

Welcome Back to School PARENT NIGHT

6th Grade Team

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6th Grade Middle School Schedule

Homeroom 8:00-8:20

Study Hall/Spanish/SEL/Math

Intervention Groups 8:20-8:50

Block 1 8:52-9:42

Block 2 9:44-10:34

Block 3 10:36-12:05

Lunch Various Times go with block 3

Electives 12:05-12:40

Block 4 1:30-2:20

Homeroom/Reading Intervention/Study

Hall 2:22-2:50

2:50 Dismissal Begins



Lunch times will be after the 3rd block:

Long: 11:26-11:51

Masters: 11:28-11:54

Rees: 11:32- 11:57

Gilbertsen: 11:35-12:00

No lunch visitors will be permitted.



Attendance

- Students are tardy after 8:15 and will need to get a tardy slip from the office.
- Parents should keep doctor/dental notes/excuses for their own records.
- No Check outs allowed after 2:30 PM.



Supplies

- Students must have supplies everyday.
- IPADS – Please make sure they are **charged** and sent to school.
- Students are expected to be ready each day for classes.
 - Recommended: External Battery Charger/Stylus for writing on their work.

Classroom Technology



- Each student has been assigned an iPad and is responsible for it throughout the school day.
- We expect the iPads to be treated with respect and used appropriately both in and out of school.
- Digital citizenship: All teachers are doing in homeroom class. We believe our students need guidance from parents and teachers in order to be safe and appropriate online.

Absences and Makeup Work

McKeel does not recognize excused absences.

- Absent 1-10 days: Parents should keep doctor/dental notes for their record only. No “excuse” not is necessary unless absences accumulated are 10 or less for the school year.
- Absent 10+ Days: After a student has accumulated more than 10 days of absences, tardies, early checkouts, admin may contact if excessive absences are without cause.

Grading System

- We will be implementing a traditional grading scale this year.
- Grades will be based on pieces of evidence
- (assessments, writing samples, work samples, etc.)

What does my grade mean?

A 90-100

- I understand!
- Neat and complete!
- Excellent effort!

B 80-89

- I mostly understand
- Mostly neat and complete
- Good effort

C 70-79

- I understand some
- Not all complete or neat
- May not be my best effort
- I need to ask more questions

D 60-69

- I understand very little
- May not be complete or neat
- I need more instruction

F 0-59

- I do not understand
- I need to ask for help
- May not be complete or neat

Viewing Grades/Attendance

The image shows a screenshot of the McKeel Academy Central website. On the left is a white navigation menu with the following items: HOME, CONTACT & HOURS, INFORMATION >, POLICIES >, STAFF DIRECTORY, WILDCAT CAFÉ, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, and ← RETURN TO TSMA. A large cyan arrow points from the 'INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY' menu item towards the right. The main content area features a header with the school logo (a stylized 'MA' with a paw print) and the text 'MCKEEL ACADEMY CENTRAL' and 'A high performing charter school serving grades PK-6'. Below the header are two circular icons: one for 'MCKEEL SYSTEMS' (a computer monitor) and one for 'MCKEEL MAIL' (an envelope).

Sign in and follow directions:

McKeel Devices & McKeel Systems



Need to report damages to an iPad or request assistance?
Visit the dedicated help portal McKeel Devices and get help with
iPad's charging port, Meraki, Canvas, IXL, and more.

You will need to sign in with a Parent/Guardian or Student Wildcat Account in order to use McKeel Devices.

**Get help for your iPad & Apps online
with McKeel Devices**

MCKEEL DEVICES

McKeel Systems Tutorials

Checking Grades

Viewing Attendance

Accessing Report Cards

Student Behavior

Community Service Hours

Viewing State Test Scores

Student data is made accessible to our families online through McKeel Systems. Parents & guardians must be granted an account by the primary enrolling parent.

