

Darrel C. Swope Middle School
PANTHER PAUSE



We are committed to excellence and are Panthers on the Prowl. . .

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Swope Middle School Parent Group Newsletter

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PANTHER PAUSE NEWSLETTER

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Dear Swope Families,

It has been a jam packed first quarter at Swope. It is hard to believe it's already fall.

Here is a quick recap of the first quarter. Our annual Open House was widely attended and received very positive reviews; thank you for coming and spending your time with us. The



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Parent Faculty Association (PFA) held their first and second general meeting of the year. We had a great turn out with robust conversations about how the PFA can help Swope achieve its many goals. The PFA is working diligently this year to help us replace an entire computer lab at the cost of \$17,500.00. If you would like to join our PFA, please go to www.swopepfa.org. PFA general meeting dates are also available on their site.

Fall sports started and have gone very well. We had a great showing in cross-country and students had a ton of fun competing. Currently, girls' basketball and boys soccer is underway and students are learning and growing as athletes. We were even able to have

the University of Nevada female basketball team attend a practice and run our girls through a collegiate clinic. It was a wonderful, positive event and the girls loved it. Finally, I would like to mention our annual Panther Prowl and the amazing outpouring of support and donations that we have received. The amount of generosity is truly outstanding, humbling and overwhelming. We cannot thank you enough for your support in the efforts to continue to strive for the best school we can be for our students. Thank you for all your efforts and commitment to make each day at Swope exciting, fun, and engaging.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Mandeville – Principal

2017-2018 TEAMS

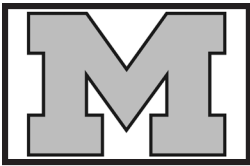
6th/7th Grade



UNR:
Mr. Harris
Mrs. Williams
Mr. Anderson



UCLA Bruins:
Mr. Vaughn
Ms. Hadley
Mrs. Oviatt



Michigan Wolverines:
Mr. Nielsen
Mr. Conlan
Mr. Wessel



Stanford Cardinals:
Mr. Shader
Ms. Wilbrecht
Ms. Irwin-McGinnis
Mr. Bodensteiner

8th Grade



UNR Wolf Pack:
Mrs. Hoppe
Mr. Nuccio
Mrs. Killian



TCU Horned Frogs:
Mrs. Hiestand
Mrs. Saunders
Ms. Whitham



Oregon Ducks:
Mrs. Nicolai
Mrs. Sheldon
Mrs. Shannon



Harvard:
Mrs. Hoy
Mrs. Leslie

7/8 Combo Team



Washington Huskies:
Ms. Arzoian
Mrs. Browning
Mr. Gault
Mrs. Price
Ms. Nissen
Ms. Smith
Mrs. Stoddard

REMINDER!

Students are encouraged to wear their team shirts on Wednesdays with the normal black or khaki pants.

A NOTE FROM MRS. CALLAHAN

What a FANTASTIC start to the new school year! We are so impressed with our 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. If the first quarter in any indication, this is shaping up to be the best year ever. Swope has amped up our PBIS (positive behavior interventions and supports) program which is called PROWL. Through PROWL, we recognize our students who are working hard and showing PROWL characteristics. Please ask your child about what PROWL stands for and how they are being “Panthers on the PROWL” at Swope.

To help students feel more connected here at Swope, each student is on an academic team. Students on a team have the same core (English, Social Studies, Science) teachers. This allows for the opportunity to build community and connectedness to school as well as a consistency from class to class.

Students have completed their first round of MAP testing in reading and math. Through effective effort on both their part and the part of our staff, we are excited to see tremendous academic growth. Through Enrichment, all students are creating academic goals. They and their teachers will be monitoring their progress toward their goals throughout the school year. At any time, your child should be able to tell you what their current MAP score is in reading and math, what their goal is for the next MAP testing, and the plan that they’ve created to get there.

