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MARCH IS READING MONTH!

During this month, we will be celebrating March is Reading Month with a few extra uniform holidays! If your students choose not to follow the theme, they should wear their school uniform.

- March 11 – Dress Like a Book Character Day
- March 18 – Read My Shirt Day
- March 25 – Uniform Holiday

Other March is Reading Month events to note:

- March 11-13 – Book Fair in the Library
- March 21 – Rock Your Socks Day (School uniforms with crazy, mismatched socks for World Down Syndrome Day)
- March 26 – Read-in for ELA classes



UNIFORM CHECK IN – APRIL 1 IS APPROACHING!

April 1 is approaching – the date when students can wear shorts and ditch the leggings. Please take a moment to pull out shorts and examine skirts. Make sure short and skirt length is appropriate before April 1. We are noticing lots of short, short skirts.

6th Grade Updates

ELA: We discussed the theme of our novel *Island of the Blue Dolphins* and practiced evidence-based reasoning by finding moments in the text that showed our theme. We also continued working on our Opinion Essay, and learned about interjections.

- Wed. 3/12 - 6G2 Book Fair; please bring cash/card!
- Thu. 3/13 - 6G1 Book Fair; please bring cash/card!

Social Studies: We finished discussing our unit on Judaism, and we began discussing our unit on ancient Egypt. Next week, we will continue to discuss ancient Egypt. We will talk about the importance of the Nile, their social classes, their gods, and the students will also learn about the process of mummification. They will get to mummify a Hot Dog! Students will also start their Egyptian Rulers Pamphlet, doing research on three different rulers. This will be due Tuesday, March 18.

- Egyptian Rulers Pamphlet - Due Tuesday, March 18th

Science: We have started into our chapter about weather this week. We focused on the types of clouds and how clouds form. We conducted a lab that allowed us to simulate the production of a cloud in a bottle. Next week, we will learn types of precipitation and then introduce air masses.

Theology: We are learning about the Ten Commandments and relating them to our lives. The students started working on a collage representing the positives we can take from the Commandments. Next week, we will finish the collage and start looking at how the Israelites “survived” the desert.

- Virtue Quiz- Fortitude, Thursday, March 13

Math 6G1: Students learned about writing equations in one variable and solving equations using addition and subtraction. Next week they will continue to practice solving equations with addition and subtraction. They will prepare for a quiz. Next week is Pi day and on Friday, March 14 students will work on pi related activities and celebrate with pie!

- Thursday, March 13 - Chapter 6 Quiz 1 (6.1 - 6.2)

Math 6G2: Students learned about three dimensional figures and the surface area of prisms. Next week they will learn about the surface area of pyramids and the volume of rectangular prisms. Next week is Pi day and on Friday, March 14 students will work on pi related activities and celebrate with pie!

- Tuesday, March 18 - Chapter 7 Quiz 2 (7.4 - 7.7)

7th Grade Updates

ELA: We discussed the virtues and vices that we see in the characters of The Hobbit, and used these traits and dramatic irony in order to make predictions as we approach the end of our novel. We also learned about conjunctions.

- Wed. 3/12 - 7G2 Book Fair; please bring cash/card!
- Thu. 3/13 - 7G1 Book Fair; please bring cash/card!

Social Studies: We finished discussing the New England Colonies, and started discussing the Middle Colonies. Next week, students will continue to learn about the Middle Colonies, and we will finish the week discussing the Southern Colonies. Students will get to participate in a market simulation on Monday, in which they learn what social and economic life was like in the Middle Colonies.

Theology: The students this weekend finished their Gospels comic strips and we started learning about the parables this week. Next week the students are creating slide show about a specific parable.

- Virtue Quiz- Fortitude Thursday March 13

Science: We have continued to focus on energy this week. We learned about the different forms of energy and how energy can transform between the different types. We will explore energy transformations and transfers briefly next week through Rube Goldberg machines before we begin to review for the chapter 7 test.

- Chapter 7 Test- March 14

Math 7G1: Students learned about compound events and began to wrap up Chapter 7. Next week they will take the assessments for Chapter 7. Next week is Pi day and on Friday, March 14 students will work on pi related activities and celebrate with pie!

- Tuesday, March 11 - Chapter 7 Vocabulary Quiz
- Wednesday, March 12 - Chapter 7 Test

Math 7G2: Students learned about rational numbers and exponents, estimating very small and very large quantities, and scientific notation. Next week, they will learn about performing operations with scientific notation. They will begin to prepare for the end of the chapter assessments. Next week is Pi day and on Friday, March 14 students will work on pi related activities and celebrate with pie!

- Thursday, March 13 - Chapter 8 Quiz 2 (8.5 - 8.8)
- Tuesday, March 18 - Chapter 8 Vocabulary Quiz
- Wednesday, March 19 - Chapter 8 Test

8th Grade Updates

ELA: We had our final Literature Circle discussions of A Wrinkle in Time. Next week, we'll wrap up all together with a discussion of the book's theme and then begin writing our Final Project essays based on the outlines we're making this week and next.

- Thursday, March 13 - Book Fair; please bring cash/card!

History: The students researched a specific battle, built a script, and re-enacted that battle from the War of 1812. Next week, we will finish discussing the War of 1812. The students will finish the week by writing an opinion essay on whether they think the War of 1812 was worth fighting or if it was a mistake.

- War of 1812 Essay - Due Monday, March 17

Science: We started this week by finishing our review and taking the chapter 7 test. We then began our next topic: the human body. We will be introducing the different body systems and exploring how they work together. Next week, we will look more closely at the ways that the skeletal and muscular system work together to create movement.

Math 8G1: This week students learned about comparing linear and nonlinear functions as well as analyzing and sketching graphs. Next week they will begin to prepare for the end of the chapter assessments. Next week is Pi day and on Friday, March 14 students will work on pi related activities and celebrate with pie!

- Tuesday, March 11 - Chapter 7 Quiz 2 (7.4 - 7.5)
- Thursday, March 13 - Chapter 7 Vocabulary Quiz
- Monday, March 17 - Chapter 7 Test

Math 8G2: Students learned about adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing polynomials. Next week, they will learn about special products of polynomials and solving polynomial equations in factored form. Next week is Pi day and on Friday, March 14 students will work on pi related activities and celebrate with pie!

- Monday, March 17 - Chapter 7 Quiz 1 (7.1 - 7.4)

Theology: The students this week started Chapter 7 of Decision Point. This chapter is about the Eucharist. We had great discussions about the Eucharist and its importance in our lives.

- Virtue Quiz- Fortitude, Thursday, March 13