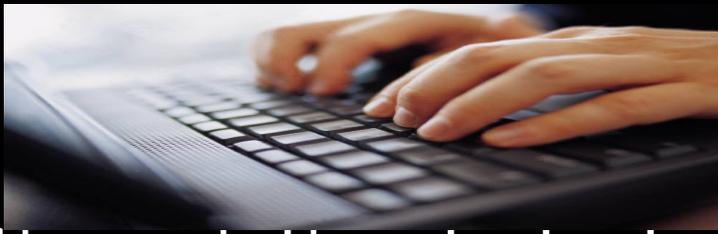
Canvas

- We will be using Canvas as our online platform for classwork assignments, activities, and formatives (quizzes).
- Summatives (tests) will be given on Canvas at the discretion of each teacher at the end of a unit.
- Students will have the opportunity to redo their summative (test) if they choose to. They will have to submit a request to retake the test.



canvas

Canvas



- Parents will login through the student account.
- Each teacher uses Canvas in different ways. Please have your student show you each class and how they are using Canvas in class.
- Canvas is a great place to look for information or assignments. If your child is absent, has missing assignments, or needs additional information please have them look in Canvas on the agenda for each class.
- Please note that just because there is an assignment in Canvas doesn't mean there will be a grade in the gradebook.
- You can set parameters in canvas to receive notifications.



No homework!

At Home Practice: We do not give homework.

Each class is different with assignments, so students may create their own homework if they don't do it in class as assigned.

Recommended:

Read for 25 minutes each day (library books or other books for A/R)



Behavior

- The Student Contract is located in the agenda. Pages 6-7
- Grade Level Wide: Students could receive Incident reports (warning), Minor Infractions (repeated offense), Major Infractions.
- Infractions and Office Referrals will be sent to you electronically.
- Also look for “Paw-sitive” Behavior Referrals, which will also be sent electronically.

Behavior Expectations

- All MAC students are required to follow the behavior expectations listed below:

1. *Follow directions*
2. *Takes responsibility for own actions; demonstrates self-control*
3. *Completes and submits quality classwork*
4. *Listens respectfully and acknowledges the thinking of others*
5. *Displays best effort*
6. *Uses technology in accordance with school policies*

Communication

- **Agendas – if you write in the agenda the student will need to show us.**
- **Email (quickest)***
- **Phone Calls**
- **Conferences – as need basis/will meet with team of teachers**
- ***Let us know if change in transportation***



Teacher Websites & E-mail

Our teacher web pages give our bios and information.

Login/register at www.mckeelcentral.com

The best way to reach us is through email - our planning is at the beginning of each day. PLEASE give us time to respond. It may not be immediate.

Teachers will communicate through email, Remind, phone calls, the agenda, and parent conferences on an as needed basis.



Have you signed up for REMIND?

- SIGN UP FOR
- REMIND TO RECEIVE
- GRADE LEVEL REMINDERS

- TEXT:
- TO:
- MESSAGE:
- @de3747

Dress Code

Students need to obey the dress code each day, including wearing a belt if bottoms have belt loops.

SHIRTS TUCKED IN!

Jackets must be solid navy blue, and please write the child's name on the tag.

Long sleeved shirts worn under polos must be solid white or gray.

Legging colors are solid white, black, or gray – no leg showing. Jeans must be plain and free of rips.

