

# 6<sup>TH</sup> Grade McKinley

# EMPOWER

## Vision Statement:

EMPOWERing students through personal inquiry, real-world experiences, and a caring environment while challenging students to make a difference in our community.

# What makes EMPOWER unique?

- In the past, students have had approximately 6 core teachers for about 48 minutes each, and moved from one subject to the next. There was little flexibility in scheduling and less time to get to know our students and their families.
- In EMPOWER, a typical student will have 3 core teachers. 😊 Fewer teachers allows for strengthened relationships between school and home.
- Teachers also have a built-in collaboration time to better communicate ways to support students.
- In addition, the EMPOWER program allows time for deeper learning, overlapped curriculum, student voice and choice, project-based learning, and more opportunities to connect with our community.

# Who is our EMPOWER Staff?

Group A	Group B	Curricular Areas
<b>Mr. Mark Kenny (Room 227)</b> mkenny@cr.k12.ia.us	<b>Mrs. Marcia Miller (Room 234)</b> mrmiller@cr.k12.ia.us	Math and Science
<b>Mrs. Mary Jo Swanson (Room 228)</b> mswanson@cr.k12.ia.us	<b>Ms. Fanaye Kifletsadik (Room 230)</b> fkifletsadik@cr.k12.ia.us	English Language Arts
<b>Mrs. Michele Wilson (Room 229 Block 1)</b> mwilson@cr.k12.ia.us	<b>Mrs. Mary Reynolds (Room 237)</b> mreynolds@cr.k12.ia.us	Social Studies and Personalized Learning
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<b>Mrs. Christina Ditch (Room 215)</b> cditch@cr.k12.ia.us	<b>Mrs. Amanda Zebuhr (Room 210)</b> azebuhr@cr.k12.ia.us	Level One
<b>Mrs. Katie Sorgenfrey (Counseling Office)</b>	<b>Mrs. Lauren Cerqueira (Counseling Office)</b>	Counselor

# What is a typical EMPOWER day?

<b>Time</b>	<b>Title of Period</b>	<b>Student Example:</b>
<b>7:50 – 9:30</b>	<b>Block 1 (includes SEL homeroom)</b>	<b>Math &amp; Science</b>
<b>9:33 – 10:20</b>	<b>Exploratory #1</b>	<b>PE or Music (alternates days)</b>
<b>10:23 – 11:11</b>	<b>Exploratory #2</b>	<b>Art, wellness, engineering tech, or computer science (quarterly classes)</b>
<b>11:14 – 11:44</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Cafeteria</b>
<b>11:47 – 1:24</b>	<b>Block 2</b>	<b>Social Studies &amp; Personalize Learning</b>
<b>1:27 – 2:50</b>	<b>Block 3 (includes Mind/Body)</b>	<b>English Language Arts</b>

# How can I connect with EMPOWER?

\*\*\*\*McKinley Website: <http://mckinley.cr.k12.ia.us/> \*\*\*\*

- Twitter account @mckempower
- McKinley Middle School Facebook page
- Weekly team EMPOWER e-newsletter
- Attend fall parent/teacher/student conferences October 17th or 19th
- Email teachers
- Canvas account (calendar of assignments/events)
- PowerSchool (assessment scores)
- Student Planners
- Family Nights throughout the year

# What else do I need to know?

Students should become involved in extra school activities! Examples: attend a football game, join Student Council, apply for the CODE intramural, attend after school Learning Lab from 3 – 4:00, audition for the play, join Project HOPE, talk to staff about sponsoring a club!

We are so happy to have you join the McKinley EMPOWER family! Please do not wait to contact a teacher if you have a question, an idea, or a concern.

If you have an idea for guest presenter, family night, or ways to connect with our community, please let a teacher know! We would love your input and help in planning. There is a sign up at the door...