



MIDDLE SCHOOL WEEKLY UPDATE

Thursday October 5th, 2017



We had our first Middle School meeting on Thursday where we discussed our success of the first month of this school year. The students played a team building game and nominated some students for Middle School Student of the Month. Hailey and Sofia received the awards for Student of the Month for the month of September. Congratulations to Hailey and Sofia!

We hope you have an amazing long weekend! 😊

English

The Grade Six students continue to enjoy Monday's Book Club with the Grade Five students and also participated in their third Journal writing session. They had a choice of writing about the month of "September" or about "Being Thankful." Each student received their Cambridge workbook this week and they have completed three activities on their own before working in pairs to complete an activity about proverbs.

The Grade Seven class has been learning about how to write newspaper articles. We have started to read and analyze some articles in our Checkpoint English workbooks and have looked at the elements of an article. The students will be writing an article of their own about our novel study book *Murder on the Orient Express*. Next Friday, the students will have their first Master Spelling Test where they will have to know all thirty words from the past three spelling quizzes. I will pick fifteen of these words for the students to spell, write the definition and use correctly in a sentence.

The Grade Eight class will continue to focus on the structure for writing newspaper articles, incorporate supporting details and direct quotations. The rough draft of their Newspaper Article Assignment is due next Wednesday, October 11th. We will complete a peer editing activity in class, and the final assignment will be due the following week. Our class will continue to analyze the murder investigation in *Murder on the Orient Express* and will focus on making predictions and identifying inferences based on the information presented in the novel.

Social Studies

The Grade Six class has been given a study guide for their upcoming test for their Aboriginal Regions Unit. Please study the notes given and the map of Canada. The class also learned about the Northwest Coastal people's tradition of Totem pole carving and made their very own with paper, picking three spirit animals that best represent themselves.

The Grade Seven and Eight classes ended their Historical Inquiry mini unit with a small comprehension quiz. The classes will begin their units on the beginning of Canada with Confederation and the Seven Years War. The Grade Eight class will begin by learning the Fathers of Confederation and the Grade Sevens will research and learn about the major battles that prompted the British takeover of North America from the French.

Math

The Grade Six class spent Wednesday's class correcting their chapter 1 test to ensure they have correct and organized solutions. They started chapter 2 looking at the definition of a sequence, how to form a sequence and how to look for a pattern.

The Grade Seven class finished chapter 2 this week and wrote their culminating quiz on Wednesday. We have now started to explore congruency.

The Grade Eight class had a formative quiz on changing the subject and learned about substitution and how to add and subtract algebraic fractions. They are finished chapter 2 and have a test soon.

Science

The Grade Six class had their first test on Tuesday and started the next chapter on metals vs. non-metals. They started looking at what an element is and coming up with examples of metal and non-metal in their everyday lives.

The Grade Seven and the Grade Eight students had two fun activities involving changing the colour of milk and the size of balloons. They also had their first chapter test on Thursday.

Health and Physical Education

Last week the students had started their Ultimate Frisbee unit, this week we focused on game play and strategy. We also started our monthly fitness assessments, to see the students' growth since the first assessment. Cross Country is the next unit.

Don't forget about Kilometer Club! Thus far we have run 35.4 km!

Peterson – 10 KM

Fox – 11 KM

Carr – 8.1 KM

Richler – 6.3 KM

The club will resume on Tuesday!

Visual Art

The Grade Six students are working on their Aztec and Mayan art assignment and learning how to use charcoal pencils and brown and white conte pencils.

The Grade Seven and Eight students are continuing to develop their Cezanne Style Oil pastel drawings in full colour.

French

The Grade 6 students had their first binder check this week and it looked very neat and organised. They have also been working hard on their Rosetta Stone app at home.

This week we continued to work on 'les chiffres de 0-1000'.

The Grade 7 and 8 students continue to work on 'les sports.' This week they learned new vocabulary that can be used with this unit like 'Je fais du kayak ou Je joue du foot'

We also reviewed the present tense.

Middle school students are expected to work on their Rosetta Stone app for at least 1 hour every week.

Music

This week Grade Eight students started on their new piece, Rondeau. Grade Seven students continued with Minuet, and Grade Six students learned about an upcoming duet performance assignment using Rigaudon. We have also continued to work in our Music Theory Workbooks, refreshing our knowledge of note reading.

***Please Note:**

All students who are new to playing the violin in grades 3-8 MUST attend the mandatory Fast-Track Violin Club on Tuesdays at lunch recess.

The Cello and Viola club on Thursday at lunch recess is NO LONGER mandatory. It is now an optional tutorial.

All students in grades 3-8 are welcome to join the String Orchestra! We meet on Tuesdays after school. We would love to recruit a few more enthusiastic players!

Middle School Homework Sites

[Grade 6 FDS Homework Site](#)

[Grade 7 FDS Homework Site](#)

[Grade 8 FDS Homework Site](#)

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GRADE SIX?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Thanksgiving Monday- No Classes		Aboriginal Regions Assessment		

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GRADE SEVEN?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Thanksgiving Monday- No Classes				Master Spelling Test

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GRADE EIGHT?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Thanksgiving Monday- No Classes		Newspaper Article Assignment – Rough Draft due		

MUSIC ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- All students from grades 3-8 who are new to fieldstone **must** attend our Fast-Track Violin tutorial session on Tuesdays at lunch.
- All students who play the cello or the viola may attend our Cello and Viola club on Thursdays at lunch.
- Sign up for our String Orchestra is up on the wall beside the music room. All students from grades 3-8 are welcome to join!

ATHLETICS:

Practices Schedule:

- Indoor Soccer: Mondays at 3:45pm – 4:30pm (In the gym) & Thursdays 11:40am – 12:10pm (on the field)
- Elementary Cross Country Tuesdays at 3:45pm – 4:30pm (on the field) & Thursdays 11:40am – 12:10pm (on the field)
- Dodgeball and Flag Football – coming soon

IMPORTANT SCHOOL-WIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

UPCOMING SIGNIFICANT DATES	
PD Day – No Classes	<i>Friday, October 6th</i>
Thanksgiving Monday – No Classes	<i>Monday, October 9th</i>
Midterm Break – No Classes	<i>Friday, November 10th</i>
Midterm Break – No Classes	<i>Monday, November 13th</i>
JK-5 Student Led Conferences Middle School Parent-Teacher Interviews 11:40 A.M. Dismissal	<i>Thursday, November 30th</i>
Holiday Concert	<i>Thursday, December 21st at 7:00 P.M.</i>
Winter Holidays Begin – No Classes	<i>Monday, December 25th</i>
Classes Resume	<i>Monday, January 8th</i>