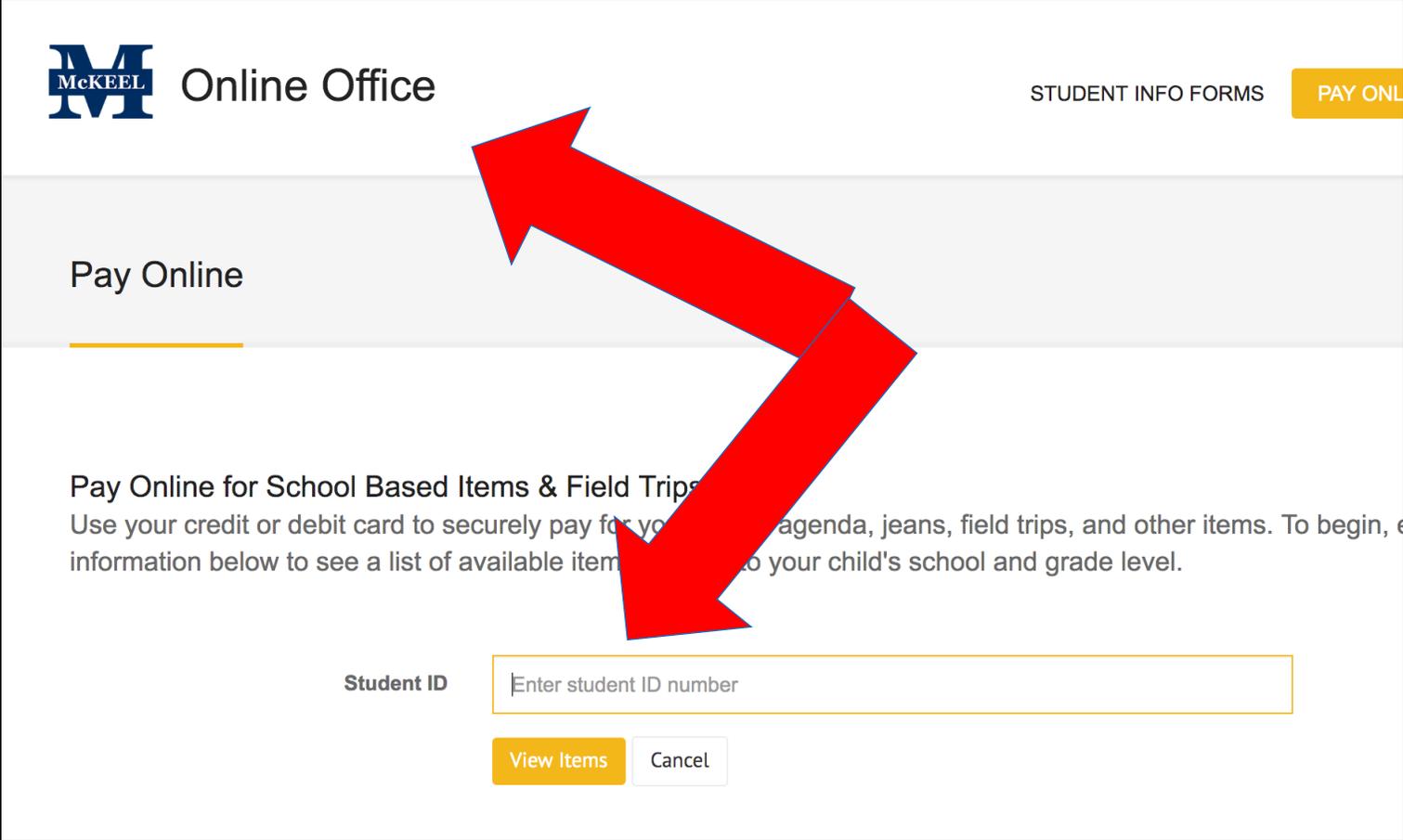




- Volunteer Info

- Information on how to apply as a volunteer will be forthcoming. Look for an email from the office.
- McKeel will be going through the county for approvals now and there will be a charge of \$25.00 to apply.
- The application will be good for 3 years and will carry over if your student attends MAT.

How to pay online: Go to the “MOO” McKeel Online Office



McKEEL Online Office STUDENT INFO FORMS PAY ONLINE

Pay Online

Pay Online for School Based Items & Field Trips
Use your credit or debit card to securely pay for your child's agenda, jeans, field trips, and other items. To begin, enter your student ID number in the box below to see a list of available items for your child's school and grade level.

Student ID

[View Items](#) [Cancel](#)

Select what you want to pay for:

McKEEL Online Office

STUDENT INFO FORMS **PAY ONLINE** CHANGE ADDRESS

Pay Online for Sydney Cra...

Below is a list of school level specific items that can be paid for online. Choose the items that you would like to pay for below by clicking on the checkbox and the **Continue** button below. You will be redirected to the payment page to continue and review your selections before paying.

6th Grade Field Trip Dues \$25	6th Grade: Student T-Shirt \$10	Jeans Day (Full Year) \$35
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Progress Monitoring

- Student progress will be monitored using FAST.
Sept 1-Sept 16
Dec 5-Dec 16
May 1-May 19 (tentative)
- Writing Assessment - TBA



ELA

Mrs. Rees

Integrated Reading, Writing,
Speaking, Listening Curriculum.

