



Class of 2017

Dear 8th Grade Families,

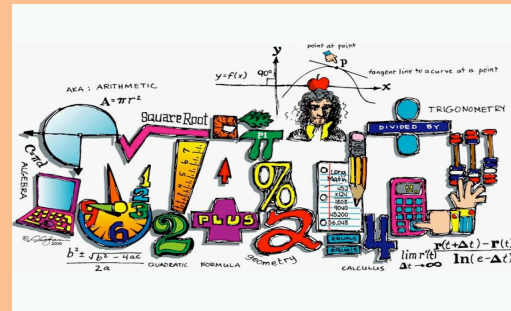
It was really great to see all of the parents that were able to make it to conferences. If you were unable to make it please be sure your student's homeroom teacher gets your email address. This will allow us to relay your newsletters and other news effectively. If you need a hard copy of the newsletter please let us know that too. Newsletters will also be posted to our class websites.

If you were unable to attend conferences please be sure to ask your student to bring you a survey, these are important to the schools improvement process.

Two thirds of the school year remains, lets keep going strong through this middle section. The cold, wind, and odd weather can sometimes slow us down. Let's keep pushing together to meet our goals and grow. Preparing for high school and then college or trade school is tough work. Keep the support and encouragement going to your student. We see them giving up on themselves and being negative when they don't succeed at the level they want to, remind them it is okay to fail, if they use it to improve, and not as an excuse to give up.

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

Mrs. Butcher & Mrs. Wisniewski



MATHEMATICS

Students are learning to solve linear equations in math. We started with one step equations, using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will be moving on to multistep equations.

Students are still working hard at improving their overall math skills, through the use of the Accelerated Math program; they need to be completing 3-5 assignments per week in order to see the progress they need to be successful.

Several math websites have been shared with your students, including [HTTP://FLEXMATH.CK12.ORG](http://flexmath.ck12.org) and [HTTP://CK12.ORG](http://ck12.org) there are very useful tools at these sites.

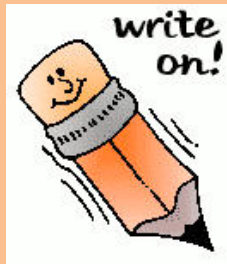
MRS. BUTCHER'S HOMEROOM

Students have set a monthly goal, any goal they choose for life, they are posted in the room and we will revisit them regularly. Ask you student about their goals.

Students have completed learning inventories to find how they learn best. These can help them with their study techniques. Ask them to explain, some were shocked at how well the descriptions matched them.

Scientist research reports are due December 14th. Some class time is used on these the rest needs to be done at home.





ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

This week in Reading, we have begun reading Diary of Anne Frank. This is a play; we are reading it as a class while taking turns each day being the characters in the play. We are also working on using context clues to find the meaning of vocabulary words.

In Writing, we are working on writing a persuasive letter. In these letters, the students are writing adults to convince them to do something or see their perspective on a certain issue. Don't be surprised if your son or daughter sends a letter to you! We are also working on verbs in grammar and spelling words with prefixes and roots. 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.

Monthly Moral Focus Word: Self Control! Talk to your student about their self control and how it can help in their classroom.



Prepare the next generation of professional's through academic excellence.

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

12/3 – WALL OF FAME ASSEMBLY

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

12/24 – 1/2 – NO SCHOOL

1/8 – GLOBAL SCHOLARS WINTER TESTING

