

### Shopping List:

This is a suggested supply list. Purchase of these items is voluntary. Many parents have requested a list of supplies that are appropriate for each grade level, so here is what is needed in 8<sup>th</sup>. Note that some items may be for whole class use. We hope this will be of some assistance to you.

#### In Class

##### Classroom Essentials

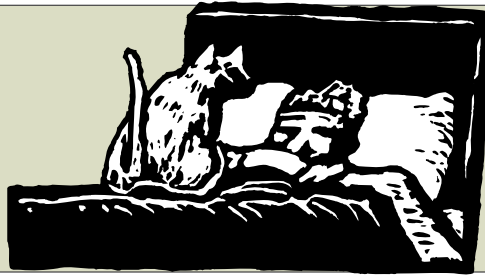
- Pencils, pencils, & more pencils! (Mechanical pencils work best)
- Several non-erasable red, green, or blue pens (for correcting assignments in class)
- Colored pencils, pens, markers, & crayons
- Loose leaf paper (college rule)
- Graph paper
- Highlighters
- 4 Spiral notebooks (Larger sized notebooks - SINGLE SUBJECT NOTEBOOK - ones that you can paste a 8 1/2 x 11 sheet without having to cut too much off the sides (the Mead Five Star works very well). You will only need 2 notebooks to start off the year but, you might want to purchase additional spiral notebooks while they are on sale! Keep extras at home)
- Small, self-contained pencil sharpener
- 3 or 4 Dry erase markers & eraser
- 3x5 index cards (for Greek & Latin Roots & Algebra vocabulary)
- Plastic Page Protectors- for important papers
- Plastic Subject Dividers with Pockets

##### Additional Classroom Supplies

- Kleenex, hand soap, disinfectant wipes
- Bags of candy/tubs of licorice
- Glue sticks / tape
- Colored pencils, pens, markers, & crayons
- Whiteboard Markers

##### At Home

- Dictionary / Thesaurus / On-line or Book
- Colored pens, markers, gel pens, colored pencils, crayons
- Hole punch
- 2 fine tip Sharpie markers
- Calculator
- Stapler
- Box / Folder / Container to store corrected work



### WAYS TO CONTACT YOUR TEACHERS

Teacher Web Site - for homework and announcements

[www.kanley.org](http://www.kanley.org)

E-Mail:

[angela\\_daley@etiwanda.org](mailto:angela_daley@etiwanda.org)

[matilda\\_kaneshina@etiwanda.org](mailto:matilda_kaneshina@etiwanda.org)

Phone: 909-803-3300

### Parent and Teacher Communication

We strongly believe that achievement is enhanced when a partnership exists between parents, teachers, and students. Therefore, communication with you and your student throughout the school year is essential.

If there is a grade book or grading issue, please have your student speak to the teacher first. When students are able to self advocate it creates a win-win opportunity. Students have the experience of taking an active part of a conflict resolution process with a teacher. Also, often the teacher can make the correction when the student is right there. Please have your student contact your student's teacher before or after class.

Of course, if you have questions or concerns at any time throughout the year, please contact us so we can work as a team to resolve the situation. Email is usually the fastest way to get in touch with the teachers.

### Tips for Success:

1. Check [www.kanley.org](http://www.kanley.org) (our website) and Aeries often.
2. Have your child re-read or highlight their Interactive Notebook.
3. Maintain communication - if something isn't right let us know so we can fix it!

# WELCOME

## BACK TO SCHOOL



2021 - 2022

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to eighth grade at Day Creek Intermediate School! We are looking forward to working together to make your child's year here a happy and successful one. Our goal is to encourage students to become independent learners, risk takers, confident writers, involved and entertained readers and experience success in a FUN and SAFE classroom. The following will give you information about eighth grade. Please keep this brochure for future reference.

## Classroom Rules

We want our classrooms to be a positive experience for students. Since our goal is to provide an exceptional experience for your student, we have certain classroom procedures, consequences, and rewards.

- ❖ We are Prompt
- ❖ We are Prepared
- ❖ We are Polite
- ❖ We are Productive
- ❖ We are Positive

If a student decides not to follow the rules, the following consequences will be administered:

- ❖ Verbal Warning
- ❖ Teacher/Student Conference
- ❖ Lunch detention (cafeteria or classroom)
- ❖ Phone call, e-mail home, or Parent/Teacher/Student Conference
- ❖ Direct administrative involvement (detention, suspension, etc.)

NOTE: Teachers may skip any step or hold a parent/teacher conference at any time, given the severity and/or frequency of violations.

### REWARDS

- ❖ Praise and positive interactions
- ❖ Knowledge & good grades
- ❖ Positive phone calls or notes
- ❖ Candy, prizes, etc.

## Student Organization

Each student will receive a PACK Planner and is required to use it daily to record their homework and any other important information provided by the teacher. It is expected that schoolwork will be a priority and will be completed at home if it was not completed in class.

One way to play an active role in your student's education is to check your student's PACK Planner against your student's completed homework nightly, to see that all assignments have been accurately completed on time. If your student loses the PACK Planner, there is a \$5 replacement fee.

## Absences

Students' attendance is vitally important because discussion and classroom interaction can not be made up if a student is absent. Absent students are responsible for making up all work missed. It is the student's responsibility to check [www.kanley.org](http://www.kanley.org) (our website), the assignments posted on our classroom whiteboard, and the "Absent Work" trays to get all necessary work. If a student needs further explanation to complete an assignment, it is his/her responsibility to set up an appointment with the teacher either before or after school.

