

# MUSTANG MEMO

Addenbrooke Middle School Newsletter / October 10, 2024



ACA  
STAFF  
VS  
MS SOCCER  
October 24  
3:45- 5:00 at ACA soccer field  
Come watch and cheer us on!

## Important Information

Recently in the Middle School we have experienced some things that are difficult to discuss but important to address. Several students in these grades have been using language that does not conform to our values or school rules to show respect in our language to others and ourselves. This language has been vulgar and often sexual in nature, and this is not something we will tolerate in our school. The physical, emotional, and academic safety of our students is of the highest priority. We need your help as parents to reinforce that this type of language is unacceptable at school or in social media posts.

## Parent Teacher Conferences:

Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for October 15 and 16 from 4:00 - 8:00. Middle School does conferences in an open format. Parents are asked to line up outside of classroom doors of the teachers they would like to specifically meet with. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to discuss your child's progress and goals. Teachers may have reached out with specific request for meetings.



## Yearbook Cover Design

**Congratulations Shaylea Cordova on her yearbook cover design. We look forward to publishing her cover on the yearbook and appreciate her work.**

ACA Middle School  
Student Council Will  
Be Selling Breast  
Cancer Awareness  
Bracelets for \$1  
after school 10/7-  
10-11  
All Proceeds will be  
donated.



Don't forget to  
wear your pink  
on 10/11

## Reminders

There is no school next Thursday (10/17), Friday (10/18) and Monday (10/21). Hopefully the weather will cooperate that long weekend.

## Lockheed Martin is available to help every Tuesday!

When: Tuesdays 6:00pm-7:00 pm  
Where: ACA High School  
(3rd grade-12th grade)

- o No sign-up necessary, drop-ins welcome
- o Please arrive no later than 6:30
- o Remember your Chromebook/ needed materials (math book)

## Tutors can help with: Homework: Math/Science Test Preparation

<b>Fall Dates:</b>	<b>October 29</b>
<b>September 24</b>	<b>November 5</b>
<b>October 1</b>	<b>November 12</b>
<b>October 8</b>	<b>November 19</b>
<b>October 15</b>	<b>December 3</b>
<b>October 22</b>	<b>December 10</b>



Dress out of uniform day is on October 11. Students are allowed to dress out of uniform for the day if they pay \$1. This month we are encouraging students to wear **Pink!**

## CANDY COLLECTION BY ADVISEMENT

We are collecting Halloween candy in advisements for our Fall Festival. The advisement that collects the most candy will receive Ice Cream Treats.



# HISTORY

### Mr. Mey Sixth Grade

We will be working on learning about Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle this week. This students will be reading *The Cave* by Plato. It is an allegory about how people understanding is changed based on the background and upbringing. We are going to do our first socratic seminar on Friday discussing *The Cave*. Our project started last week. The students are started to create a newscast about 1 of 5 Greek City-States (Athens, Sparta, Corinth, Thebes, or Delphi). They will present it to the class. We will be doing 90% of the work in class on Thursdays and Fridays. The students are off to a great start!

### Mr. Satchell Seventh Grade

Students learned about the Spanish-American War this week. This topic, along with the building of the Panama Canal, are preparing students to learn about World War I.

### Eighth Grade

We are currently preparing to attend International Towne on October 24th. Students are completing a variety of activities that have to do with international trade. One topic we explored was how a t-shirt is made from the growing of cotton to the sale of the product.

Sign up by: 10/31/24

Our Trip Dates: 5/4/25 - 5/8/25

When signing up, use Trip ID: 216848

Don't Miss this Trip! Sign up at  
[worldstrides.com/register](https://worldstrides.com/register)  
or by calling 800-468-5899



Scan to Register

Questions? Contact: Julie Spencer at [jspencer@addenbrooke.org](mailto:jspencer@addenbrooke.org) or visit our trip website at <https://worldstrides.com/custom/2025-addenbrooke-classical-dc-216848/>

TOOLS  
TO HELP  
PAY FOR  
THE TRIP

Fundraising, financial assistance, and monthly payment plans are available.

## Reminders

We encourage parents to check the parent portal from time to time to be aware of what students grade are and if they have missing work.

Don't miss out—our prepay pricing has been extended through Monday, October 14th! Order now to skip additional fees.