- Essential Question/Unit Writing Mode
 - Mentor Text
 - Text Activities
 - Writing Performance Task
 - Unit Reflection
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- Exit Tickets
 - Formatives
 - End of Unit Assessments

WORLD CULTURES- MRS. MASTERS

- * Geography
- * Prehistory
- * Ancient Mesopotamia
- * Ancient Egypt
- * Indus Valley Civilization
- * Ancient China
- * Ancient Greece
- * Ancient Rome
- * Cultural Diffusion



MATH – Mrs. Long

Topics Covered:

Number Sense and Operations (understand negative numbers, absolute value, operations with integers)

Algebraic Reasoning (algebraic expressions, one-step equations w/variables, ratio/unit rate)

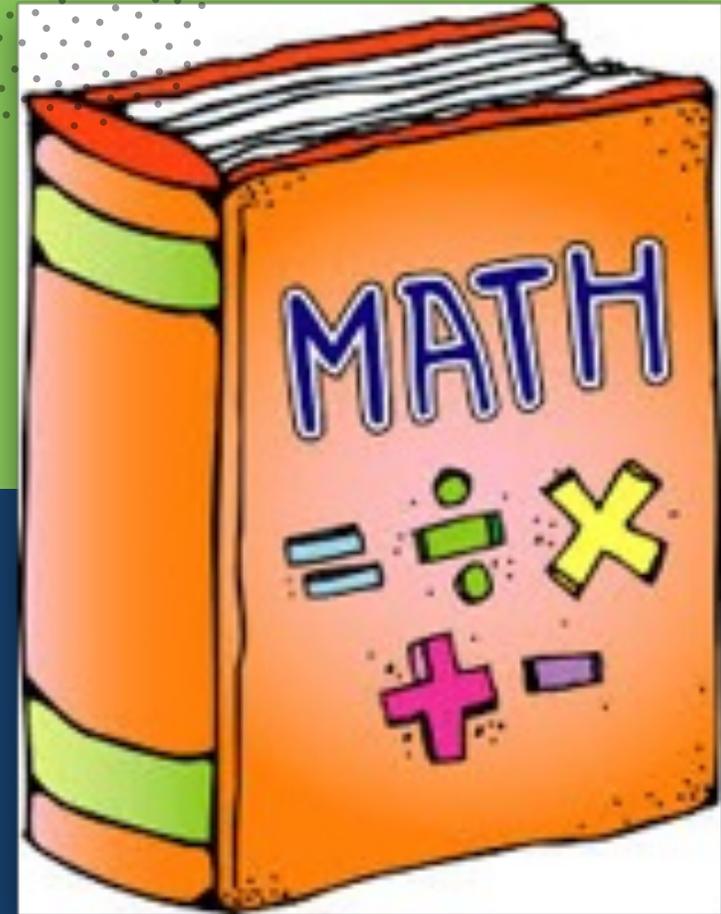
Geometric Reasoning (coordinate plane, 3-D figures)

Data Analysis and Probability (statistical questions, box plots, histograms, mean, median, mode, and range)

*Exit tickets, formatives, and summatives for each unit.

