

7th Grade Update

November 5, 2018

Grade Level Notes

Congratulations to the MPMS Teacher of the Year Finalists: Mrs. Wilkinson, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Blocher, Mrs. Strahl, and Mrs. Jones. We will announce our 2018-19 Teacher of the Year on Tuesday. Stay tuned.

Quarter 1 Report Cards go home on Friday, Nov. 9th with your child. Quarter 2 began Oct. 31st.

7th Grade curriculum standards and expectations are rigorous. When the PCHS student leaders visited our grade level last year, they shared with 7th graders that this was the grade level where the work seemed to get harder and where they found they had to really learn to study. Our curriculum puts students to the tasks of digging deeper, not just understanding a concept, but applying that concept to a new situation; not just giving an answer, but supporting the answer with evidence from the text. We have helped thousands of 7th graders meet and exceed expected learning outcomes. When your child has a question, please encourage him/her to ask us for help. Our team is happy to help.

Two great tools our 7th graders have at their fingertips this year are PowerSchool, where they can keep up with grades in each class, and our new Google Homework Calendar, customized with all of the homework your child has for each core class. Have your student login and show you the grades in PowerSchool and the assignments noted on the Google Homework Calendar.

Study Tip: Do your homework. Sounds simple enough, but students who don't do the work the day it is assigned not only lose points, but they lose out on important practice intended to help them rehearse and apply what they are learning, leaving them unprepared for the next day's work. So have your student pull up the Google Homework Calendar, take out class notes, and do the homework.

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Upcoming Dates

2-Hour Delay/ Election Day		Nov. 6
Girls Soccer & Vol- leyball @ home		Nov. 7
Football @ home		Nov. 8
Q1 Report Cards go home		Nov. 9
Veteran's Day/ No School	No	Nov. 12
Early Release Day Dismissal: 12:30pm		Nov. 20
No School		Nov. 21-23
Q2 Interim Reports		Dec. 6

7th Grade Class Updates: Language Arts

Our students just finished writing two-voice poems last week. The poems focused on comparing and contrasting points of view in [A Long Walk to Water](#). Wrapping up our first module focused on journeys and survival, we ended last week learning a great deal about refugees from our guest speaker, the Director for the US Committee of Refugees and Immigrants. This week, we will begin module 2, which explores working conditions of the past and present. This week also kicks off our annual Spelling Bee competition. Please reach out to your child's [Language Arts](#) teacher if you have any questions.



7th Grade Class Updates: Social Studies

This past week we started our Absolutism and Enlightenment unit. We will continue this unit next week but focus on the Enlightenment. Please contact your child's [Social Studies](#) teacher if you have any questions.

7th Grade Class Updates: Science

This week in Science we are learning about circuits. Students will be exploring building parallel and series circuits. We will also be learning about the 6 simple machines and the mechanical advantage they provide. We will have our next unit test on Circuits and simple machines the week of 11/13. Please contact your child's [Science](#) teacher if you have any questions.

7th Grade Class Updates: Math

This week, Math 7 is continuing exploring circles and identifying how to find the area of a circle using 3.14 for PI. Be sure to check your teachers website for further information. For more detailed information, please visit our [webpages](#). Please contact your child's [Math](#) teacher if you have any questions.

7th Grade Class Updates: Math 7 Plus

This week in math plus we are continuing our unit on adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing rational numbers. We are also working on warm up #10, which is due on Monday, November 12. Students will take the Unit 3 Test coming up next week on Friday. Please contact your child's [Math](#) teacher if you have any questions.

7th Grade Class Updates: Math I

The week in Math 1, students will continue to solidify their understanding of how growth of a linear function compares to growth in an exponential function. Then, we will explore different ways to write an equation of a line and use those equations to describe characteristics of the line. Please contact your child's [Math](#) teacher if you have any questions.

Need help finding your child's grades?

Go to PowerSchool for your child's grades. If you do not have access to PowerSchool, please visit the [Homebase Information](#) page on our website or contact our Student Services office.

[Contact Us:](#) You can find contact information for our staff on our school webpage.

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