



PIB Weekly News

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Community Service

6th Grade: 15 Hours

7th Grade: 20 Hours

8th Grade: 25 Hours

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Tech Help?

bit.ly/RMSTech911

973-HELP (4357).

Rapid Identity:

Username: pupil ID

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Username: pupil ID@usd259.net

Student Email

Address:

firstname.lastname@students.usd259.net

Team News

If you love to garden bring your sunscreen, water bottle, and gloves this Saturday, September 3rd from 8:30AM to 11:00 AM to Robinson and help beautify and replant our school garden. We will weeding, laying down a border and mulch, planting some fall crops, and watering. We will be at the south parking lot. Look forward to seeing you there.

Get help with Homework! The Wichita Public Schools offers homework support for students at all grade levels.

- **Homework Hotline** (973-4411) provides support for students from kindergarten - high school. Wichita Public Schools teachers are available to help Monday - Thursday from 3:30 - 7:30 p.m. (Our very own Ms. Sinsel works for the Homework Hotline!)
- **Revolution Now** online tutoring is available for middle and high school students afternoons, evenings and weekends, with a 24/7 chat feature.
- Need help with math homework? Carnegie has developed a website to give hints to all practice problems. Visit <https://livehint.com/> for help with practice problems in the homework.

Please take advantage of these programs to make sure your child is successful!



Students will begin hearing about "special expo classes" being offered during 7th hour. Because we want our students to have equitable time in their core subjects, PIB students will not be able to attend these classes. However, the sponsors of these groups have assured us that options will be available to our students during clubs, before or after school, or at lunch.

Make sure you are checking Parent/Student Vue to see your current grades. Please contact any teacher if you have questions, thank you for your support!



Robinson Foundation Fundraiser



Visit College Hill Dairy Queen
Tuesday, September 6, 4 - 8 p.m

5335 E. Central

#HappyTastesGood

Robinson Foundation receives 20% of event sales when your school's name is mentioned at the time of the order. Offer applies to in-store and drive-thru orders.

Community Service



United Way of the Plains

United Way has a website that lists volunteer opportunities for teens. For more information, visit <http://www.unitedwayplains.org/teen-volunteers/>



Have you heard of **Volunteer Kansas**? It's a website (www.volunteerkansas.org) for people who want to find exciting and useful ways to engage in their community. Students can browse opportunities to volunteer by location or by their interests.

Submit Community Service Hours Online

<https://www.usd259.org/robinson/pib>; Community Service

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[Submission Form](#)

KNOW OF A COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY?

Email Denise Van Horn at dvanhorn@usd259.net to include on this page.

Sixth Grade PIB

Berry—Math

This week we will spend time reviewing the area formulas for quadrilaterals as well as composite figures. We will also review factors and multiples which were learned in previous grades. I plan to have at least one quiz this week as we continue to learn procedures and class norms. Please encourage Mathia!

Brown—Language Arts

We are continuing our work with Brown Girl Dreaming. The students are identifying many different types of figurative language as well as literary devices used in poetry. We are also working on writing short summaries.

Cox—Language Arts

We are preparing for a quiz on the parts of speech next Friday. Students will complete typing the final draft of their first five paragraph essay over relationships. We will also review terms related to the elements of a story and polishing the first two poems we have memorized together.

Flores-Spanish

With our very short week 6th grade students will be learning about The Running of the Bulls and practicing the words "corre", "camina", and "ve". Ask your student towards the end of the week to tell you about our class skit!

Johnson—Math

This week our focus will be Factors and Multiples. Students have spent a little time on Mathia in class. Please encourage your student to use Mathia as a study and practice tool for what we are learning in class.

Berry—Science

We will be intensifying our investigation into the cell this week. We will continue using microscopes to create our own Claim-Evidence-Reasoning statements in keeping with our standard to understand the smallest particle that can be considered living. Thank you for continuing to help your child organize!

Brown—Social Studies

We are studying the Paleolithic Age and taking note of the adaptations people made to help them survive. Students have joined Google Classroom and taken their first map quiz. Ask them how they did! Students have also been shown how to access the online edition of the textbook so they can study vocabulary and read if they are absent.

Cox—Math

This week we will spend time reviewing the area formulas for quadrilaterals as well as composite figures. We will also review factors and multiples which were learned in previous grades. I plan to have at least one quiz this week as we continue to learn procedures and class norms. Please encourage Mathia!

Johnson—Language Arts

This is a short week for us!! Friday September 9 will be our first library visit. We will discuss the library expectations and students will need to have a reading book with them in class. This week we will focus on our first writing assessment – over a childhood challenge they have faced.

Polson—Spanish

With our very short week 6th grade students will be learning about The Running of the Bulls and practicing the words "corre", "camina", and "ve". Ask your student towards the end of the week to tell you about our class skit!

Seventh Grade PIB

Flores—Spanish

Next week we will do some activities to recall and process the story that we wrote together as a class about the "very disobedient boy". There will also be an interpretive reading assessment on Thursday.

Hibarger—Science

Students will explore parts of our school ecosystem to observe interactions between biotic and abiotic factors and compared levels of biodiversity in different zones.

Johnson—Language Arts

Students will have their first library day on Friday September 9. Students should be working on the goal of reading 25 books this school year. In class we will start our science fiction unit. We will focus on stories written in the 1950s and 1960s. We will focus on how the authors developed plots and themes, as well as how they use literary devices.

Johnson—Math

We will continue working on solving equations and inequalities. We will be using both the course 2 and course 3 books. Please encourage your student to work on Mathia at home to study and practice the skills learned in class.

Lavacek—Language Arts

Students are wrapping up their review of narrative elements—more specifically, characterization. This week we will start with a trip to the LIBRARY!! Along with that, students will also receive their first Out of Class Reading theme. Each 9-weeks, students will be asked to read a book that fits within a certain theme. At the end of the 9-weeks, they will share their books with the class through a special report and review. Hoping to also start our Out-of-this-World Unit.

Rowley—Social Studies

Today students were sent home with the PIB Team academic honesty policy. Please take the time to read and discuss with your kid the policy before signing and returning it by next Friday. Next week will start learning about human geography core concepts.

Polson—Spanish

Next week we will do some activities to recall and process the story that we wrote together as a class about the "very disobedient boy". There will also be an interpretive reading assessment on Thursday.

Sims—Language Arts

This coming week, the seventh graders will continue our study of narrative text elements. After that, we'll begin looking at science fiction written of the 1950s and 1960s. We'll focus on how the authors developed their plots and themes, as well as how they use literary devices.

Sinsel—Math

Math 7+ students will continued their study of Equations and Inequalities. We will move back and forth between the Course 2 book and the Course 3 book this week and next week, as this unit is covered at both levels and we'll cover it all at once. Students needing additional help should call the Homework Hotline (973-4411).

Van Horn—Math

We will continue working on solving equations and inequalities. We will be using both the course 2 and course 3 books. All homework will be on Desmos. If you need any help, please email me or contact the homework hotline.

Eighth Grade PIB

Cox—Math

Students will be constructing parallel line, Identifying and writing equations of lines perpendicular to given lines, and identifying and writing equations of parallel lines, including horizontal and vertical line.

Flores—Spanish

Next week we will do some hands-on activities to process the story that we wrote together as a class. We will also watch a video about an octopus who gets loose in the city!

Hibarger—Science

Students will investigate the forces acting on objects as they move. They will begin to explore how vectors are used to communicate and measure motion and force.

Lavacek—Language Arts

This week we will start with a trip to the LIBRARY!! Along with that, students will also receive their first Out of Class Reading theme. Each 9-weeks, students will be asked to read a book that fits within a certain theme. At the end of the 9-weeks, they will share their books with the class through a special report and review. Students will have finished their Story Telling Unit by the end of this week.

Rowley—Social Studies

Today students were sent home with the PIB Team academic honesty policy. Please take the time to read and discuss with your kid the policy before signing and returning it by next Friday.
Next week students will be learning about the 13 original colonies and begin writing their first essay for me for this year.

Sims—Language Arts

This coming week, the eighth graders will continue working with "The Medicine Bag" by Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve.

Sinsel—Math

Algebra students will continue our study of sequences this week. Anyone needing additional help should call the Homework Hotline (973-4411)!

Van Horn—Math

We will continue working on sequences and how we can write them as an equation. Ask your student for the different types of sequences and how they are represented as a function. All homework will be on Desmos. If you need any help, please email me or contact the homework hotline.

