

Welcome

5th & 6th ALERT

Contact Information

Please feel free to contact me anytime with any questions, concerns, or comments throughout the year.

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5th & 6th Grade ALERT Schedule



Monday	5th Grade Summit & JTSD
Tuesday	6th Grade Inman & JTSD
Wednesday	6th Grade Summit
Thursday	5th Grade Inman

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2017-2018 5TH AND 6TH GRADE ALERT SCHEDULE

Monday 5th Summit/JTSD	Tuesday 6th Inman/JTSD	Wednesday 6th Summit	Thursday 5th Inman
Logic/Math 30 Minutes Logic, SMG, Rubik's Cube	Logic/Math 30 Minutes Logic, SMG, Rubik's Cube	Logic/Math 30 Minutes Logic, SMG, Rubik's Cube	Logic/Math 30 Minutes Logic, SMG, Rubik's Cube
Affective 30 minutes	Affective 30 minutes	Affective 30 minutes	Affective 30 minutes
Communication Arts LAD 30 Minutes	Communication Arts LAD 30 Minutes	Communication Arts LAD 30 Minutes	Communication Arts LAD 30 Minutes
Real World Scholars Business 45 Minutes	Real World Scholars Business 45 Minutes	Real World Scholars Business 45 Minutes	Real World Scholars Business 45 Minutes
Exploration Stations 1 Hour 15 Minutes	Exploration Stations 1 Hour 15 Minutes	Exploration Stations 1 Hour 15 Minutes	Exploration Stations 1 Hour 15 Minutes
Recess 11:20-11:45	Recess 11:20-11:45	Recess 11:20-11:45	Recess 11:20-11:45
Lunch 11:46-12:11	Lunch 11:46-12:11	Lunch 11:46-12:11	Lunch 11:46-12:11
Major Unit 2 Hours	Major Unit 2 Hours	Major Unit 2 Hours	Major Unit 2 Hours
Science, Social Studies, Math, and Communication Arts are incorporated into the Major Units and Exploration Stations.			

ALERT Wish List

The following are items we use throughout the year. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

- Plasticware
- Wet wipes
- Kleenex
- Hand sanitizer
- Sharpie markers
- Paper plates
- AA Batteries
- Popcorn
- Ziplock bags



Transportation Procedures

- If your child attends **Inman...**
 - Inman students will follow normal dismissal procedures.
- If your child attends **Summit...**
 - A bus will pick the students up in the morning around 7:30.
 - Summit bus riders will be dismissed from Inman, riding a bus to the Jr. High where they will transfer to a bus that will take them home.
 - Summit car riders will need to be picked up at Inman following the Inman pick-up procedures. Please be sure get a car tag if you plan on picking your child up from Inman.
- If your child attends **JTSD...**
 - If you live in a neighborhood that buses to Inman, your child may ride the bus to and/or from Inman on ALERT days. If you choose this option, please contact me so we can determine the bus your child will ride.
 - You may drop off and/or pick up your child following the Inman schedule. If you choose this option, please be sure to refer to the procedures and get a car tag.
 - Students may also ride the shuttle bus to and from JTSD.



Inman Drop-off and Pick-up Procedures

Drop Off

- Enter through the car entry lane (per map) and follow the road towards the front of the building.
- Drop your child off by the Main Entrance.
- Have your child exit the car by the sidewalk to ensure safety.
- A teacher will be on duty to greet your child starting at 7:00 a.m. If you arrive earlier than 7:00 a.m, please keep your child in the car until a teacher is out front.



Inman Drop-off and Pick-up Procedures

Parent Pick Up

- Park in the front parking lot.
- A teacher will walk your child out the main entrance, and across the crosswalk, to meet you in the parking lot.



