

Parents' night 2023


WELCOME!





Yours truly

- ▶ 42 years, 14 years in Kanervalva School
 - ▶ Father of two children
 - ▶ M.A. in English language and Culture, CoC in Computer Science, Pedagogical studies and Classroom teaching
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This semester Strategy of city of Joensuu

- ▶ Emphasis on three major sections:
- ▶ 1. Positive pedagogy
 - ▶ Positive feedback
 - ▶ Self-reflection, recognizing one's strengths, learning positive feelings
- ▶ 2. ICT skills
 - ▶ Osaamismerkki (expertise badges), students collect these and show their real ICT skills
 - ▶ Optional subject (I see ICT) + other ICT related integration
- ▶ 3. Internationality, global education
 - ▶ Visitors, teacher trainees, events, etc...



General info!

- ▶ This semester 5th and 6th grades have 8+9 students = 17 altogether
- ▶ School staff: Iris (arts, Swedish, Finnish, PE and social studies), Päivi Heiskanen (soft materials), Minna Tahvanainen (S2 – Finnish as a second language), Simo (PE and hard materials) and Kaisa Tervonen (Special education teacher)
- ▶ [The Event Calendar](#) has been published (paper version, Wilma and webpage)
- ▶ Messages via Wilma (Everyone has Ids that works?)
- ▶ New subjects (Swedish, 6th; History, 5th)+changes in optional subjects
 - ▶ Decreased lesson resources → more multi-grade instruction
 - ▶ On Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays multi-grade maths.
- ▶ Emphasis on "traditional skills" reading, writing and calculating in Finnish and English.

General stuff continued...

- ▶ Drinking tea is allowed in my classroom (students need to bring their own mugs and tea)
- ▶ Xylitol-pastilles (rather than chewing gum!)
- ▶ Students' council members will be elected in week 35
- ▶ Parents' committee assembles four times during a semester (please come and join!) 😊
- ▶ Workshop Day on 18th of November! (Saturday!)
- ▶ Sports Day in Lykynlampi Friday 13th of October! (what could possibly go wrong?) Parents needed!
- ▶ Evaluation discussions (teacher-student-parent(s) in November and December (replaces the midterm report)
- ▶ Students need to bring towels for P.E. lessons!

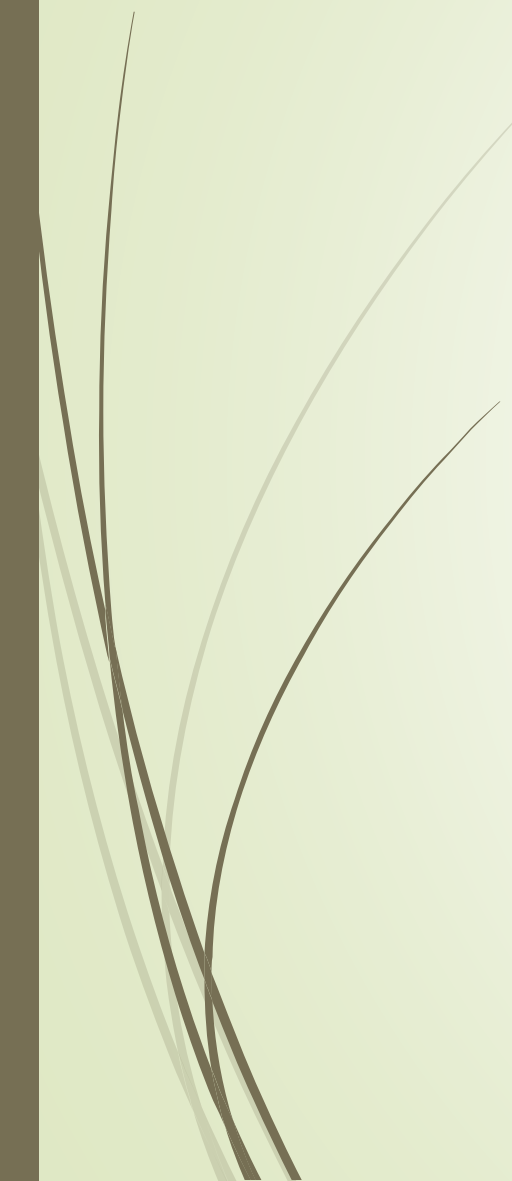


City's new guidelines regarding students' absences

- ▶ Joensuu city schools have received instructions for monitoring student absences, absence limits and measures to be taken at the school.
Excessive absences make it difficult to study and can endanger the completion of compulsory education.
- ▶ In accordance with the instructions received, schools must act as follows:
 - ▶ Guardians should be instructed to report the absence of students immediately on the first day of absence.
 - ▶ Immediately **after the first worrisome school day** or repeated absence of a single class, the class teacher must contact the student and his/her guardian and agree with them how to proceed in the matter.
 - ▶ When there **are no more than 30 lessons** during the academic year that cause concern, the class teacher must consult the student welfare staff and agree on further measures together with the student and the guardian.
 - ▶ When there are **no more than 60 lesson** absences that cause concern during the school year, the student welfare staff will agree on further measures with the student and guardians. Child protection is consulted by the school and, if necessary, a child protection report is made. For sickness absences of more than 60 hours, the student/guardian must submit a sick leave certificate issued by a healthcare professional. The student welfare staff will agree on the necessary follow-up measures.



General discussion, suggestions, comments, etc.

- ▶ Sana on vapaa!
 - ▶ Feel free to ask, comment, and so on...
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Thank you for participating! 😊

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