

EXPLORATORY NEWS
Lansing Middle School
April, 2009



ART, NEWSPAPER & YEARBOOK
Mrs. Baysinger

Come join us on the Jungle Safari on Tuesday, May 12th for the Fine Arts Fair!

Yearbooks are in! We will be giving them out the last day of school and late orders may be placed after May 18th.

The Newspaper staff is expanding their technical knowledge by learning more about Microsoft Publisher and will soon be working on the last edition of the paper, the LMS Summer Edition.

8th grade artists are working on their "Famous Artist Reproductions" where they have researched famous artists from across time and are copying their favorite piece made by that artist.

7th graders just completed paper mache animals for our jungle themed Fine Arts Fair and are currently learning about the oversized, everyday object art of Claus Oldenburg to create realistic clay food sculptures.

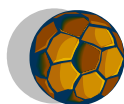
6th graders are learning about Japanese calligraphy and fine brush painting. They are trying new techniques and creating unique compositions with bamboo, flowers, birds, mountains and dragons.



FACS
Mrs. Turner

Seventh and eighth graders are starting class activities. Cinco de Mayo is coming up. We will learn about the day and students will bring in food to have a Mexican fiesta! Seventh graders will need to bring in a sack of flour soon in May. I will let the students know the day. Eighth graders are going to be coming up with a product and making a commercial for that product.

The sixth graders are moving along quickly. Each day we take a quiz over a lesson we read in class. We cook after each chapter test. We have cooked a lot of things. The students are saying they are even cooking some of the things at home!



PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

Coach Elliott and Coach Slater

Both boys and girls have started our volleyball unit. We have started the unit working on some basic fundamentals of volleyball. Next week we will begin our 3 on 3 volleyball tournament.

Two days a week the students will have physical fitness activities. Continue to remind them to bring clothes on Mondays and also bring them home on Fridays to wash them.



Library News

Mrs. Averill

Don't forget about our library website. It has a current Accelerated Reader list. To get to our library website, you go to Lansing Middle School website <http://www.usd469.net/lms/>. Then you go to "Activities" and then "Library".

We have added many many new books this year. Some of the most recent books have book reviews that are fun to look at. Go to our webpage and "Book and Author Information." There is a Wiki that has been made for students to review some of the books. There is also an area where they can discuss the book review or make comments on the book after they read it.

The Accelerated Reader Awards for students that have read at least 500 points in Middle School will be Wednesday, May 13th at 8:10 am. Parents are invited to attend. We will be sending out invitations in the next week or so.

Books are due back to the library on Friday, May 15th.