



Class of 2017

Dear 8th Grade Families,

Reminders from last week:

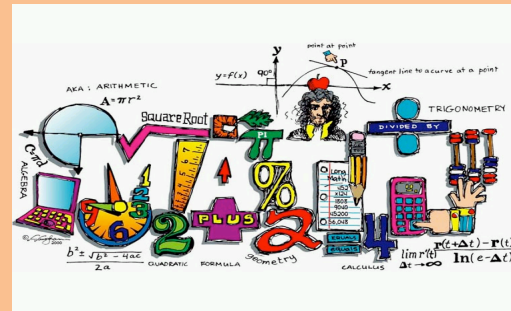
We are still in need of some parent surveys from our 8th grade parents. If you did not attend conferences or had a phone or email conference with us, please ask your student to bring you a survey, to complete and return to the school.

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:

Wednesday is our school-wide “Polar Express” Day. Students are permitted to wear pajamas that day. The pajamas must be school appropriate and students must wear appropriate undergarments under the pajamas. No cami style or other revealing pj’s may be worn. Students may not bring pillows or blankets to school. Mrs. Jackson will be reading to the students, and we will be watching the movie “Polar Express” that day as well. Students may bring a small snack for themselves (individual sized package) for the movie time, or may choose to bring a snack for the entire class. There is no pop/soda or energy drinks allowed and water only is acceptable in the classroom as a beverage. Students will have some regular work to complete and they need to be undistracted and focused for those times.

Mrs. Butcher & Mrs. Wisniewski



MATHEMATICS

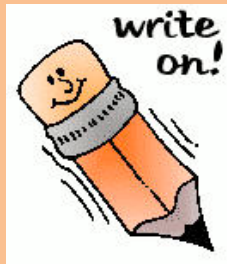
Students have been having some difficult times solving and graphing linear equations, and systems of equations. Though we must take our monthly assessment on these objectives before going on break, we will continue working on these through Accelerated Math. It is my goal to help each student succeed 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.

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.

I am inviting all 8th grade students and parents to complete a technology survey put on by Project Tomorrow to gain an understanding of teacher, parent and student thoughts of technology's place in learning. If you are interested please go to <http://www.tomorrow.org> and click on the Speak Up 2012 link near the top center of the page. The secret word to complete the survey is su_mi. Thank you in advance for your contribution to the survey.



ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

IN READING THIS WEEK, WE WILL FINISH READING THE PLAY, *DIARY OF ANNE FRANK*. WE WILL, HOWEVER, CONTINUE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE LIFE OF ANNE FRANK BEFORE AND AFTER THE TIME OF THE PLAY. THIS WEEK IN VOCABULARY, WE ARE FOCUSING ON PREFIXES AND BASE WORDS. WE WILL ALSO BE CONTINUING WITH OUR READING COMPREHENSION WORKBOOKS.

IN WRITING, WE ARE WORKING ON WRITING A PERSUASIVE SPEECH. WE WILL CONTINUE WORKING ON THIS FROM NOW UNTIL ABOUT A WEEK AFTER THE WINTER BREAK. WE ARE ALSO WORKING ON VERBS IN GRAMMAR AND IN SPELLING, WE ARE WORKING ON SILENT LETTERS. 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

12/18 – WINTER CONCERT K-2 5:30, 3-6 6:30

12/19 – HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS (POLAR EXPRESS DAY)

12/24 – 1/2 – NO SCHOOL

1/8 – GLOBAL SCHOLARS WINTER TESTING

