

# Liberty Middle School FRIDAY FOCUS

April 21, 2023

State assessment are complete and students and teachers are happy to have that wrapped up for the year.

Thursday was field trip day for our building and goodness is there a lot of moving parts to make that day successful. I had the pleasure of enjoying 5th grade "On the Farm Day" at the Blasi farm. Driving to the farm, I had a completely different vision of what the day consisted of for our students. I envisioned two buses and the Blasi family showing our students their farm. I was completely wrong. This event is incredible! There were volunteers from every agriculture agency, FFA members were present from multiple schools, and so many others helping. Our students watched a calf birth simulation, learned about erosion, animals, grain bins, electricity, bees, ag. equipment, and so much more. After talking with Mrs. Blasi, I learned they have been doing this event annually for roughly 25 years. I am so glad I went to join them!

The Luau is ready for tonight and I can't wait to enjoy the evening with our students. I am so thankful for our families for donating items to make this event possible.



## Hill's headlines

Supervision Schedule Football field/ramp- Malone Bus Duty- A. Brown

Monday

- Eligibility
- Tuesday
- Boys basketball meeting 7:45
- Grade level meeting 7:50 Wednesday\_\_\_\_\_
- Mentor/Mentee meeting at 3:30
- Thursday
- Track at Hoisington at 3:30 and dismissed at 1:40 Friday
- Kevin Honeycutt assembly 12:30

#### **Greenback Shoutouts**

- Field trip day was Thursday and Ms. Donnenwerth does an awesome job organizing all of it for us.
- Ms. Heather and Ms. Brooke have worked so hard to organize the Luau-thank you ladies.
- Thank you to Mrs. McGreevy for all her hardwork getting the building ready for state assessments.
- The Blasi family and all the volunteers-WOW-5th grade farm day was awesome and we appreciate your support of our students annually.
- Clint Jones and drivers-Thank you for your efforts in making all the field trips happen.





#### Quote of the week

"State assessments aren't really that hard if you just listen in class."

\*this one made me giggle

### **Rudd's Random Thoughts**

Student Showcase: Ian Clarkson

I recently escaped my own reality exploring a virtual reality game created by 6th grader, Ian Clarkson. The game, Rat Runners, has been downloaded almost 5000 times by players across the world. Upon entering the main room, I was flabbergasted at the caged rat in the corner. It was alarmingly realistic. Ian taught me to jump, swim, and run while in the game which was nerve wracking and exciting for a newbie. Ian has learned to code with the assistance of a gentleman named Ivan. The game is coded in C# (yes, I had to look this up after he shared it with me). His passion for coding overflowed as he shared with me how the game was created and his plans for it moving forward; such as, creating a grapple hook. I asked Ian if there was anything specific he wanted to share regarding the game, "Never give up to get to the good things, you'll have to go through the hard things first." Wise words we can all apply to every aspect of our lives. I would like to personally thank Ian for the unique and outstanding learning experience. As a matter of fact, I will soon be shopping for an Oculus! Be sure to check out Rat Runners!