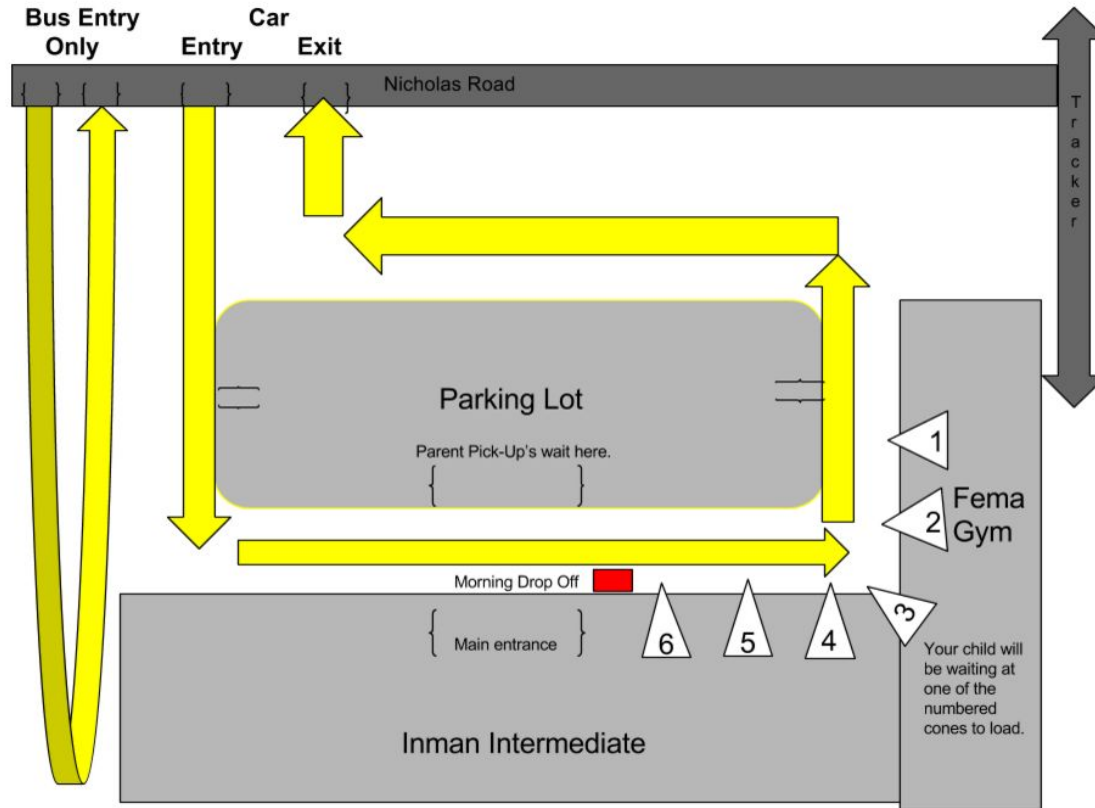
Inman Drop-off and Pick-up Procedures

Car Pick Up

- Hang your child's car tag on your rearview mirror.
- Enter through the car entry lane (per map) and pull all the way forward towards the FEMA gym door.
- A teacher will call your child's name from your sign.
- Pull forward to park in the next available loading space.
- Your child will be waiting by an orange cone to load your car.
- Exit onto Nicholas Road



Inman Drop Off and Pick Up Map



Communication

We will also be using **School Pay** for all permission slips and any payments (such as ALERT T-shirts or field trips).

I may occasionally use **Teacher Reach** to send emails and text messages to parents.

You may have already signed up for Teacher Reach and School Pay. If so, you will not need to sign up again. If you have not and wish to sign up for school pay, please contact me.

I may also send group or individual emails from my nixaschools email.

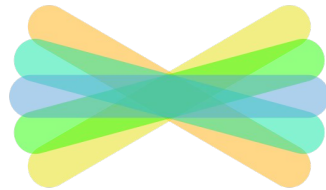
In addition, I will post notes and news as well as student work on our class website.



Communication

Newsletters and other important information about 5th and 6th ALERT classes will be sent to you using **Seesaw**. You will be receiving sign-up information during the first week of ALERT.

Be sure to sign up!



Seesaw

Showcasing Student Work

We will be using Seesaw this year to showcase student work. More information will follow once students have set up their accounts.

WHAT IS SEESAW?

- Seesaw is a student driven digital portfolio.
- Seesaw empowers students of any age to independently document what they are learning at school.
- Students capture learning with photos and videos of their work, or by adding digital creations. Everything gets organized in one place and is accessible from any device.
- Student work can be shared with classmates, parents, or published to a class blog.
- Seesaw gives students a real audience for their work and offers parents a personalized window into their child's learning.
- Check it out at <http://web.seesaw.me/>



Class Website

You can find our class website by visiting <http://5thand6thalert.weebly.com/> or <http://www.nixapublicschools.net/Domain/142>.



