Ballesteros teaches 6th Grade SLA and ELA. This is my 5th year at Miguel Juarez. I am also excited to teach 6th graders again. I have 4 grown up children.

Mrs. Mantuano

Mrs. Mantuano teaches 6th grade Math Intervention. This is my 4th year at Miguel Juarez and I'm so excited to see the students grow this year. I start everyday with a coffee and LOVE the Green Bay Packers... Go Pack Go!



Download the Remind App for iOS and Android or visit the website remind.com to sign up!

To sign up without the App, text the class code to 810-10. Every code begins with "@"



Chromebook night will be held on Wednesday, October 17. There will be two

informational presentations on Chromebook policy and use.

One will be at 5pm, the other will be at 6pm. After each presentation, students and family members will have time to ask questions, and they will have time to practice logging into Infinite Campus and Google Classroom. Families should plan on attending only one session.



October 8, 2018

Columbus Day

October 9, 2018

District Institute Day Trip

October: TBD

Richardson's Farm Field

October 17, 2018 *Chromebook night will be held on Wednesday, Night from 5:00-7:00pm.*

October 25, 2018

Ryerson Woods Field Trip

October 26, 2018

End of Quarter 1

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Mrs. Jackson

Mrs. Jackson teaches 6, 7, 8 Art. I am starting my 19th year here at Juarez. I have seen lots of creativity with the 6th graders so far and excited to meet all of them by the end of the year.

Mr. Binder

This is Mr. Binder 3rd year teaching and 1st year at Juarez. I teach PE, Health and

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Always prioritize your assignments to make sure your work is done on time

2

Find a dedicated, quiet study space at home or the library

3

Create blocks of study time. For example, 4-5 P.M. is dedicated HW time

4

Schedule your sports or play activities after homework is done

5

Use helpful resources online, at the library, or from your teacher like Remind texts

6

Join a study group at the Waukegan Public Library M-R 5:30-7:30 P.M.

Adapted PE in addition to coaching high school wrestling and baseball. You can find me fishing at Waukegan Harbor in October.

Ms. Andrekus

Ms. Andrekus is a PE Teacher here at MJMS. She teaches 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. Outside of school, she can be found taking care of her two dogs or Kayaking on the lake. counseling. In her free time, she loves going to the movies, being outdoors, and playing with her dog.

Ms. Boisvert

Ms. Boisvert is a PE and Health teacher. She teaches 6th, 7th, and 8th grade. When she isn't in the gym, she is usually at the movie theatre or watching her cubbies.

Ms. Carey

Ms. Carey teaches 6th grade math intervention and FLEX Math. This is my 5th year at Miguel Juarez. I enjoy playing volleyball outside of school and also a coach here at Juarez. Sunsets, Family, and sports are some of my favorite things.

Ms. Milligan

Ms. Milligan co-teaches 6th and 7th grade Core and FLEX math this year. This is her 2nd year at Juarez. When not at school, she enjoys reading and spending time with her niece, Wyatt!

Mrs. Kurzawski

Mrs. Kurzawski teaches 6th grade Dual Language ELA and Flex ELA. This is her 6th year teaching English Language Arts at Juarez. Some of her favorite activities are coaching

and playing sports, baking, and hanging out with her dog Payton.

Ms. Nixon

Ms. Nixon co-teaches 6th grade ELA Core

with her dog Payton.

Ms. Lopez

Ms. Lopez teaches 6th, 7th and 8th grade Spanish. This is her first year at Juarez but her 33rd year teaching in Waukegan. In her free time she likes to read, travel and spend time with her grandchildren.

Mr Rohlwing

Mr Rohlwing has taught at MJMS for 13 years. He has mainly been focused on Math and is excited to be teaching ELA this year. When I am not teaching, I am spending time with my three children and relaxing with my movies and comics.

Mr.Kirkeeng

Mr.Kirkeeng believes in education and has three masters degrees. He loves his wife, Gail, son Nate, and my dog, Bentley. I have been teaching and coaching for 12 years and really like the climate and culture at Juarez.

Mrs.Philip

Mrs.Philip has been a counselor for 5 years. She is on her 6th year at Juarez. When she is not at school she loves to watch movies, workout, read, travel, and spend time with her son.

Mr.Frichtl

This is Mr.Frichtl 27th year in education. I am married and have a 7 year-old son. I love to play Minecraft, camp, and program the computer.

Mr. Gartzman

Mr. Gartzman has been teaching in Waukegan for 12 years, these past two in the STEM technology lab. Mr. Gartzman has been married 27 years and has a son who is a senior at Evanston Township High School. His favorite sports to play are tennis, golf and hockey. Next summer he is going to France. You should go too! Talk to Ms. Engelkemeir.

Ms.Nixon co-teaches in 6th grade ELA-Core/Flex. She also co-teaches in 7th grade SocialStudies and Science. She has a love for working with young people. Not only does she want to motivate them through learning but to empower the voices of young people.

Ms. Musika

Ms. Musika teaches 6th grade Core and Flex math. This is her 10th year teaching in District 60, but she has been teaching for over 20 years. She has two Labrador Retrievers, Shadow and Beau, who she loves playing with and taking for long walks. She also loves music, seeing bands, and was a DJ at her college radio station.



Time Management

Time management is a **thinking skill** that helps you **prioritize** tasks and **judge** the amount of time you need to complete them. Here are some tips to help you manage your study time, so you can be successful this year!

“The beginning is the most important part of the work.” - Plato

The Greek philosopher Plato was right. As you move on to 7th and 8th grade, many of your academic successes and challenges will be a result of your experiences in 6th grade. Your first year of middle school is very important for this reason. During 6th grade,

your teachers and parents will help you improve valuable school and life skills. Remember how your teacher would walk you

Remember how your teacher would walk you to lunch or PE in elementary school? Well, now you're responsible for finding your own way to each class (and you only have two minutes!), so improving your time management and organization skills is really important. If you can perfect these skills (and others) in 6th grade, you will never have to worry about being late to class in 7th or 8th grade!

Sixth grade is all about becoming a more independent and responsible student. It's a big change from elementary school, so your teachers know it might take some time for you to fully adjust, but we know you can! We have very high expectations for you this year, and we promise to always help you do your best. Every teacher is here to support you. You should always talk to a teacher if you have any questions or concerns. We hope you are as eager as we are to begin this new school year!

Sincerely, The 6th Grade Team