Direct Link: <http://www.studio5portraits.preorderphotos.com/?AccessCode=K74GQ3>

Prepay website: <http://www.studio5.preorderphotos.com>

Access Code:

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# MATH

## Math 6

We are working on multiplying and dividing decimals. They are learning to be careful with their decimal point. We will have a unit test at the end of next week on Chapter 2. This is a test on Fractions and decimals. Please make sure all missing assignments are turned in by then.

Please remember that there is Math help with Lockheed on Tuesday evenings for math at 6:00 at the High School. They are helping with Math.

I am having after school math help on Mondays from 3:15 to 4:00.

## Math 7

We finished up Chapter 2 of Big Ideas TODAY! Friday is the last day for students to turn in make up tests and quizzes or any missing assignments.

Lockheed Martin has tutoring available on Tuesdays at ACA High School from 6pm - 7pm. If your student needs extra help this is a great opportunity! Students can earn a homework pass for every night they attend!

I am having after school math help on Tuesdays from 3:15 to 4:00.

If you have any questions please reach out to me at [shinger@addenbrooke.org](mailto:shinger@addenbrooke.org)

## Math 8

We are wrapping up Chapter 2 on Transformations. The test will be Wednesday, October 16th.

Please make sure your students have a graphing notebook for the next few chapters.

Google Classroom is an important resource for all students. Video resources are uploaded to help with understanding of the concepts.

Tuesday and Thursday afternoons I am available after school until 4pm to help students with any questions on homework. Lockheed Martin has tutoring available on Tuesdays at ACA High School from 6pm - 7pm. If your student needs extra help this is a great opportunity!

If you have any questions please reach out to me at [sadamson@addenbrooke.org](mailto:sadamson@addenbrooke.org)!

## Algebra and Geometry

**Chapter 1 ALG 1- Expression and Equations:** Expression, Variables, Powers and Exponents, Order of Operation Equations, Word Problems that Lead to Expressions and Equations

**Chapter 1 Geometry - Points, Lines, Planes, and Angles:** Points, Lines, Planes, Segments, Rays, and Distance, Angles, Postulates and Theorems About the Above.

# SCIENCE

## Mrs. Edwards

### Sixth Grade

In our 6th-grade science class, we're on a fascinating journey to understand the different forms of energy that power our world. We've been exploring the sun's radiant energy, the kinetic energy of moving objects, the potential energy stored in objects, and even the electrical energy that lights our homes. Through experiments, observations, and discussions, we're learning how these different types of energy can be transformed and used to perform work. This past week we did a rubber band lab exploring the differences between kinetic and potential energy.

## Mr. Martinez

### Seventh Grade

This week we have studied phenomena related to chemical reactions and are exploring the Scientific Method in Teams throughout the week. We are working toward testing a hypothesis as to where the bubbles come from when a bath bomb comes in contact with water. My hope is that we can test the hypothesis of each Team on Friday of this week depending upon some material acquisition. We have also learned about the Periodic Table and Chemical Elements and Molecules. We completed a 3-D puzzle during brain breaks.

### Eighth Grade

In 8th Grade Science we have started studying Contact Forces and have taken an Assessment exam to see where "gaps" exist. We completed a 3-D puzzle during brain breaks.

# LANGUAGE ARTS

Sixth- Mrs. Reynolds  
**Reading:** We just finished "The Iliad" and will be creating a Greek Vase depicting an important scene from the book.



**Writing:** We are starting narrative writing and will create a quality person narrative.



Seventh  
**Reading-** We are continuing to read Call of the Wild. We also continue to work on sensory details present in Call of the Wild and how that influences characterization.

**Writing-** We have finished our narrative unit and are beginning to shift to informational writing. We also took a pretest on the most common grammatical errors present in middle school writing.

Eighth  
**Reading -** We will finish *Animal Farm* next week. Once the novel is finished they will be working more on connecting the book they read with their literature circles with *Animal Farm*.

**Writing -** We are working on informative writing. We are working on an essay as a class before students work independently on their own essays. We are also studying adjectives.

## Art - Mrs. Troudt

Art to Remember! Fundraiser!! We are wrapping up the drawing part of our fundraiser. Keep on the look out for information coming your way to support our fundraiser! These drawings are based on our "Love for Colorado."



