

Middle School Guidance



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Lion's Quest Curriculum

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The hope of every nation is its children. As educators, parents and active community members, we have an opportunity to touch the lives of young people every-day. Working together, we can guide young people in becoming capable, contributing citizens. We can make a real difference. Through caring, understanding, guidance and teaching, we affect the future.

How do we encourage our children to strive to be the best they can be? We need to teach them more than the capitals of the world and the computation of numbers. We must help them develop respect for themselves and others and help them form strong commitments to family, positive peers, school, community, and the world beyond.

Our children need the self-confidence that comes from developing and building on their strengths. They also need the insight to handle their emotions constructively, the ability to set positive goals, and the knowledge and skills needed for a

safe and healthy approach to life, free from the harm of drug abuse and violence.

Lion's Quest is a kindergarten through 8th grade program, but can be adapted to grades nine through twelve. The goals of the program are: (1) To engage students, families, the school, and community members in creating a respectful learning community of caring relationships, high expectations for positive behaviors, and meaningful involvement. (2) To provide opportunities for young people to learn the essential skills needed to live healthy and productive lives. (3) To promote a safe, healthy approach to life, free from the harm of alcohol and other drug use. (4) To engage young people in the practice of good citizenship through cooperation and service to others. (5) To strengthen young people's commitment to their family, positive peers, school and community.

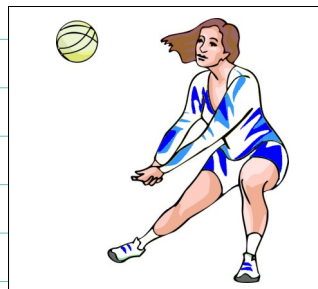
Trained staff members have already begun implementing this

curriculum into their classrooms. Most of the Lion's Quest lessons will be conducted in your child's history/social studies class. Teachers are required to conduct one lesson per week from the Lion's Quest curriculum in their classes. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me by phone or through e-mail.

Quote of the month

"Success is full of answers; Failure is full of questions."

(Author unknown)



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Points of Interest:

- ✓ - Absent from school? Check out the teacher lesson plans by logging in to the Logic House Parent Portal.
- ✓ - Excuses are due the day students return to school. A grace period of three days is allowed before becoming illegal.
- ✓ - Bullying information can be found at: <http://www.bbsd.com/bullying>

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Important Upcoming Events

The following are a listing of important dates to remember:

September 2, 2005 - Act 80 Day.

September 5, 2005 - Labor Day.

September 19, 2005 - First Six Week Grading Mid-Term.

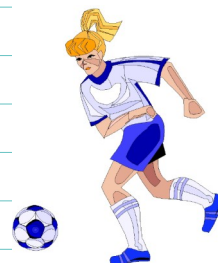
September 19 through 23 2005 - Campaign week for Student Council Officers.

September 23, 2005 - Student Council Assembly. Start 2:30.

September 26 through September 30, 2005 - Student Council Representative campaign week.

October 10, 2005 - End of the First Six Week Grading Period.

October 17, 2005 - Somerset County In-Service at North Star.



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