



Class of 2017

Dear 8th Grade Families,

Reminders:

We are still in need of some parent surveys from our 8th grade parents. If you did not attend conferences or had a phone or email conference with us, please ask your student to bring you a survey, to complete and return to the school.

Let us know if there is anything specific we can do to help your child be more successful. Their success is our goal!!

New for this week:

The winter session of Global Scholars Testing begins this week. The 8th grade schedule is as follows:

Butcher's Homeroom:

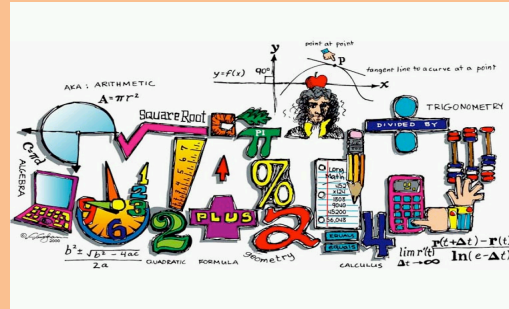
- Math – 1:30 pm Wed. 1/9/13
- Reading – 1:30 pm Mon. 1/14/13
- ELA – 1:30 pm Fri. 1/18/13

Wisniewski's Homeroom

- Math – 1:30 pm Thurs. 1/10/13
- Reading – 1:30 pm Thurs. 1/17/13
- ELA – 1:30 pm Mon. 1/24/13

Any monthly assessments that have not been finished for December should have been completed when we returned last week, if not students will be completing those this week as well.

Mrs. Butcher & Mrs. Wisniewski



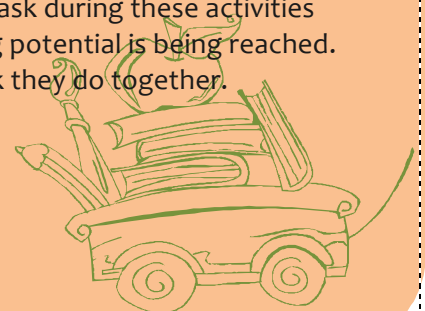
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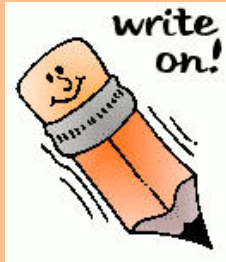
Students have been having some difficult times solving and graphing linear equations, and systems of equations. Though we must take our monthly assessment on these objectives before going on break, we will continue working on these through Accelerated Math. It is my goal to help each student succeed at every objective, even if it isn't during the month it is taught. Encourage your student to visit, [HTTP://WWW.KAHNACADEMY.ORG](http://www.kahnacademy.org), [HTTP://WWW.CLASSZONE.COM](http://www.classzone.com), [HTTP://CK12.ORG](http://ck12.org) and even [HTTP://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM](http://www.youtube.com) and watch videos on these topics to help them gain a better understanding even when they are not in classroom with me helping them.

Students have begun keeping a learning reflection log folder, to reflect on their learning, helping them and me see where work needs to be done. This is to assist them with understanding their own learning habits and knowing where they need to put forth extra effort to reach their goals & succeed in 8th grade.

MRS. BUTCHER'S HOMEROOM

Vocabulary Logs and Collaborative grouping in Science and Social Studies is making a big difference in the engagement of students, ask your student how they feel about the amount of learning and understanding they are getting through these activities. Continue encouraging your student to help their partner or group members to stay on task during these activities to ensure full learning potential is being reached. I love seeing the work they do together.





ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

IN ELA THIS WEEK, OUR FOCUS WILL BE ON WRITING MORE THAN READING.

IN READING THIS WEEK, WE ARE WORKING ON READING SHORT SELECTIONS FROM THE TEXTBOOK. WE WILL ALSO BE CONTINUING WITH OUR READING COMPREHENSION WORKBOOKS AND CONTINUING OUR VOCABULARY SKILLS WITH WORDS WITH PREFIXES.

IN WRITING, WE ARE WORKING ON WRITING A PERSUASIVE SPEECH. WE HAVE BEGUN DOING RESEARCH FOR OUR SPEECHES. WE ARE CREATING AN OUTLINE AND A POWERPOINT PRESENTATION TO GO WITH OUR SPEECH. IN SPELLING, WE ARE WORKING ON SUFFIXES THAT CHANGE WORD ENDINGS. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER STUDIES FOR HIS OR HER FRIDAY SPELLING TEST!

REMINDERS

Students **MUST** be in Full Uniform (Madison Shirt) Monday – Friday. Madison T-Shirts can be worn on Friday's with jeans, unless jean day has been revoked. Shirts **MUST** always be tucked in. Dress code violation forms will be given to every student not following the dress code.

No Soda or Energy Drinks are allowed in school. Gum is not allowed in school, no food or drinks (except water) are allowed in class, including candy.

Students should be filling out their planners everyday, and having them with them in every class. Please use them to communicate with us; we'd love to hear from you.

If you are available to volunteer for lunch, we'd love to have the help. Taking students outdoors for a break, wiping down tables, and monitoring students. Take this opportunity to help out at school, and see your student in action.



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Please contact us if you have any questions, concerns or just want to find out how your student is doing.

Planning Time: Tuesday 2:30 -3:00
Monday, Wednesday – Friday 8:10 – 8:40

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UPCOMING DATES

- 1/8 – GLOBAL SCHOLARS WINTER TESTING
- 1/21 – MLK DAY NO SCHOOL
- 1/28 – PROGRESS REPORTS GO HOME
- 2/6 – WINTER COUNT DAY
- 2/11 – BEGINNING OF REENROLLMENT PERIOD
- 2/18 – 2/22 – NO SCHOOL MID-WINTER BREAK

