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MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

Middle School has really started off very well. Tomorrow students will choose their enrichments and this will change the end of the day schedule slightly. On Monday and Thursday the students will have advisement. During this time they will do a grade and missing assignment check, work on organization skills and do reading clubs. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday we will have these enrichment classes.

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| Mustang Mini-Marathon Fundraiser K-8 | September 9 |
| Board of Directors Meeting | September 10 6:00 - 8:30 pm, 3rd floor HS building |
| Parenting with Love and Logic Class Part 1 (register ahead of time) | September 11 6:00 - 8:00, ELE Campus (room TBD) |
| K-8 Dress out of Uniform Day for \$1 | September 13 |
| PACS Meeting | September 13 7:45 am, Grammar School Commons |
| SAC Meeting (School Accountability Committee) | September 19 5:30 - 6:30 pm, H.S. 3rd floor |
| Parenting with Love and Logic Class Part 2 (register ahead of time) | September 18 6:00 - 8:00, ELE Campus (room TBD) |
| No School (Professional Development) | September 20 |
| Primary (K-2) Parent Coffee with the Principal | September 25 8:00 am, Grammar School Commons |
| Parenting with Love and Logic Class Part 3 (register ahead of time) | September 25 6:00 - 8:00, ELE Campus (room TBD) |
| Family Fun Movie Night - Prize night from Mustang Mini Marathon | September 26 6:00 - 8:00, Addenbrooke Field |
| Middle School (Spring Semester 23) Honor Roll Trip | September 27 |
| October Count Day | October 1 |
| PreK-8th Grade Picture Day (wear red polos) | October 1 |

In the Classrooms

Content we are learning in classroom

Math

| Math 6 | Math 7 | Math 8 | Algebra / Geometry |
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| <p>Last Friday we took our first quiz on exponents and order of operations. Yesterday we tested them on math facts. Please continue to study for the math facts so they can pass their 12s for a prize.</p> <p>We are working on factors and Factor Trees(Prime Factorization). We are also looking at picking out perfect squares in our factor trees. We will be starting Greatest Common Factors this week.</p> | <p>This week, we took our first quiz! The focus was on absolute value and adding integers (positive and negative numbers). Students can do corrections with explanations to make up any points that were missed. We will have a quiz every Friday!</p> <p>Homework is assigned Monday-Thursday. If a student says they're finished, feel free to ask them to explain how they got their answers (in fact...please do! 😊)</p> | <p>Chapter 1 is all about solving equations. The next couple of weeks we are focused on multiple step equations and equations with variables on both sides. We will also explore writing equations to help solve word problems.</p> <p>Google Classroom is an important resource for all students. The notes we take and video resources are uploaded to help with understanding of the concepts. If students are absent Google Classroom is a great resource to keep them from falling behind!!</p> | <p>Chapter 1 ALG 1- Expression and Equations: Expression, Variables, Powers and Exponents, Order of Operation Equations, Word Problems that Lead to Expressions and Equations</p> <p>Chapter 1 Geometry - Points, Lines, Planes, and Angles: Points, Lines, Planes, Segments, Rays, and Distance, Angles, Postulates and Theorems About the Above.</p> <p>These are the topics that advanced math will be exploring for the next couple of weeks. At the end of each section there will be homework assigned and at the end of each chapter there will a chapter test. Google Classroom will have the notes for each chapter uploaded and the assignments posted the day I assign it to them. Geometry will be having their first test August 30th.</p> |

Language Arts

| Sixth- Mrs. Reynolds | Seventh | Eighth |
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| <p>The following students completed the 6th grade summer reading challenge! They had to read at least 5 books and write a summary of each classic novel!</p> <p>Congratulations to Cora Henrichs, Mason Smith, Trevor Ver Miller, Shaylea Cordova, Shane Wells, Ryley Pokorney, Rachel Reinart, and Brian Engler!</p> | <p>This week we began reading <i>The Call of the Wild</i>. Please make sure your child has the correct copy of all required literature. isbsearch.org is a really helpful website to ensure you're ordering the right books. Students have gotten their first set of <i>Call of the Wild</i> vocab words. In writing, we are currently working on writing narratives. This week we have been working on characterization.</p> | <p>Writing - We are working on our personal narratives. This is a long process. We have written <u>very</u> rough draft and have written two beginnings. We are wrapped up our noun review with a quiz Friday. Now we will be moving pronouns.</p> <p>Reading - We have a quiz on chapter 1 of <u>Animal Farm</u> on Monday. Literature circle assignments are due every Thursday and reading logs are filled out on Fridays during class time.</p> |