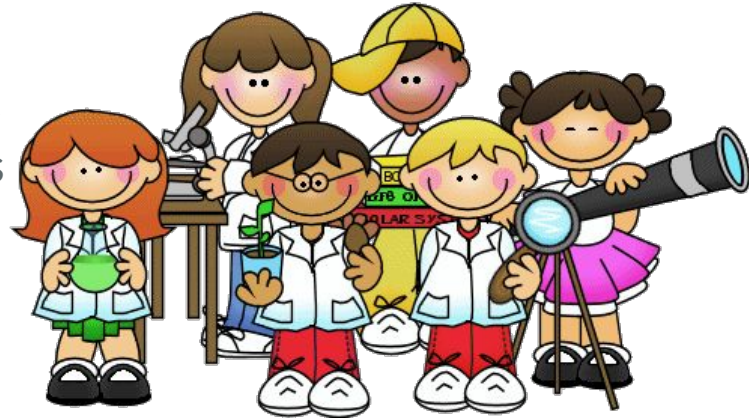
Class Website Overview



- **About Gifted:** You will find information about the Nixa Gifted Pr
- **Parents:** This is where you will find any notes and news of upcoming events. (The information will have already been sent to you via Seesaw.) You will also find a resource library and information and forms regarding 5th and 6th grade ALERT.
- **Students:** Students will find links to websites used in class and web quests.
- **Student Created Projects:** As students complete projects, some will be posted under this tab on the website. This will allow students to share their work with parents, friends and family.
- **Curriculum:** Here you will find the Nixa Gifted Program Curriculum as well as objectives and standards for each major unit.

Major Units

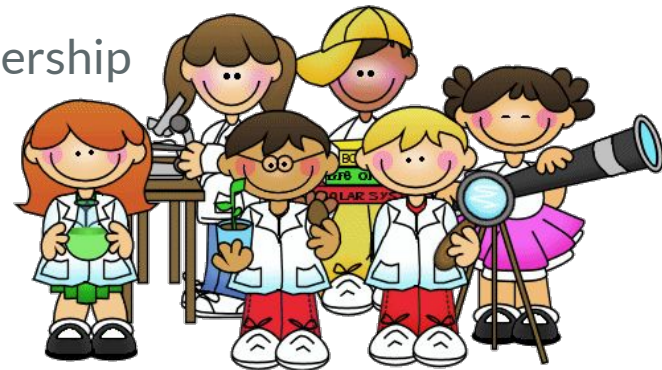
- The major units will provide students with the opportunity to be involved in various learning experiences that will explore critical and creative thinking.
- As students engage in the units, they will utilize creative problem solving, team building, creative writing, research, and leadership skills.
- Math, science, social studies and communication arts will be incorporated into these units.
- My goal is to provide units that reach different talents and interests. Student interest surveys will be used to determine the units.



Major units will be discussed and decided upon the first day of ALERT class.

Exploration Stations

- We will be trying something new this year with Exploration Stations.
- Students will choose one project each quarter based on interest.
- Choices include 3d printing, coding, virtual reality, drones, robotics, circuits, sewing and more. More choices may be added based upon student interest.
- The projects will be self-paced and may be done individually or in groups of two or three.
- Math, science, social studies and communication arts will be incorporated into these units.
- The purpose is to provide students choices and ownership in their learning. Students will be provided opportunities to experience authentic learning in real-world situations.



Real World Scholars - EdCorps Businesses

We will be receiving another \$1,000 grant to continue our businesses this year!

The 6th graders have voted to take over **Cutting Edge Kids** and produce products using designs cut using a Cricut. Check out their website [here](#). Last year, they made a profit of \$405.00 which they donated to Inman and Summit Middle School Electives.

The 5th graders can either take over **Class of Cards** or propose a new business idea. Class of Cards made cards, notepads, journals, and bookmarks. You can check out their products [here](#). Class of Cards made a profit of \$280.00 which they also donated to Inman and Summit Middle School Electives.

Nixa ALERT Program - Goals

- Students will develop their thinking, creativity, and reasoning abilities, as well as their decision-making and communication skills.
- Students will become more independent and self-directed learners.
- Students will participate in challenging learning experiences that are not included in the regular classroom curriculum.
- Students will participate in growth and social development activities, learning to recognize and respond to the strengths and needs of themselves and others.
- Students will be provided opportunities to come together to challenge each other and to encounter other students with similar skills and talents.



Nixa ALERT Program - Curriculum

- Cognitive Education – academics- units on various topics
- Affective Education – self-knowledge and life skill.
- Critical and Creative Thinking Skills
- Problem Solving – includes mathematical and spatial
- Communication Skills – oral and written

The curriculum content is based on major units of study that are explored using a multi-disciplinary approach, including: math, science, history, written language, oral expression, construction projects, research, creative expression, geography, and career opportunities. Objectives and activities are designed to use higher-order thinking skills whenever possible.



Curriculum

Nixa ALERT Program - Student Responsibilities

- **Regular attendance is expected and essential**, since the class meets only once per week and the program's curriculum is sequential.
- Students are responsible for finding out about work missed in the regular classroom on ALERT class day. They are expected to make up tests and are responsible for new concepts introduced. They are not required to make up daily assignments, such as math problems, reading journals, etc.
- Some ALERT homework may be assigned in the upper grades, not to exceed two hours per week. Please notify the ALERT teacher if assignments seem to require an inordinate amount of time.
- Students will miss some activities at their home school while attending the ALERT program. The student may request to attend missed classes (Art, Music, P.E.) on another day with another class. This will be arranged when possible.