## Choir - Mr. Hovorka

We have been Learning the fundamentals involved with singing in a choir. Some of the pieces we are working on are; "Somewhere over the Rainbow", "American Tears" and "Homeward Bound". We have been doing Karaoke Fridays to celebrate the end of the week! Our big favorite has been MOANA. We will be practicing several pieces from the movie. The students are also learning some music theory that is involved with our pieces.

## Orchestra - Ms. Smith

We are continuing to practice reading music and working as an ensemble. We are learning exciting and spooky music in preparation for halloween! Playing tests have been going very well and I love watching everyone improve. As the weather changes please be extra careful when bringing instruments home, string instruments hate the cold and dry weather.

## Physical Education - Mr. Vessey

Students should bring a water bottle and wear appropriate shoes each day. Please send your student to school with sunscreen as we will be outside as much as possible. We are currently having our pickleball tournament.

**Sixth- Ms. Lafferty**

We are currently reviewing for the Unit 1 Test. The test is about first conjugation verbs and first declension nouns.

Unit 1 test October 22nd/23rd

**Seventh and Eighth Ms. Lafferty/Mr. Roe**

7th: We are currently working through chapter 2 of the Oxford Latin text. This chapter focuses on translating simple sentences from Latin to English and vice versa.

Chapter 2 test Thursday October 10th

<b>Dress out of Uniform Day for \$1 (Pink Out)</b>	<b>October 11</b>
<b>PACS Meeting</b>	<b>October 11</b> 8:00 am, Grammar School Commons
<b>Middle &amp; High School Parent Teacher Conferences</b>	<b>October 15-16</b> 4:00 - 8:00 pm
<b>Mom's Math Club</b>	<b>October 16</b> 7:45 am - 8:15 am, Grammar School Commons
<b>No School for Students, PD Day</b>	<b>October 17</b>
<b>Preschool Parent Teacher Conferences</b>	<b>October 17</b>
<b>Mini Break, No school</b>	<b>October 18-21</b>
<b>Middle School Girls Basketball Tryouts</b>	<b>October 22</b>
<b>Middle School Parent Coffee with the Principal</b>	<b>October 23</b> 8:00 am, Grammar School Commons
<b>HS Mid-Semester Choral Showcase</b>	<b>October 24</b> 4:30 - 5:30 pm Vineyard Church
<b>8th Grade International Towne</b>	<b>October 24</b>
<b>MS Soccer Game vs Staff</b>	<b>October 24</b> 4:00 - 5:00, Addenbrooke Soccer field
<b>Fall Festival</b>	<b>October 29</b> 5:30-8:00
<b>Grammar School Halloween Parties</b>	<b>October 31</b> 8:00 - 8:30 Parade, 8:30 - 9:30 Party
<b>No School (Candy Coma Day/PD)</b>	<b>November 1</b>
<b>6th Grade Outdoor Lab at Id-Ra-Ha-Je</b>	<b>November 5-8</b>
<b>Dad's Book Club</b>	<b>November 6</b> 7:45 - 8:15 am, Library

**GIRLS MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALLS - Monday, October 14, 2024**

# ZEARN MATH PROGRAM

## About Zearn GRADES K-8

Zearn Math is a nonprofit learning platform your child will use to complete online math lessons.

In each lesson, your child will:

- Explore the important math ideas of their grade with an on-screen Zearn teacher.
- Make sense of math with pictures and interactive models.
- Solve math problems in lots of different activities, all with built-in math help.

If you would like to participate in this program we ask that your child complete 3 lessons per week. If you opt into this program and your child completes 3 lessons a week they will earn a Zearn Star. At checkpoints the stars will add up to prizes your

child will earn.  
Please sign up by 10/30

Scan to sign  
up



If you have issues signing  
up email

cclary@addenbrooke.org



**Z EARN**

# MATH PROGRAM

Welcome! You have officially been signed up on Zearn! Your login information is attached. Each week ACA will pull a report to check how many lessons you student has completed. To earn a star you must complete 3 lessons. If less than 3 are completed that week will not earn a star. It must be three in one week. Each week star collecting will start over.

**Z EARN IT!**

- 3 stars: prize bin
- 6 stars: salty snack
- 10 stars: sweet surprise
- 14 stars: bouncy ball
- 18 stars: art supply
- 22 stars: game
- 26 stars: puzzle book
- 30 stars: Mystery Prize

**Student with the most lessons done at the end of the year will get an Amazon gift card.**

