

GREEN TEAM
8th Grade BMS

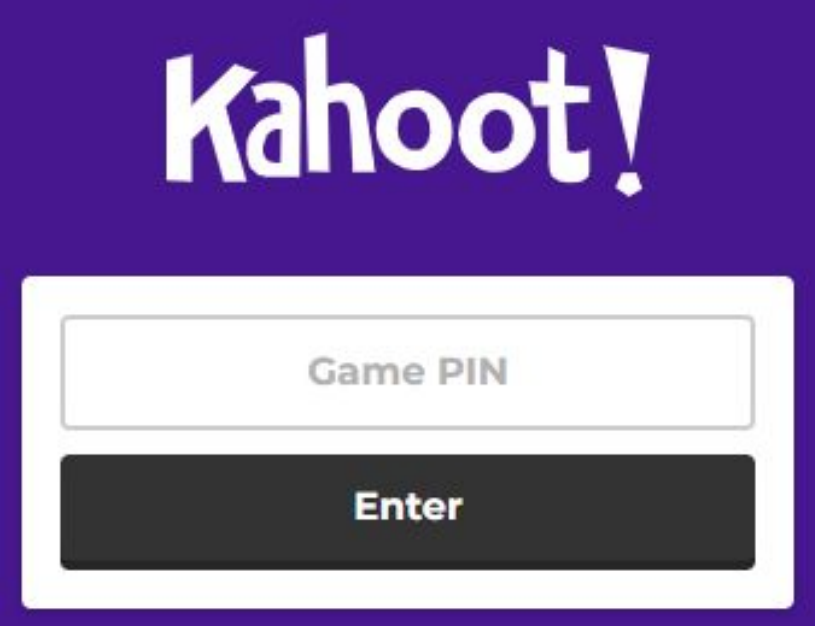


Open Team Meeting
January 12, 2023

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Kahoot!

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**Transition
to
Staples High School**

Some Transition Process Dates

- January 17-19th - Developmental Counseling Lesson about the SHS Program of Studies
- Week of January 23rd - Teachers discuss course specific info with students
- February 13th - Teacher recommendations visible in PowerSchool
- February 15th - SHS Transition night for families
- Week of February 28th - Students Pre-register in school with counseling staff support
- June 8th - Scheduled visit to Staples, full 8th grade

Chromebooks

- **Chromebooks are used multiple times daily**
- **Need to be charged at night**
 - **Keep in or near backpacks while charging**
- **Technical Issues? Report to LMC ASAP**
 - **Students will be given a loaner**

Social Studies

So far this year...

- Students gained a deeper understanding of constitution, structure and function of govt, applied that to expansion of US and how decision making in congress impacts the growth of the nation
- They wrote an argument paper examining the strength of the federal government according to the Constitution
- They read and discussed chapters from *A Different Mirror* in order to understand the perspectives and experiences of the diverse people who populated the American west
- Students also participated in a field trip, which helped them better understand their local history

Currently finishing Unit 2 - annotated bibliography

Language Arts

❑ **Completed Research Unit**

Focus: synthesis of information and reflection on process

❑ **Completed Film Festival**

Focus: application of cinematic devices, dystopian traditions and social commentary in film (group work)

Student-selected Team Winner

❑ **Currently reading nonfiction text(s) in book clubs**

Focus: central idea and nonfiction text features

❑ **February: Romeo and Juliet**

Focus: tracking motif development and synthesized themes

❑ **March: Literary Analysis**

Language Arts (cont.)

- ★ Began vocabulary (100 words total)
 - ❑ First 20: adj that describe characters
 - ❑ Second 20: power and dystopian words
 - ❑ Third 20: self-selected words from non-fiction texts
 - ❑ Fourth 20: nouns for themes in Romeo and Juliet

- ★ Grammar
 - ❑ Finished commas
 - ❑ Active/Passive voice
 - ❑ Next: Clarity in writing and sentence structure

Science

- **Current Unit: Earth's History**

- Mariana Trench

- Sonar Mapping

- Plate Tectonics

- Grand Canyon

- Plateau and Rock Layer Formations

- Weathering and Erosion

- Computer Simulations, Scale Models of Time

- **Upcoming Unit: Evolution and Genetics**

- Evidence for Evolution

- Genetic mechanisms for trait changes

Mathematics

★ Math 8

- Previous Unit: Linear Relationships
- Current Unit: Systems of Equations

★ Algebra 1+

- Current Unit: Linear Functions
 - **Midterm Exam** on January 18-19
- Next Unit: Regression

★ Geometry

- Current Unit: Triangles and Congruence
 - **Midterm Exam** on January 18-19
- Next Unit: Similarity

Announcements

- **End of Marking Period 2 – January 20th!**
- **Marking Period 2 Report Card** will be posted in PowerSchool on January 27th after school
- **Parents:** please check the ‘Lost & Found’ on your way out...
- **SBAC Testing, NGSS science - May**
- **Yearbook orders - information will be coming!**

Yearbooks

- **Go to www.coffeepond.com.**
- **Click on the Order Yearbooks button.**
- **Enter the password: Bedford23 (case sensitive)**
- **Enter the child's name, grade/homeroom and the # of yearbooks**
- **Enter your email address, add to cart and checkout**

Upcoming Events

- **Grade-wide “Souper” Bowl Can Drive**
 - **February 1st -10th**
 - **Benefitting the Gillespie Center**
- **NWEA Testing**
 - **Tues, Jan. 31st and Thurs. Feb 2nd**
 - **Makeups Feb. 6-17th**

Communication with Teachers

- **Email is best!**
- **Staff Directory:**
<http://bms.westportps.org/general/staff-directory>
- **If you would like a phone call, please email the best number and times to reach you.**

**As Always,
Thank You
For Your Support!**