

Middle School



“One School, One Goal, One Outstanding Owl”

Sign up for Free and Reduced Lunches, it helps Fairland Schools

It may sound a little strange, but we need everyone to sign up for free or reduced meals at Fairland Public Schools. Why? Because, our Title I Reading funding is determined by the percentage of children we have receiving free or reduced lunches. So please, if you think you may have a chance of qualifying for free or reduced lunches, contact our office and we will get you the form.

Forgetting to Remember

Does your child tend to chronically forget things for school at home? Do you frequently receive phone calls from your child shortly after he/she arrives at school asking (or begging) you to drop off his/her homework, lunch, sneakers or other school related items? If you answered “yes” to either or both of the previous questions, keep reading...

- *Talk about the problem with your child. Discuss the situation and the feelings (child and parent) associated with forgotten belongings. Ask your child what he/she thinks would be helpful. Together, make a plan!*
- *Avoid the dreaded “morning rush” and require your child to pack up the prior evening.*
- *Additionally, to make evening packing less tedious, teach your children to put his/her belongings back into his/her schoolbag immediately after he/she is finished using them.*
- *With your child, create a checklist of ALL of the items that must go to school. Laminate it and post it by the front door. Give your child a dry*

erase marker and have him/her check off the items before leaving for school. Sample checklist items include: homework book, folders, books (can be listed individually), lunch, glasses, etc.

- *Reinforce your child’s effort and success. If your child diligently uses the checklist, which will hopefully lead to less forgotten items, praise him/her. Provide continued reinforcement for consistent success.*

“AR Points: What You Need to Know!”

The Accelerated Reader program is a computerized program that tests reading comprehension. Students select books on their reading level, read independently, and take an independent comprehension test on the computer. Each book is worth a certain number of points based on its length and reading level. Your child’s reading level will be assessed by multiple methods during to middle school to ensure that they are prepared for the rigor of high school. Additionally, many parents are not aware that the state of Oklahoma has a requirement for obtaining a driver’s license. According to the state law, students must score proficient on the 8th grade OCCT Reading Test in order to take the drivers examination. Students that are unsuccessful in achieving a proficient score may take an alternative test offered at the school. In the case of students who are on an Individualized Education Plan (IEP): The student must either: Score Proficient on the 8th grade test or alternate test, or if the

student has an IEP in reading specifically, he must score satisfactorily according to the IEP's goals. If the student meets the goals rather than a Proficient score, alternate documentation must be provided for him to take to the place where he/she will be getting his/her driver's permit.

In order to facilitate the development of effective reading skills each grade has established goals for each quarter for students to achieve:

6th Grade 10 AR Pts.

7th Grade 12 AR Pts.

8th Grade 14 AR Pts.

The goals will increase by 2 points for each of the remaining quarters of the school year. All students will receive a grade for this activity that reflects the percentage of points they received. For example, a 7th grade student with 8.5 points will receive approximately 70% for his/her AR Grade. Students that meet the AR Goal for the quarter will be invited to attend an AR Reward Party. Students not meeting the AR Goal will not be allowed to attend the celebration and will stay in their classes.

SAFE Zone Location

The Safe Zones Location Program was designed to help protect students when they feel that acts of bullying or any type of violence is being directed at them. These acts may occur as they travel to and from school or just when they are out for a walk.

A SAFE ZONE sign is displayed in the window of the school counseling office to alert students that this location is a safe place to seek help for bullying issues. Please contact the school or Mr. Graham if your child is experiencing issues related to bullying.

Scholastic eligibility for students will be checked at the **end of the third week of a semester and each succeeding week thereafter.** If a student is not passing all subjects in which he/she is enrolled at the end of a week, he/she will be placed on probation during the next one-week period. A student who has been placed on one-week probation must be passing all subjects at the end of the probationary week in order to retain eligibility. **If, after a one-week probationary period, a student is not passing, he/she will be ineligible to participate during the next one-week period or until they are passing all classes.** The ineligibility period will begin on Monday and end on Sunday.

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Important Dates

9/5 No School Labor Day

9/6 MS Softball @ Colcord

4:30pm

9/9 MS Cross Country @

Claremore 9:00am

9/20 MS Softball Bluejacket

4:30pm @ home

9/20 Parent Teacher

Conferences 3:30-6:30

9/22 Parent-Teacher

Conferences 3:30-6:30

9/23 No School

Athletic Eligibility, What is it?