

8th Grade

9/18 Newsletter



Schoolwide News

Wendy's PTO Night 9/22

Mr. Karner's Social Studies Class

This week in Social Studies, we continued to work through the Constitution workbook. We have now completed units 1 - 9. We have also started the Digital Citizenship lessons. We discussed digital media and the brain and being aware of what you share.

Mr. Benages's Science Class

This week in Science, we used water tank demonstrations to model convection currents in the Earth's mantle. This was introduced as a mechanism for how Earth's plates move on the surface. We also began discussing the different types of plate boundaries and their effects on the Earth.

Ms. Fellerath's Math Class

This week we tackled the rules of exponents. Students have been working towards mastery, and will take a quiz Monday to see how much they've accomplished. Next week, we will learn about operations with scientific notation, as well as converting number to and from scientific notation.

In Geometry, we finished up Chapter 1 with our sections on deductive reasoning, statements of logic, and probability. We also took two quizzes. Next week, we will finalize the chapter and have the chapter test, then

move on to Chapter 2, where students will engage in more formal proofs.

Mrs. Doyle's Math Class

In math class we took our first quiz this week on exponent rules. Next week, our unit will continue with scientific notation. Students will be learning how to write and convert scientific notation as well as operations with scientific notation.

In Algebra class, we started our second unit on solving linear equations. We will be working on this unit through the next two weeks.

Ms. Cornely's LA Class

This week we continued working with the story, *The Lady or the Tiger*. Students engaged in a Padlet discussion and wrote a MEL-Con in which they inferred the ending of the story. They then created a Storyboard to show the ending and wrote a short creative writing piece to finish the story.

Miss Gill's LA Class

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Ms. Frelich's Class

This week, students have been reviewing basic writing skills to recap the end of 7th grade and reinforce concepts reviewed during remote learning in the spring. We will continue to reinforce these skills as we begin working on main idea and details next week.

Ms. Lyons's Class

I have been really hustling to keep ahead of all the tech and the glitches but, hopefully, we are on the right track now! My math class has been reviewing concepts from last year to help bridge the remote days from the spring. We are working with fractions this week and will be moving into integers shortly.

Ms. Bosco's Class

We are finishing up our first fiction unit which focused on text evidence, theme, and story elements. Next week, we will be participating in MAP testing as well as taking our first RL (reading literature) assessment at the end of the week.

Students are working on a "Literary Amusement Park" project that incorporates what we have learned in this fiction unit and will present those projects on Wednesday. Don't forget to check in with your student on their IP Project which is due on October 7th!

Students should also be working on their IP (independent project) at home which is due on October 7th. Make sure to ask them who they

have selected to focus their project on!



Mrs. Nekyha, Librarian

Next week 8th-grade students will be shown how to access eBooks and audiobooks via Hoopla with their library card. If you live in Hanover Park, Roselle, or Bloomingdale and don't have a library card, yet, it is an easy process. To obtain a library card you need a photo ID and proof of residency such as a Com-Ed bill. Students that do not have a library card will also be provided with two options for reading books online. The website <https://www.thriftbooks.com/> is also an affordable alternative for buying actual copies of books. You can purchase used books and shipping starts at 99 cents.



Physical Education

We are focusing on the students' muscular endurance. Students will be participating in a variety of different activities that will help them be active for a long period of time without getting tired. Next week, students will be participating in a variety of different high intensity interval activities, tabata workouts, and they will have an opportunity to create their own workout! Studies have shown that physical activity helps students score better on standardized tests. With MAP testing starting, please encourage your child to get off those screens and move around a little bit before they take their test!