Science

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| <p>Students investigate light interaction with matter in a unit focusing on why seeing different things when looking at the same object happens. They explore weather phenomena, ask questions, conduct activities, and analyze shared experiences with classmates. Concepts include how objects act as mirrors and windows simultaneously, light transmission and reflection in one-way mirrors, and the interaction causing the one-way mirror phenomenon.</p> | <p><u>7th/8th Science</u></p> <p>We are studying Ecology and Physics, with a pivot to physics for 7th last Friday! Our Teams worked on Newton's first law of motion in a fun way [not all classes but the majority were able to conduct the experiment]. Because I did not know our policy on pictures [I am sure I have been told, but I am still learning], I did not take photos. However, see this link from the Teacher that made it famous for nerd Teachers like myself: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eOKFWZ-5lQc . My 6th period 8th Grade Class had the highest success rate!</p> <p>We will be moving toward a 5 E weekly cadence, and begin referencing Next Generation Science Standards where appropriate. The 5E Weekly Cadence: Monday - Engage - new topic or concept; Tuesday - Explore - what are we really learning? Are there cross-cutting concepts? How does it apply to our everyday lives?; Wednesday - Explain - Time to put into words what we have learned and try some basic Problem Based Learning in Teams; Elaborate - now we get experiential with Laboratory Experiments or similar exercises; Friday - Evaluate - a lesson followed by a Check for</p> | <p><u>7th/8th Science</u></p> <p>We are studying Ecology and Physics, with a pivot to physics for 7th last Friday! Our Teams worked on Newton's first law of motion in a fun way [not all classes but the majority were able to conduct the experiment]. Because I did not know our policy on pictures [I am sure I have been told, but I am still learning], I did not take photos. However, see this link from the Teacher that made it famous for nerd Teachers like myself: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eOKFWZ-5lQc . My 6th period 8th Grade Class had the highest success rate!</p> <p>We will be moving toward a 5 E weekly cadence, and begin referencing Next Generation Science Standards where appropriate. The 5E Weekly Cadence: Monday - Engage - new topic or concept; Tuesday - Explore - what are we really learning? Are there cross-cutting concepts? How does it apply to our everyday lives?; Wednesday - Explain - Time to put into words what we have learned and try some basic Problem Based Learning in Teams; Elaborate - now we get experiential with Laboratory Experiments or similar exercises; Friday - Evaluate - a lesson followed by a Check for</p> |

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History

| Sixth - Mr. Mey | Seventh - Mr. Satchell | Eighth - Mr. Satchell |
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| <p>We will wrap up our desert unit with an in class writing assignment over the next few days.</p> <p>In our next unit, students take a deep dive into how the wild ways of ancient Greece and Rome have shaped Western society like no other civilizations in history. Think democracy in Athens and other Greek city-states!</p> | <p>We are currently working on the geography of the United States. We filled out maps by region including states and capitals. We will be beginning a project in which students work in groups to create their own maps of the United States.</p> | <p>We are currently learning about the Constitution of the United States. Students have learned about the Preamble and Articles I-III in depth. We are now having students research and discover the Founding Fathers and their contributions to the founding documents.</p> |

Latin - Miss Lafferty and Mr. Roe

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| Sixth- Ms. Lafferty | Seventh- Ms. Lafferty/Mr. Roe | Eighth- Mr. Roe |
| We are starting to learn about first declension nouns in Latin. | <p>We are currently working through chapter 1 of the Oxford Latin text. This chapter focuses on translating simple sentences from Latin to English and vice versa.</p> <p>Unit 1 Test: Thursday September 5th/Friday September 6th</p> | |

Art - Mrs. Troudt

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| We are wrapping up our self-portrait sketchbook covers, and they look great! We will be starting a new project next week - that happens to be a FUNDRAISER!!!! Art to Remember...For the Love of Colorado! | We are wrapping up our self-portrait sketchbook covers, and they look great! We will be starting a new project next week - that happens to be a FUNDRAISER!!!! Art to Remember...For the Love of Colorado! | We are wrapping up our self-portrait sketchbook covers, and they look great! We will be starting a new project next week - that happens to be a FUNDRAISER!!!! Art to Remember...For the Love of Colorado! |

Choir - Mr. Hovorka

We have been Learning the fundamentals involved with singing in a choir. This week we have done student lead Warm-ups. Some of the pieces we are working on in the upcoming weeks are; "Somewhere over the Rainbow", "American Tears" and "Homeward Bound"

Orchestra - Ms. Smith

We are continuing to practice reading music and working as an ensemble. Last week we played a game called music staff beanbag toss outside and had a blast!



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 in our kickball unit through the end of this week.

Other Happenings

What is going on in Middle School – Special Events and Updates

Honor Roll Trip: On September 27th, the 62 honor roll students who received a 3.50 or higher will get to go mini-golfing. Students will be bring home a permission slip and these will be due back with payment by September 23rd.

Sports: Check out the linked calendar to stay on track with our sports teams and other activities.

[Click Link](#)

Enrichment: This year students will be participating in enrichment opportunities during advisement. Teachers will facilitate classes in high-interest areas three days a week during our advisement time (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday). Students will be given a survey on August 30 in which they will pick top choices of topics to learn about and they will be placed in an enrichment. The idea is to focus on student engagement in areas they would like to learn about and they will participate in a “Share Day” on November 22.

Other: Students that are assigned detention will report to detention at 2:50 (during advisement) and will be released at 4:00.

End Notes

Dress Code Reminders: [Dress Code Full Document](#)

Seventh and Eighth Grade Washington DC Trip : Parent information meeting, September 19th. Deadline to sign-up is September 24, 2023.



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September 18, 2024*

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