

MIDDLE LEVEL NEWS NOTES

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Calendar

- March 15 3rd Quarter Progress Reports go home with MS students
March 17 Junior Class Fundraiser at Fuddrucker's on Wolf Road, 4-9 p.m. Bring attached ticket!
March 19 Dollars For Scholars "Chocolate" Event, 7-10 p.m., St. Matthew's Social Hall –
Tickets available in MS or HS Guidance Office (Adults Only)
March 22 Board of Ed. Special Budget Mtg., 7 p.m., LGI
March 25 Wellness Day
March 26 Staff Development Day - NO SCHOOL
March 26-27 HS Drama Production, Bye Bye Birdie, 7:15 p.m., PAC
March 28 HS Drama Production, Bye Bye Birdie, 2:15 p.m., PAC
March 30 Blood Drive, 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m., MS Gym – Walk-Ins Welcome!

Grade 6

In English 6 we will be wrapping up our review of ELA strategies and finishing practice tests for all three parts. We then begin our Shakespeare unit by discussing the playwright's life and work. In Social Studies 6, we will be exploring the roman republic. We will look at how the system was developed and compare it to our representative democracy. We will also have a map and vocabulary quiz on Wednesday. In Math 6, we will begin a unit on graphing and data displays. In Math 6X, we will be working on solving inequalities and scientific notation. In science, we will finally begin learning about some of the most exciting meteorological events, such as thunderstorms, tornados and hurricanes. We will learn about the development of cumulonimbus clouds, which play a key roll in storms and extreme weather. We will complete an activity that demonstrates how lightning forms. And, if we have time, we may begin to study climate.

Grade 7

In English, students will complete vocabulary unit 18. The last spelling unit will be covered on noun plurals. Students will be finishing their leisure reading novels and completing a creative file folder project. Linking verbs are the grammar focus. The novel The Giver will be introduced at the end of the week. Math 7 will be completing geometry unit 2 with surface area and volume. In place of a unit test there will be a lab in which students will have to find the surface area and volume of 3-D paper models. Math 7/8 will begin a unit on right triangles, The Pythagorean Theorem and Trigonometric ratios. In social studies the students are finishing unit five on the American Constitution and Government. Students will be participating in a simulated presidential election to learn how the Electoral College works. The two presidential candidates for the election are John F. Kennedy and Abraham Lincoln. A test has been scheduled for blocks A, B and C on Tuesday and Wednesday for blocks D & E. The next unit of study will focus on the presidencies of George Washington, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson. In science, students will continue to learn about reproduction. There will be a reproduction test for students Thursday for Blocks A, B & C and Friday, Blocks D & E. Home & Career Skills 7 students in period 6 will be doing food preparation this week. Period 7 students will continue their study of nutrition.

Grade 8

In English class, students will give speeches on their research subjects. Afterwards, students will begin reading the free verse novel Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse. In social studies, students will study the novel's setting, the 1930's during the Great Depression and the Dust bowl region. Math 8 students will continue their study of percents to include simple and compound interest

and credit card bills. Algebra 1 students will be studying special right triangles as well as methods of indirect measurement to include trigonometric functions. In Science 8 we'll be learning about Forces in Fluids (Ch 11). Bernoulli's principle for example helps to explain why a plane is able to leave the ground. We'll have a quiz on this material toward the end of the week. In Social Studies 8 we will begin our study of the Great Depression. Home & Career Skills 8 students are sewing; they should have started their sewing projects by the middle of the week. Laundry assignments are due on Friday, March. 19.

Fuddruckers Fundraiser

The Junior Class is hosting a fundraiser at Fuddruckers on Wolf Road. A percentage of all sales will benefit the Junior Class Prom and After-Prom.

Please join us on **Wednesday, March 17th** anytime between 4pm and 9pm! Simply present the attached ticket to the cashier to let them know you are there to help raise funds for the Junior Class. Use the other two tickets to share with family and friends! The more the merrier!

We look forward to having you join us! Thanks for your support!

