

6th Grade News

May 28, 2020

1-2-3, The Week In Review:

While we continue to hit snags here and there – mostly, due to technology, most students are plugging away at the work.

1 – The *highlight* of the week is 6th grade “graduation.” Principal Buono emailed families requesting photos for our virtual ceremony. Parents were also given the option of submitting a personal note, congratulating their child and/or classmates. We are hoping that you are able to respond to this request, as the deadline is tomorrow (May 29th)! Mrs. Formont set up a **Bennett Grads** Classroom for submissions.

2 – Another *BIG highlight* of the week is the start of our virtual middle school/high school visits. We understand that it’s not the same as a physical walk-through, but in some regards, it feels more personal. During the next three homeroom meetings (weekly, on Thursdays), teachers from the middle school/high school will be conducting an open forum with students.



Today, students heard about music, art, home and careers, and Phys Ed. They were excited to see the familiar face of Ms.

Bouchard and learn about the team sports offered to 7th and 8th graders. They were most interested in the A day -B day schedule, and if they would be cooking at school! The teachers were patient, informative, and quite friendly. They each invited students to email them with additional questions.

Middle school principal, Ms. O’Connor, will also be reaching out to families regarding September 2020. She asks that families are patient, as she will share all the necessary information as soon as she has it.

To enable the MS/HS teams to see everyone, Ms. Bruck/Mrs. Mastangelo and Ms. Mayone-Allison/Mrs. Countryman’s homeroom meetings have been moved to 2:00 p.m., while Mrs.

Kuhne/Mr. LaMonda and Mr. Downs will maintain their 2:30 p.m. meetings.

3 – Tomorrow afternoon (from 3pm to 6pm), 6th grade families will be able to drive to Bennett, to retrieve students’ materials. Principal Buono sent specific instructions for how the distribution of materials will take place. This will be the third Friday, so we are confident that the instructions *we* are given will enable the process to run smoothly! We are all very excited at the prospect of seeing our students, even for a moment! If you are unable to pick your child’s things up, and would like to make arrangements for another date, please email your child’s homeroom teacher OR the Bennett office BEFORE tomorrow afternoon.

Coming Up:

This week, in **Reading**, we started our Fantasy Unit. Students will be “reading” (listening to) *The Thief of Always* by Clive Barker. Thanks to Mr.



Barry, we have the audio book, narrated by Adam Verner. Mrs. Countryman, Ms. Mastrangelo, and Ms. Mayone-Allison were treated to a meeting with both Mr. Verner and

Mr. Barry today. They will be our featured guests at next week’s Reading Circle “Hang Outs” on Tuesday (06/02) – homerooms 6B/6KL meet at 1:00; homerooms 6D/6M meet at 1:30. Students will have an opportunity to chat with both of these professional narrators.

For this unit, students will be listening to two chapters *every day*, and reflecting on what they read. There will also be short video lessons that will help students navigate this complex genre!

In **Math**, students are working on statistics. They are learning there are many averages to explore – mean, median, mode and range. The true test is which one to use, and when. In **Writing**, students are finishing their research projects and working on an end-of-year writing piece. **Science** continues to be an exploration of our outdoor world. Mrs. Kuhne reports that in **Social Studies**, the unit on Egypt is just about *wrapped up!*