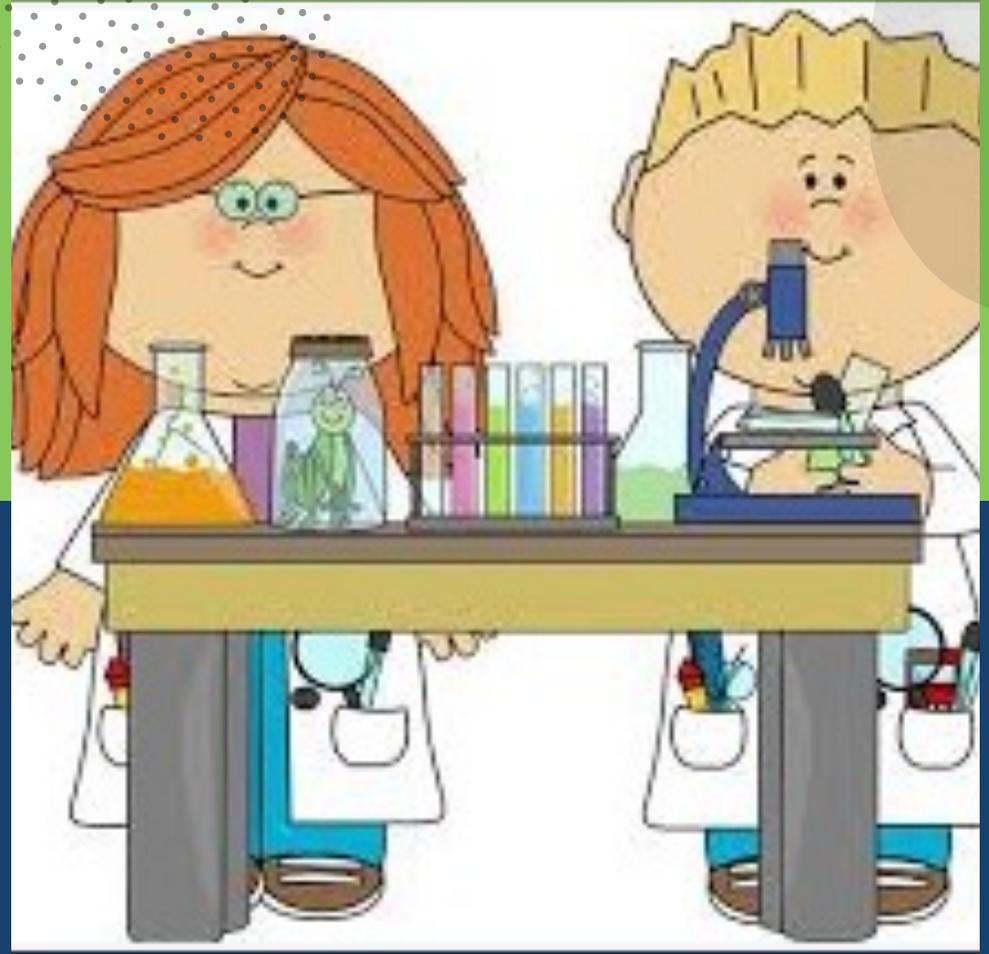
*Graded items are currently on paper, sent home in the student's blue folder.

*Currently using Boddle and Prodigy for enrichment/review of skills



SCIENCE – Mrs. Gilbertsen

- Labs
- Stem
- Interactive Notebooks





Electives



ELECTIVES

Electives will change
each 9 weeks.

Students are being
offered the following
electives to select

from:

Art

Drama

Digital Design

STEM

Coding

Cultural Creativity

Fundraisers

Info to come...we need you're help when it begins.



FIELD TRIPS

WILL ANNOUNCE WHEN WE HAVE THEM IN THE BOOKS.
SOME OPTIONS WE ARE LOOKING INTO:

- SKATE WORLD STEM FIELD TRIP
- LAKELAND ICE ARENA SKATING/GAME ROOM
- IFLY (INDOOR SKY DIVING)
- Visit MAT ½ DAY and TOUR CAMPUS
- LUNCH IN THE PARK
- OTHER IDEAS TOO!

PTO



Also, we encourage you to join the PTO. It is only \$5 per family. The PTO does many wonderful things for our school and our classrooms. There are also opportunities to volunteer with PTO.

How you can help support the MAC PTO!

For more information email:

macpto@mckeelschools.com

- Like the McKeel Academy Central PTO Facebook Page (Maroon Paw)
- Join the PTO as a Member for \$5 per Family (Form to be filled out)
- Purchase a Parent Spirit Shirt (only 31 left to sell, Regular \$15, $\frac{3}{4}$ Sleeve \$20)
- Sponsor a Gym Paw Print for \$25 (form to be filled out)
- Support the Walk-A-Thon the PTO's biggest fundraiser
- Send in all Grocery Receipts with your child (PTO will scan the receipt using the Box Top for Education App)
- Use SMILE.AMAZON.COM to shop online (choose McKeel Elementary Academy as your charity (our previous name))
- Attend the Monthly Spirit Nights at local Lakeland eating establishments
- Volunteer with the PTO and in your students classroom