

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Club Meeting Dates:

Yearbook: Tuesdays during Recess (Buckman)
Student Council: Wednesday during Recess (Lavoie)
TSA: Thursdays, 3-4 (Eaton)
Band: Tuesday/Wednesday, 2:15-2:45 (Martins)
Chorus: Monday/Thursday, 11:20-11:45 (Carter)



Dates to Know:

Sept. 26-Oct. 15 Meadowfarms Fundraiser
Oct. 11 No School (Teacher Work Day)
Oct. 14 No School Columbus Day
Oct. 15 School Board Meeting
Oct. 16 PTO Meeting
Oct. 28 School Board Meeting

Announcements:

- Homework Club will take place from 3-4 on Wednesday/Thursday with Ms. Buckman (Room 95)
- School Store is open!
- Look for the next newsletter on Oct. 25th

Middle School Policies Spotlight:

- If students choose to bring cell phones and headphones to school they must be stowed in lockers between bells
- Principals' Meeting: Each week our administration will be holding grade level meetings with our middle schoolers
- Grading: All other work will be eligible for redos and turned in late until a week after the progress report
First progress report will be this Friday, 10/4

Language with Lavoie:

We are off to a strong start for the year. Both my 7th and 8th graders are doing a marvelous job staying on top of their missing work and checking in with me on missing assignments. If there is every any issues with grades or missing work, please know that I am willing to work with students on this but they need to come talk to me before progress reports go out as that is our cut off for make up work.

My 7th graders are working diligently on discovering different types of myths and why they exist. Students are working on a project where they will work on retelling their myths in a way that still captures the meaning of the myth but also has some of their personality in it. They are also reading Percy Jackson, which many of them seem to really be enjoying.

My 8th graders are reading their way through books that have a strong religion influence to them. The discussions about how the characters are affected due to their religion have been very powerful. Students have brought up how important yet hard it is to stand up for something you believe in, especially in these dire situations. Along with reading, students are also working on developing a narrative piece that captures these feelings and thoughts.

Scholastic Book Orders:

Mrs. Lavoie has flyers in her room for the October Scholastic Book Club. If you are interested in ordering please consider ordering through our class code. Your order will help us purchase books for our class to enjoy. If you choose to order online and spend more than \$25, use the code READS and you will get yourself a free book! The website is scholastic.com/bookclubs and the classroom code is QDP8L. Orders are due by October 18th.

Reading is a great gift to give to your child!

Mr Eaton's TSA - Technology Student Association

The TSA club has started up, meeting on Thursday's from 3-4pm. Students may still join. We are also raising funds for the club and school. If you download the Box Top's Education App. to scan your receipts, the funds will be shared between the school and TSA.

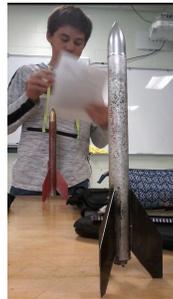
The paper Box Tops for Education from cereal and other products is also still being collected.



Mr Eaton's class update:

The Tech Ed class has been working on developing different APP's using the MIT App software. Ask your student to show you what they have done. If you have an android device they can set you up so that you may view their project. The next 8th grade class will begin on October 4th.

My 8th grade science class has been studying aeronautics and rocketry as they took time to build a rocket, launch them, record the data and learn about Newton's Laws of Motion. They will be moving on to research the history of space flight and then develop some recipes for "Rocket Fuel." Don't worry all the ingredients can be found in your own kitchen....or maybe that means you should worry. :) (Vinegar, baking soda, tumbs, alka-seltzer)



7th Grade Humanities - We have just finished studying Egyptian mythology and will be moving on to Greek mythology next week. My classes took time to design a Cartouche to spell out there name. They are displayed in the window just past my classroom.



6th Grade Social Studies has been studying geography and the history of measurement. Do you know what a cubit is? Your student does....well I hope they remember. We will next be moving on to studying the US states and then Western Expansion.

It has been a busy successful couple of weeks, and I look forward to the rest of the year.

Ms. Buckman's Minute:

Progress Reports will be going out at the end of this week. As a parent this is an indicator of you student's grade for the first half of quarter one! If you are happy with your student's performance, congratulate them! They have been working hard. If not, contact me or your child's other teacher to see how home and school can work together to improve that grade and do better in the second half!

Also please remember that your child has until Friday 10/11 to turn in redo/corrections or missing work before the grades are finalized and can no longer be changed.

This month each of my classes will be taking their first big summative. This means they will be doing a test or project to show what they know. 6th graders have been working on their Social Studies skills and disciplines.

We will be moving into our history units of Westward Expansion and the Civil War. 7th graders have been focused on the religion/systems of belief of Ancient Civilizations. They are reading myths and discussing the role of gods in Egyptian, Greek, Roman, and other societies. The 8th graders have been studying religion and systems of belief also, this time in more modern history. So far we have covered the affects of religion in the Medieval Period, Protestant Reformation, Enlightenment, and will be looking at 20th century examples before we begin our first Humanities project