If you want to know what is happening on campus, here are a few of different ways to get the information:

- Infinite Campus main page on the Parent Portal
- The Swope Website. Our website can be found by logging on to www.washoeschools.net, selecting schools, and then selecting Swope: <https://www.washoeschools.net/swope>
- Student/Parent Handbook—This was sent home with your student on the first day of school
- E-mail back and forth with teachers (all email addresses are on the website and will be in the handbook)
- Quarterly newsletter
- Your child’s Panther Plan (which should be filled out each period and it is graded for completeness each Monday during Enrichment)
- The weekly message home by phone and through email

Thank you for sharing your kids with us this year. We promise to take good care of them and please know that you are ALWAYS WELCOME here at Swope. WE LOVE PARENTS VISITING AND VOLUNTEERING ON CAMPUS!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Callahan – Assistant Principal

GREAT THINGS HAPPENING AT SWOPE – WE ARE SO PROUD!

149 students were Self Managers the first Quarter!

2nd Quarter Self-Manager applications will be coming out after report cards. If your child has all A’s in Citizenship and in Work Ethic, encourage them to apply. The self-manager applications will be available on October 23rd, through their Enrichment teachers. They will be due on November 3rd.

Perks for being a Self-Manager include:

Two minute early release for lunchtime, eating in the Panther Patio at any time, two minute early entry to the building at lunchtime, two minute early release after school, surprise treats during the quarter, one homework pass

Technology:

This year in technology has been off to a great start. Students are finishing their first projects and starting on their second. We have finished setting up our online portfolios. Looking forward to the new building of K'Nex, Zometools, and other construction materials.

Robotics:

Robotics is moving forward with our Edison Programmable robots. We have learned coding with both EdWare and EdBlocks. This unit has been challenging for the students but fun as well. Soon, we will be programming our robots to dance.

NEWS FROM TEAM WOLVERINES

Team Wolverines = We are excited that our new 7th grade team's name is Wolverines because some kids have decided that they may want to actually go to Michigan University someday. We are also very excited about wearing our beautiful yellow team shirt and eagerly awaiting the chance to participate in the game events during our team assemblies.

Yearbook Enrichment:

Yearbook got off to a fast start. We hit the ground running this year with taking picture and setting up pages. We will be once again using yearbook Snap App to allow students to upload photos of fun events as well as yearbookforever.com to upload any photos of events. It was exciting to cover our two spirit days and the solar eclipse. The most exciting part is our yearbook cover proof came back this week and this year's is the best one yet!

Hello to all Swope parents!

I want to share a little bit about our library with you. We are open at 7:08 am every day as well as for both lunches. Students have the opportunity to read, check out books and use the computers.

If you or your child would like to access our library catalog from home here are the steps:

1. Washoeschools.follett.destiny.com
2. Select Swope
3. Enter your student ID and last name

The school district library catalog program is called Destiny. When you access the Swope library page you

will see many options that students can use such as Infinite Campus and research sites that will help with homework and reports. If you have any questions or comments please email me at dlester@washoeschools.net.

I look forward to a wonderful year working with you and students.

Sincerely,

Ms. Lester, MLS
Librarian
Swope Middle School

"Google can bring you back 100,000 answers, a librarian can bring you back the right one." – Neil Gaiman

2017-18 Membership Form



The Swope Parent Faculty Association (PFA) is a 501(c)3 non-profit, volunteer-run organization dedicated to supporting the faculty and students of Swope Middle School. By becoming a member of the Swope PFA, you're helping to build a stronger, more rewarding learning environment. We look forward to working with you to create academic success at Swope.

Member information

Parent(s) names _____

E-mail address _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____ Mobile phone _____

Membership level (choose one) Family membership \$15/year Faculty membership \$0/year

I am including an addition donation of \$ _____ to support Swope PFA's efforts at the school.

Student information

Student's name(s)	Grade	Enrichment teacher
_____	_____	_____
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Volunteer interests

The Swope PFA relies on the support of volunteers. Please indicate your volunteer interests below.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Panther Prowl | <input type="checkbox"/> Staff appreciation | <input type="checkbox"/> Enrichment parent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) | <input type="checkbox"/> 8th grade party | <input type="checkbox"/> WatchDOGS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Box Tops for Education | <input type="checkbox"/> 7th grade Field Day | <input type="checkbox"/> Track help |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tutoring | <input type="checkbox"/> Library aide | <input type="checkbox"/> Lunchtime help |

Please deliver form with payment to the office at Swope Middle School or mail to 901 Keele Drive, Reno, NV 89509

Thank you for supporting the PFA. For more information, please visit www.swopepfa.org.

