

7th Grade Update

December 3, 2018

Grade Level Notes

Interim Reports are coming home this week. You will receive one page with all of your child's grades. You can pull up detailed information of all of your child's grades via PowerSchool. Better yet, have your child pull up PowerSchool for you. (They have access, too.) Set a date each week and have your child review their progress with you. In addition to PowerSchool, students can also show you their Google Homework Calendar so you can see all of the coming assignments as well as tests and projects they have.

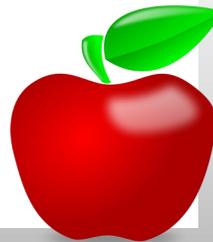
End of Quarter 2 is January 17th.

Please join us for our first Parent Academy on this Thursday, Dec. 6th at 6:00. A speaker from the NC Department of Justice will be here to discuss **Secrets of Social Media and Internet Safety**. Please RSVP to save your seat via [this link](#).

Did you know? We have a new [Early Release Procedure](#) this year. This is a great time-saver for you and also a help to our front office and classrooms. Students with the special pass will show their teachers, and, at the time indicated on the pass, they will be allowed to go down to the office for check-out. Find out the details [here](#).

Study Tip: Have your child study their notes and vocabulary terms right before bedtime. Researchers have found that our recall of material is better when we go to sleep right after a study session.

Congratulations to Mrs. Blocher! She is our MPMS Teacher of the Year 2018-19.



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Upcoming Dates

Basketball Game @ Holly Grove	Dec. 3
7th/8th Band Concert	Dec. 4
Parent Academy 6pm: Social Media	Dec. 6
Basketball Game here @MPMS	Dec. 6
Interim Reports go home	Dec. 6
SPOTS Breakfast	Dec. 7
Basketball Game @ East Cary	Dec. 13
Application for CDM Due	Dec. 14

7th Grade Class Updates: Language Arts

Students are working through the middle chapters of Lyddie, focusing on theme, symbolism, figurative language and conflict. There is heavy emphasis on vocabulary, as Lyddie is set in the mid-1800s and contains a great deal of antiquated language. Before the winter break we will have a unit test on Lyddie, which includes chapters 1-15, plus a nonfiction article with questions. We will also begin a short research project on modern day working conditions and how they relate to Lyddie's story. Please reach out to your child's [Language Arts](#) teacher if you have any questions.

7th Grade Class Updates: Social Studies

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This week we are continuing our Revolutions unit. We are finishing our discussion of the American Revolution, then focusing on the French Revolution. Please contact your child's [Social Studies](#) teacher if you have any questions.

7th Grade Class Updates: Science

Last week students began their Weather unit with a focus on the composition and properties of air. This week we continue our weather unit learning about the layers of the atmosphere and the characteristics of each. Students will have a quiz next week on the composition of air, properties of air, and the atmospheric layers. Please contact your child's [Science](#) teacher if you have any questions.

7th Grade Class Updates: Math

This week in Math 7 we are working on finding percent increase and decrease, identifying tax and tip, and percentage contexts. There will be a quiz this week. 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 7+ we are starting Unit 4: Expressions, Equations, and Inequalities. Students will be creating tape diagrams to represent situations and using those diagrams to help them solve for an unknown value. They will have a mastery check on this information towards the end of the week. Please contact your child's [Math](#) teacher if you have any questions.

7th Grade Class Updates: Math I

In Math 1, we are studying Module 3: Features of Functions. In this module, we will create functions that model a story, and identify key features of the function and how they relate to the context of the story. Key features could include maximum, minimum, x-intercept, y-intercept, increasing, decreasing, domain and range. This 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.

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