

1. We have been working hard to build schedules around what will be the new normal at the middle school. Teachers have done a great job with spaces making sure social distancing is taking place within the room. I need to give a shout out to the custodians who have been making barriers for tables, and locating some different style desks for rooms. Teacher rotations will occur throughout the homeroom of kids, teachers will be teaching off carts and going to the students so that will be a big change and a big reason why we are trying to accommodate rooms with various types of furniture/desks.
2. Registration is going well, we have taken a few calls about the virtual option that is being offered but it looks as if most are registering to be here in person. I'm unable to pull data for % registered as Grantwood has been on/off.
3. First day of school: Students will meet in their block one and learn that this will be their "Homeroom Pod" for the year. Within their homeroom PBIS expectations will be gone over and what/why mitigation procedures and protocols have been put in place to ensure safety is at the forefront of their learning this year. An explanation of why things look different will be important so we can approach this year as a team. Within the first three early out days, students will go through their technology bootcamp to manage their devices. The 5th grade iPads deliver have been pushed back 2 weeks due to the pandemic but the team is aware and has a plan and Mr. Cantu has worked hard to have things ready for when they arrive.
4. Middle School Open House/Back to School BBQ this year was cancelled due to the pandemic. I plan to meet with all the students by traveling to all of the homerooms to introduce myself and give them some background on what will look different this year. Students will have an opportunity to meet their grade level teachers and go through their schedule this year during the first day of school. Again, things will look different as teachers will rotate through classes and specials will be serviced within the homerooms.
5. New App: Please be sure to check out the app as it is tried into the district's facebook page. I think it has been a great central location for the community to get information.
6. Kwik Star Cards: We are not doing this fundraiser this year, but will cycle through the inventory of cards we have in stock, our goal is to sell them through the office for those that inquire about them.
7. Our main goal this year is to be flexible with the changes and provide the best experience we can for our students. We all have an open mind to take on the challenges and the uncertainty that this school will bring. As a staff this year we will continue to improve our building culture with students, be your best each day, and motivate learners. We look forward to implementing PBL into our classrooms as much as we are able as a staff.

Some pictures of room arrangements of the three 6th grade classrooms:

