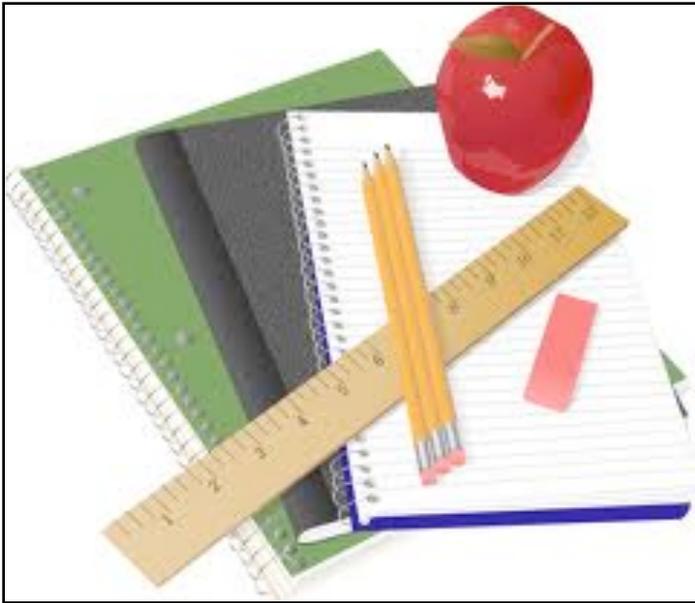


8th Grade NEWSLETTER

Welcome Back Class of 2017



Hello all 8th grade students and families. We are looking forward to a great year with you. This is the third year that Mrs. Butcher & Mrs. Wisniewski have been teaching 8th grade together. It is the first year they have split up the Math and English Language Arts, and it will be an exciting new adventure. Mrs. Butcher will be

teaching all Math and Mrs. Wisniewski will be teaching all Language Arts.

Please be sure you return all forms for the school as well as for each teacher to ensure we have all information we need in the event of an emergency.

PLANNERS, SCHEDULES, CALENDARS

Every student will be given a planner. They are expected to have it at all times. Please use it for minor correspondence, and to keep track of your students working habits. Encourage them to use it for school and home planning and time management. We are teaching them

skills to help them be successful in college.

Our class schedules will be posted on our websites once we are sure they are just right.

Calendars are coming home from the school if you haven't gotten them already.

School Supplies

The most important supplies for your child to have for school is pencils/pens and notebooks/paper. Folders and other organizers are helpful in ensuring your student can be successful.

A flash drive with a minimum of 1GB storage will be needed for the students in their technology class.

Other supplies that would be helpful for your student are a calculator (TI-30), markers or colored pencils, ruler, and protractor.

Donations of tissues, clorox wipes, bandaids, hand sanitizer, paper towels are always welcome.

Please do not worry if you are not able to get a bunch of supplies. It is most important that your child have the basics.

We have calculators for use in school along with rulers and protractors. Having them available at home to use with homework is helpful.



possible is spent learning the skills necessary. Impress upon your student the importance of following the procedures at all times.

EXCITING NEWS

SCHOOL WIDE PROCEDURES

SLANT

SLANT is an acronym for S - sit up, L - listen, A - ask & answer questions, N - nod (to show you understand) and T - track the speaker (look at and pay attention to the person speaking). This will ensure that all students know what is expected of them anywhere in the school when they are given the slant signal they are asked to give the teacher slant.

CHAMPS

CHAMPS is an acronym for C - conversation, H - help, A - activity, M - movement, P - participation, and S - success. This will help all students in every class know what is expected of them throughout the class.

School Wide Noise Levels

- 0 - No talking
- 1 - Whisper Voice
- 2 - Conversation
- 3 - Presentation
- 4 - Outside

CLASSROOMS

Procedures

There are many classroom procedures that will be the same for both classes. There will also be many that are different due to our differences in teaching style as well as subject being taught. It is important that all students follow the procedures being taught in order to ensure the most time

Mrs. Wisniewski

This summer Miss. Kiss became Mrs. Wisniewski. She was married in August, just a month after she welcomed a new nephew into her family. She followed her wedding with an Alaskan cruise. She will probably be sharing some of the really cool things she saw on her cruise with the classes.

Mrs. Butcher

Mrs. Butcher had a very busy summer, watching her son play baseball and her daughter play softball. She also took them to cedar point for a fun family day. At the end of summer as she was getting back into her classroom she also finished her master's degree in School Administration from Eastern Michigan University.

Contact

You may contact us at any time by email.

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You may also reach us by phone at (810) 655-2949 and asking to be put through to our classrooms. During the day it is difficult to carry out phone conversations with parents, unless it is planning time, please be patient and understanding that it is in your child's best interest that we are focused on teaching during the day.

Social Contract

Each class will have a social contract that we will create with our students. The purpose of the social contract is an agreement of behaviors, as to how they will behave and treat each other, throughout the school year. It is the responsibility of every student and every adult to hold each and every member of our school community accountable for their behavior, ensuring that all members are treated in the agreed upon manner. There will also be a school wide social contract created for the gym.

College Adoption



8A has adopted Eastern Michigan University this

year. Go Eagles! You will see the EMU banners & logos around our room and eventually in our gym.



8B has adopted Western Michigan University this year. Go

Broncos! You will see the WMU banners & logos around our room and eventually in our gym.

PURPOSE

The idea behind all classes adopting a college is to help students keep college in mind as a possibility for their future.