Students have only **one week from their date of return to school (this includes a weekend to insure students have time to make up their missing work)**. Students must also schedule time before or after school within a **week of a missed test or quiz**, as these cannot be completed in class. It is the student's responsibility to make sure things are made up, so please encourage your student to stay on top of our website, Aeries grade book, and all assigned work. **After one week from the student's return date all missing assignments will be marked as a 0.**

**Please do your best to be here!!!!**



# Grades, Materials, and Expectations

## 2 Absences Per Month x 9 Months of School = Less

### Likely to Graduate from High School

Your student's daily, on-time attendance is critical to their success in school. While some challenges to your child's school attendance are unavoidable, it's important to understand the impact of each absence. A student is considered chronically absent if they miss only two days of school per month! Also, every minute matters. If a student is 10 minutes late to school each day, this adds up to missing more than 33 hours of class time. It adds up - A student with a 90 percent attendance average for Kindergarten through 12th grade will miss over a year of accumulated time in the classroom.

### Late Work

Homework is due **FIRST THING** in the morning in our homeroom classes. Students are reminded that their work is due with many classroom cues - the due work is posted on the front board of the class **AND** there is a musical prompt to remind students that their work is to be turned in at that time! It is very important that students are at school on time in the morning because that's when they will be turning in homework and possibly unfinished classwork from the previous day. **All work not turned in during homeroom class is late work!** This allows the teachers to review homework to help guide the day's lessons and also insures that students don't try to complete their homework in their first or second period classes. We do this to prepare your student for high school; not to be a pain in the patoot! If a student is absent for homeroom, and arrives later in the day, it is the responsibility of the student to turn in the work that was turned in by their classmates earlier in the day.

**LATE WORK WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** Again, this may seem draconic, but students will usually forget an assignment once or twice per trimester and on the whole it doesn't have a detrimental affect on their end of the trimester grades because homework is weighted as 10% of their grade. Parents, it is perfectly OK to have one or two missing homework assignment, this is the time when students are learning executive skills, such as folder organization and the importance of turning in papers when they are due. This is part of our "growth mindset" view of middle school.

### No Name Papers

No-name papers are graded and can be found in the "No Name" area. No name work can be claimed for a 70% maximum grade.

### Projects / High Stakes Assignments

Long term / high stakes (meaning worth lots of points) assignments will be accepted late, but with a 10% penalty per day. We often have students who are suddenly struck terribly ill when a major group project or high stakes project is due, to help make sure that ALL students have the same amount of time to complete an assignment we have implemented the policy that these projects are due whether or not the students are in class. Please support us with this policy by dropping off these assignment to the office that day or having your child email or post their assignment to the teacher. Again, this makes us sound like cantankerous teachers, but in reality it makes sure our students are in class and receiving important instruction.



## Homework:

Homework will be assigned on a daily basis, Monday through Friday. Daily homework will be posted on the whiteboard and on our websites:

[www.kanley.org](http://www.kanley.org)

We strongly suggest your student get the phone number of another student in the class to contact in case he/she forgets to write down the assignments or is absent.

- ❖ Homework is due the next day during homeroom for full credit, unless otherwise stated.
- ❖ Homework may be graded by the teacher, by other students, or simply reviewed and recorded.

### Grading/Progress Reports:

We use a computerized grading program (Aeries) that allows you to check grades as often as you would like. The best assessment of a student's ability is the work and tests that are completed in school without help from home; therefore we weigh tests and quizzes more heavily than daily practice assignments/homework. Updates to the grade book are made regularly and will be available to view on Aeries.

### Weekly Folders:

Communication between parent, teacher, and student is important to the overall success of your child. Weekly folders will be sent home on Thursday for you to review. The folder will contain some completed and graded work, as well as school announcements. All completed work should be kept in a folder, bag, or box at home until the close of each trimester in the event there is a discrepancy in the gradebook. **Please look for these folders every Thursday!** The folders need to be **returned the next morning (Friday)**. Missing folders will result in late dismissal to lunch and a lower citizenship grade.

### Assessments:

In order to prevent cheating, many 8<sup>th</sup> grade tests will not be sent home. Parents are also welcome to set up an appointment with the teacher to come in and view the actual test questions.

### Cheating or Plagiarism

The temptation to cheat or plagiarize can be a problem at this age. Cheating is marked by dishonest intent to **give OR receive** unearned rewards and includes sharing or copying homework, class work, projects, giving or receiving answers on tests, and plagiarism. Students who cheat in any way will receive **no credit** (a score of "0") for the assignment. In addition, their citizenship grade for that grading period will be an "N" (Needs Improvement) and disciplinary action will follow.

### Cell Phones/Classroom Phones/Office Phones:

The use of cell phones at school is prohibited by District policy. Because of this District policy, cell phones **must be completely turned off** (not on vibrate). Cell phones should be kept in the students' backpacks at all times. If a student's cell phone rings in class or if a student is caught using a cell phone (this includes texting), it will be confiscated. Office phones may be used at the office's discretion.

### Communication:

Communication between teachers, students, and parents is a very important link in education. Please utilize your student's PACK Planner, our Web pages, AERIES grade books, or district e-mail to contact us or monitor your student's success. Please get in touch with us if you have any

