



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

Microsoft 0365

Username: pupil

ID@usd259.net

Student Email

Address:

firstname.lastname@students.usd259.net

Team News

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.

Robinson Foundation is having their first meeting next Wednesday, September 14 at 6:00 in the cafeteria. All parents and teachers are welcome to attend Foundation meetings and learn more about the organization. Learn more on our website by clicking the [link](#).

September 13 is Il Vicino Night at Douglas and Oliver will donate 20% of your bill to the Robinson Foundation if you dine-in or carry out from 5 to 10 pm and tell them you're a Robinson Family.

Bring your family to

**ROBINSON
IL VICINO NIGHT**



Douglas and Oliver

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!

A few students are coming to school with dead iPads. Please make sure that they are charging them at home each night. If they need help with their device have the students complete this [form](#).



Community Service

Parents and students can sign up for concessions at home XC, volleyball, or basketball games if they're looking for a fun way to get a few hours of community service: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E49AAAC28AAFA7-robinson1>

MakeICT is a non-profit 501c3 community makerspace with service opportunities. We could use some help organizing and cleaning our space. If anyone is interested contact kim@makeict.org or 316-259-5277.



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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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 our focus is on problem solving and proving knowledge of standards as we finish Topic 1: Factors and Area and begin Topic 2: Positive Rational Numbers. I will continue requiring the Problem of the Week, and I ask that you set up a system at home so that your child is spending at least an hour a week working on Mathia to cement and supplement our class information.

Brown—Language Arts

We will finish reading and analyzing the poems from Brown Girl Dreaming as well as a poem called "I Was a Skinny Tomboy Kid." Students have focused on identifying literary elements and summarizing.

Cox—Language Arts

We will have the first quiz over parts of speech this week. We will take a look at the structure and tone of various kinds of sonnets. We will begin reading The Fellowship of the Ring.

Flores-Spanish

The 6th grade students have been busy mastering three new phrases this week: "camina hacia", "corre", and "ve". We will continue practicing using and recognizing the vocabulary in context and will have two assessments (reading & listening) by the end of the week.

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

Science classes are getting their first grade that will count toward a standard this week. We will write a Claim-Evidence-Reasoning piece as well as engage in a quiz over the Cell Standard ("Conduct an investigation to provide evidence that living things are made of cells, either one or many different numbers and types of cells."). Thank you for your patience as we were learning procedures and background information.

Brown—Social Studies

This week they will have their first graded assignment over the adaptations of Paleolithic people. We will move on to the Agricultural Revolution and Neolithic Age.

Cox—Math

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Johnson—Language Arts

Students should be working on the goal of reading 25 books this school year. This week we will focus on our first writing assessment – over a childhood challenge they have faced.

Polson—Spanish

The 6th grade students have been busy mastering three new phrases this week: "camina hacia", "corre", and "ve". We will continue practicing using and recognizing the vocabulary in context and will have two assessments (reading & listening) by the end of the week.

Seventh Grade PIB

Flores—Spanish

7th grade students have been busy mastering three new phrases: "lo que hace", "debe", and "el niño no escucha". We will finish our "Los niños prisioneros de Bolivia" unit next week and then spend a few days learning more about the tragic life of Víctor from Sr. Wooly.

Johnson—Language Arts

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.

Lavacek—Language Arts

Student will be venturing into our Science Fiction unit this week. Be ready for out-of-this-world stories that are often stories about our world as we know it. Students will be reading to answer the question: What can science fiction tell us about ourselves, our world, and the future?

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Sinsel—Math

Math 7+ students will continue our study of Equations and Inequalities next week with more challenging problem solving and real world application. Any students needing additional help are encouraged to call the Homework Hotline at 973-4411 M-Th 3:30-7:30.

Hibarger—Science

Students will continue investigating ecosystems and the relationships that increase survival rates.

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.

Rowley—Social Studies

We have started the human geography core concepts; this unit is full of vocabulary words of statistics that demographers use to study human populations. We will learn and practice will lots of new vocabulary that help us quantify the human condition around the world.

Sims—Language Arts

Next week, the seventh graders will continue our unit on science fiction 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.

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

We will finish writing equations for parallel and perpendicular lines. And graphing them.

Flores—Spanish

8th graders have been busy mastering three new phrases: "se acercó", "vio que había" and "se lo llevó". Next week we will finish our storytelling unit about "La muchacha y la ardilla" and then spend the rest of the week with Sr. Wooly, getting to know more about a group of friends on a boat who encounter problem after problem.

Hibarger—Science

Students will investigate how an object's motion changes and how we can measure and predict it.

Lavacek—Language Arts

What is lurking around the corner of the weekend? Our Suspense Unit! Students will be stealthily navigating the treacherous path of stories that tingle your spine, shock your senses, and bend your reality. They will be reading to answer the question: How does the successful use of suspense in literature impact the reader?

Rowley—Social Studies

Students have an historic/modern witch hunt comparison essay due on Tuesday. They will have an open notes quiz on Wednesday about the colonies. They are only allowed to use the notes they themselves created.

Sims—Language Arts

Next week, the eighth graders will finish our work with "The Medicine Bag", and we'll then move into suspense fiction.

Sinsel—Math

Algebra students will continue our study of Sequences next week. Watch for a test on Wednesday or Thursday! Any students needing additional help are encouraged to call the Homework Hotline at 973-4411 M-Th 3:30-7:30.

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. Watch for a test next week over functions and sequences. 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.

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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.