**6th GRADE NEWSLETTER**

Dear Parents,

Hello and welcome to the first addition of your 6th grade newsletter. This is designed to briefly tell you what is going on in your 6th graders’ classrooms.

**Updates from around the grade**

**Mr. Frederick-6th Grade Math**

Our math class just finished up our first unit on division and adding/subtracting decimals. They are finally getting used to our new textbooks and daily routine.  We are also using the online program called iready that provides a customized math program for your child.

**Mrs. Buongiorno-ELA**

6th grade ELA is about to begin researching the historical settings of the class novels. Wednesday Wars was set in the 1960s and Flipped in the 1950s. This activity will support their studies through research and awareness of the changes in recent US history before they begin to read.

**Mrs. Herman-Science & STEM**

Dear 6th Grade parents:

    It has been very enjoyable watching the new 6th graders make the change from the elementary single classroom to the middle school system. Most of the students have adjusted terrifically and are truly loving the transition. They have been quite responsible for all the changes and getting to the right class with the right materials and, mostly on time.

    In science it’s always a challenge to be ready for the labs and have their composition notebooks in class, set up to be ready to use each day. They first had to pass the safety test to understand the importance of working as a team and caring for lab room materials and the safety factors involved to participate.

    Lori Schmidt from the Scottsdale Fire Department came for a whole day to teach and help the students be aware of these safety issues in the classroom as well as burn safety in every day situations. She is so terrific to be available to my classes and give the students this opportunity to learn in this way. She will be back next month to teach CPR in a hands-on learning technique where the students partner up and truly enjoy the experience of learning the best techniques.

STEM in 6th grade has been a successful and rewarding experience for all those that have chosen this as an elective. There have been a variety of assignments that have been fun, interactive and many have learned the importance of taking care and following the rules to be able to use the new Chrome books that we have just received in the science classrooms this last August. What a wonderful treat to have this new and updated version. Thanks for all you do for our school! These Chrome books came through Barb Reinert and all her effort put forth with the district to help us achieve this endeavor for all science classes. The numbered computers are signed out and back in with each use to follow the activities and assignments they are used for. The students have just started String Art to add a little STEAM to the class and truly enjoy the change and readying their individual boards by sanding, making patterns, and of course measuring and hammering nails to get the project on its way. They have been quite busy with research and hands-on projects of their choice to make this class fun and interesting. Again to Lori Schmidt, we say thanks for coming in to share the career field that the fire department has to offer. It was amazing to hear all the job opportunities and education and training needed for each area.

    The Science Honors class will start the reading of the book; Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly (Young Readers’ Edition) the 2nd quarter. This book can be purchased through Amazon or Barns and Noble.  I think they will enjoy this reading as we add new and unique curriculum to this class setting.

**Mr. Chin- PE**

“All Middle School Athletics - Registration online through Register My Athlete must be completed and signed, upload a current physical dated March 1st, 2019 or after to Register My Athlete, AND payment for tier 1 $60 paid in full before the first day of practice. All sports registrations are open for the entire 2019-2020 school year. Boys basketball, Boys and Girls soccer, Softball, and Spirit Line begin after fall break”

**Hope this is helpful and informative for you!**

**Sincerely,**

**Tammy McGreevy**

**6th Grade Representative**