**30 students were 1st quarter
PROWL TICKET RAFFLE WINNERS!**

Some of the raffle prizes were Yogurt Beach gift cards, Starbucks gift cards, Doughboys Donuts gift cards, Peppermill Arcade gift cards, Roller Kingdom passes, and Movie Passes

25 students saved their PROWL tickets and redeemed them when they'd collected 30!

Students can redeem 30 PROWL tickets for a Yogurt Beach gift card, a homework pass, or extra time at lunch with a friend.

GO, HUSKIES!

Congratulations to our new specialty enrichment team, THE University of Washington, Huskies! Students on this team consist of Honor Choir (Mr. Gault), Jazz Band (Miss Smith), Yearbook (Ms. Nissen), and Leadership (Mrs. Price). All of our students have gone through a rigorous application process and/or worked very hard to prepare for an audition and were accepted based on citizenship, merit, talent and skill. As a team, we have several activities planned throughout the year. We have ordered our Team Huskies Shirts from the University of Washington Bookstore in Seattle, and they should be here shortly after the break. Shirts are \$15 and checks can be made out to Swope MS. Don't forget to buy your shirt and help us build team spirit! And a big thank you to Mrs. Hoy, whose daughter sent us some swag!

Tami Price M.Ed.
Drama/Leadership

NEWS FROM THE HISTORY DEPARTMENT

7th Grade = We just finished an exciting unit on Geography. It was fun to learn the Cardinal Directions and how to use a Compass. Students learned that it was great to see the whole world that is around them. You, too, can see the world differently; be a geographer!

8th Grade = Our class studied the Civil War and learned that it started because of two reasons: States Rights issues of Secession & Slavery. Also, they loved learning about the Battle of Gettysburg and the famous "The Gettysburg Address" by President Abraham Lincoln.

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

We have been very busy this year cooking, learning about kitchen equipment, sanitation and nutrition! The Home Economic students have followed different recipes from some of the food groups and have enjoyed eating the dishes that they have made! Perhaps they have made some of their creations at home!

The Culinary Arts students have been practicing their knife skills while making Vegetable Chicken Quesadillas and Meatball Minestrone Soup! We are now beginning our gingerbread unit! Students will be working in small groups to create a gingerbread house or other gingerbread creation. In a few weeks their finished gingerbread projects will be on display for voting. Students and faculty will vote for the top seven gingerbreads that will be transported to the Reno Tahoe Airport! They will be on display from November 20th through the New Year! Airport patrons will vote for their favorite gingerbread by putting a monetary donation in the box in front of that gingerbread. The money collected will be given to a non-profit organization in the Reno area. We have not decided which organization we will be raising money for yet. If you know of a non-profit organization that is worthy of a donation please let us know! You can either email me at www.tshannon@washoeschools.net or send the information to school with your son or daughter! The Culinary classes would appreciate any candy, cookies, crackers, pretzels etc. that would look good on a gingerbread house or other gingerbread creation! If you're traveling over the holidays look for our gingerbread projects! They will be upstairs near the McDonalds!

Sincerely,
Tracy Shannon
Family and Consumer Science Teacher

DRAMA

Hello Drama Families! We have had a great start to the new school year! We have been working on foundational drama skills and concepts through a variety of small group activities and projects. Students have written several scripts and performed for their peers as well as creating products to develop and enhance drama knowledge. When we get back from a well-deserved break, we will be finishing up our unit on voice and stage directions, and Shakespeare will be introduced. We will be able to apply some of the foundational skills we've been working on to this fun and creative unit. Coming in January – DRAMA CLUB! More details to follow...