USD 259 District Calendar



USD 259 WICHITA PUBLIC SCHOOLS School Year Calendar 2022-2023

JULY 2022					AUGUST 2022					SEPTEMBER 2022				
M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F
				(1)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)				1	2
(4)	5	6	7	(8)	8	9	10	11	12	(5)	6	7	8	9
11	12	13	14	(15)	15	16	17	18	19	12	13	14	15	16
18	19	20	21	22	22	23	24	25	26	19	20	21	22	23
25	26	27	28	29	29	30	31			26	27	28	29	30

OCTOBER 2022					NOVEMBER 2022					DECEMBER 2022				
M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7		1	2	3	4				1	2
10	11	12	13	(14)	7	8	9	10	(11)	5	6	7	8	9
17	18	19	20	21	14	15	16	17	18	12	13	14	15	(16)
24	25	26	27	28	21	22	(23)	(24)	(25)	19	20	21	22	(23)
31					28	29	30			(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)

JANUARY 2023					FEBRUARY 2023					MARCH 2023				
M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F
(2)	3	4	5	6			1	2	3			1	2	3
9	10	11	12	13	6	7	8	9	10	6	7	8	9	(10)
(16)	17	18	19	20	13	14	15	16	17	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)
23	24	25	26	27	(20)	21	22	23	24	20	21	22	23	24
30	31				27	28				27	28	29	30	31

APRIL 2023					MAY 2023					JUNE 2023				
M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	(7)	1	2	3	4	5				1	2
(10)	11	12	13	14	8	9	10	11	12	5	6	7	8	(9)
17	18	19	20	21	15	16	17	18	19	12	13	14	15	(16)
24	25	26	27	28	22	23	24	(25)	*26	19	20	21	22	(23)
					(29)	*30	*31			26	27	28	29	(30)

JULY 2023					CALENDAR LEGEND				
M	T	W	T	F					
3	(4)	5	6	(7)	—	School not in session			
10	11	12	13	(14)	()	Administrative Offices closed - No School			
17	18	19	20	(21)	□	District Inservice Days - No School			
24	25	26	27	28	○	Conference Release Days - No School			
31					○	New Teacher Orientation - No School			
					◇	Nonteaching Duty Day - No School			

MONTH	DATE
JULY	Enrollment 25-27
AUGUST	Orientation for new teachers..... 1-2 District Inservice (all teachers)..... 3-12 Orientation for 6th & 9th grade students 12 First day of school 15
SEPTEMBER	Labor Day Holiday 5 District Inservice 6 Official Enrollment Count 20
OCTOBER	Nonteaching Duty Day 14 End of First Grading Period 14
NOVEMBER	Veterans Day Holiday 11 Conference Release Day 23 Fall Recess 24-25
DECEMBER	Nonteaching Duty Day 16 End of Semester 16 Student Winter Recess Dec 16-Jan 3 Winter Recess Dec 23-Jan 2
JANUARY	District Inservice Day 3 Students return 4 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Observed 16
FEBRUARY	District Inservice Day 17 Presidents Day Holiday 20
MARCH	Nonteaching Duty Day 10 End of Third Grading Period 10 Spring Recess 13-17
APRIL	Conference Release Day 7 District Inservice Day 10
MAY	Last Day of School 24 Elementary Progress Reports issued 24 Nonteaching Duty Day 25 Memorial Day Holiday 29 *Possible make-up days due to inclement weather May 26, May 30-31
JUNE	See Summer Hours
JULY	Independence Day Holiday 4

This calendar may be changed at the discretion of the Board of Education and/or the Administration.

EVERY STUDENT
FUTURE READY
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GRADING PERIODS	SUMMER HOURS
August 15 - October 13 (42 contact days)	7:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Monday - Thursday (June 6, 2022 - July 15, 2022)
October 17 - December 15 (40 contact days)	
January 4 - March 9 (44 contact days)	7:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Monday - Thursday (June 5, 2023 - July 21, 2023)
March 20 - May 24 (46 contact days)	

Approved by the BOE on February 7, 2022

PIB Contact Information

If you wish to contact any of the Pre-IB teachers with questions please note the following contact information. You can leave a message by phone for any teacher at 973-8600.

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Website

<http://www.usd259.org/robinson/pib>

The page gives team information. A **Weekly Newsletter** (published Friday afternoons) will be posted. The newsletter will give information about topics of study and events for the following week. To access classroom websites you will need to use your Parent/Student Vue account.