Tami Price M.Ed.
Drama/Leadership

SAVE THE DATES

OCTOBER

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| <p>12 Girls Basketball 7th @ Pine 8th Home 2:45 p.m.
(B Team first)
Boys Soccer @ Pine 2:45 p.m.</p> <p>16 Girls Basketball 8th @ Depoali 7th Home 2:45 p.m.
(A Team first)
Boys Soccer @ Depoali 2:45 p.m.</p> <p>19 Girls Basketball 8th @ Shaw 7th Home 2:45 p.m.
(A Team first)
Boys Soccer @ Swope vs. Truckee 2:45 p.m.</p> <p>23 Boys Soccer @ Billingshurst 2:45 p.m.
Girls Basketball 7th @ Billingshurst 8th Home 2:45 p.m.
(A Team first)</p> | <p>23 Report Cards Issued to Students</p> <p>24 PFA (Parent Group) Meeting @ 6:00 p.m. in the Library
Boo-Grams Fundraiser Begins during lunch thru
10/30/17</p> <p>26 NO AFTER-SCHOOL TUTORING</p> <p>27 NO SCHOOL – Nevada Day</p> <p>30 Boys Basketball Tryouts Begin</p> <p>31 NO AFTER-SCHOOL TUTORING
Free Dress Day – Halloween Costumes</p> |
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NOVEMBER

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| <p>9 Veterans Day Assembly @ 7:45 a.m. in the Swope
Gym (all welcomed)
NO AFTER-SCHOOL TUTORING</p> <p>10 NO SCHOOL – Veterans Day</p> <p>13 Cookbook Fundraiser Sales Begin (Home Ec & Art)
Boys Basketball 8th @ Billingshurst 7th Home 2:45 p.m.
(B Team first)</p> <p>16 Boys Basketball 7th @ Mendive 8th Home 2:45 p.m.
(B Team first)</p> | <p>20 GT National History Day Event 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
(all GT students)</p> <p>21 NO AFTER-SCHOOL TUTORING
Free Dress Day – Twin Day</p> <p>22-24 NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break</p> <p>27 Academic Warnings Mailed Home
MAP testing begins (window Nov. 27 – Dec. 15)</p> <p>30 Boys Basketball 7th @ Pine 8th Home 2:45 p.m.
(B Team first)</p> |
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DECEMBER

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| <p>1 Swope Food Basket Drive Begins (thru Dec. 18th)</p> <p>4 Boys Basketball 8th @ Depoali 7th Home 2:45 p.m.
(A Team first)</p> <p>7 Boys Basketball 8th Shaw 7th Home 2:45 p.m.
(A Team first)
Choir/Orchestra Winter Concert Time/Location: TBD</p> <p>11 Boys Basketball 7th @ Billingshurst 8th Home 2:45
p.m. (A Team first)</p> <p>12 PFA (Parent Group) Meeting @ 6:00 p.m. in the Library</p> | <p>13 Band Holiday Winter Concert @ 6:00 p.m. in the
Swope Gym</p> <p>18 Swope Band to perform at the Airport 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>21 NO AFTER-SCHOOL TUTORING
Free Dress Day – Fancy Dress
School Dance in the afternoon 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.
End of 1st Semester</p> <p>***** Winter Break Dec. 22 – Jan. 12 *****</p> |
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JANUARY

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| <p>15 NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday</p> | <p>16 School Resumes</p> |
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Thank you Panther PROWL Sponsors!!!

We are truly THANKFUL AND HUMBLLED!

Thanks to your Generosity and Support we raised over \$38,000!!!

Jake Inchino, MD

Yasar Family

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Thank you again for such a GREAT Panther PROWL!

Not only did the fundraiser far exceed any expectation, the kids had a BLAST!

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED AND ALL WHO VOLUNTEERED!!!

SWOPE YEARBOOK ORDER FORM 2017 - 2018

Student Name: _____

Advisory Teacher: _____

Pricing: \$35.00 through December 31st

of Yearbook(s) ordered _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Enclosed: Check # _____ or Cash _____

Checks should be made payable to SWOPE MIDDLE SCHOOL.

Please return this order form to:

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