

### **BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY NEWS...**

Business Technology students had another great week of class. This week 6th and 8th grade students will take their Pre-SLO (Student Learning **Objectives**) Pre-Test, This test will assess your students content knowledge of the Business & Computer Science Curriculum. 7th Grade students are not required to take the Business & Computer Science S.L.O. however they may be required to take an S.L.O. in

another Connections Course. 7th Grade students will complete their Internet Safety Unit and all classes will begin the 6-Week Keyboarding Unit this week. Students will be required to keyboard twenty minutes daily throughout the sixweek period. Students will take two Keyboarding assessments and two-timed writing/ speed assessments

within the six-week period. Students will be assigned keyboarding homework in an effort to improve their proficiency. We will use a web-based keyboarding program that will provide opportunities for student to reinforce their keyboarding skills at home.



### MARKETING

In Marketing, sixth and seventh students will complete the Student Learning Objective Assessment. All grade levels will have an introduction to marketing principles. Additionally, eighth

grade students will be introduced to the virtual job shadows online platform. They will explore career opportunities.

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#### **Special points of interest:**

- SLO( Student Learning Objectives): Pre-Test the week August 24th
- Back to School Carnival: Friday, August 28th...
- Curriculum Night,: Thursday, September 3rd (6:00-8:00pm)
- All IC grades will be available by Monday, August 24th



#### DMS CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER

## ART NEWS...

Visual Arts students will continue their exploration of "The Language of Art". The exploration includes the creation of a spatial name sculpture. The first Art Club meeting will be Thursday, August 27, 2015.



### BAND NEWS...

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are back in action with playing and progressing to more challenging music and activities. They will continue learning new scales, notes, rhythms.

6<sup>th</sup> grade students will continue learning how to read and count rhythms in various time signatures. Students will also continue learning Treble and Bass clef notes and continue the practice of incorporating rhythms and note names to create music.

Additionally, band students will begin their Student Learning Objective Pre-Test this week and throughout the following week.



### ENGINEERING & AUDIO VISUAL PRODUCTION NEWS...

In Technology Education, students will complete their Student Learning Objective Assess-

ment. We will

continue learning about work ethic, setting goals, completing career interest surveys, and develop a résumé. Students have been introduced to a learning platform that we will be using

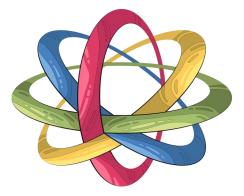
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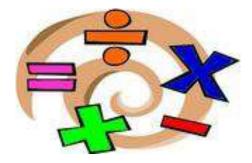
In Audio Visual Production, students have completed their first project which is an autobiography recording. Students were introduced to the Audio Visual Production process and will begin using the process to develop various productions.



### STEM/MATH NEWS...

The STEM Connection classes will continue putting into practice the Engineering Design Process. The next couple of weeks student will be challenged to design a catapult, cardboard chair and a spaghetti tower! Students are limited on the materials that they are able to use with this challenge. Students are demonstrating the 4 C's of STEM: collaboration, communication, creativity, and critical thinking. Pictures of the finished products will be posted on Ms. Do's website.





Excel Math students are continue to demonstrate focus and dedication as we move into the fourth week of school. Students are asked to try to log into ST Math at home. Students will continue to utilize the computer lab to work on objectives that have been specifically assigned to them . In addition students will receive support in the classroom to ensure their success.

### SPANISH & SPANISH-I NEWS...

In Spanish, 7th and 8th grade students will complete their Student Learning Objective Assessment ( Pre -Test) this week.

6th and 7th Spanish students will work to complete their project on Spanish Speaking Countries and prepare five-minute oral presentations about the capital, flag, location, population, religion, other languages spoken, tourism, politics, famous food, people and culture of their country. The final project is due on the 27th for A classes and 28th for B classes. Additionally, students will be introduced to the colors in Spanish and relate the colors to flags of Spanish speaking countries.

In Spanish I (Advanced), students will continue working on their Spanish Speaking countries projects. Students were assigned due dates for their projects and group oral presentations during Hispanic Heritage Month. Students should prepare for 10 minute oral presentations and be prepared to share their presentations to our Edmodo class. Additionally students will review colors and numbers in both oral and written form.



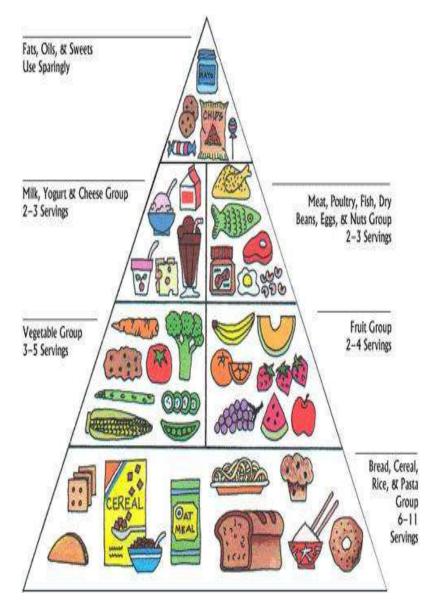
#### **DUTCHTOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL**

#### HEALTH NEWS...

7th & 8th grade health students will focus their attention on safety hazards in the home and safety practices they can adopt to help keep them safe at home and at school.

6<sup>th</sup> Grade health will continue their study of safety at home and in the community. However, they will turn their focus to first aid. Students will learn how to handle emergency situations such as bleeding, choking and burns. Students will conclude the week with exploring how to take care of the planet. Students will learn about the different types of pollution and ways to help protect the planet.

Additionally, all health classes will complete their Health Student Learning Objective Pre-Test this week.





# PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS...

Fitness Gram Administration will continue for several weeks . The fitness gram is comprised of a series of heath related fitness test. Students will be assessed in the areas of aerobic capacity, flexibility, muscular strength & endurance and body composition. Parents and students will receive a fitness gram report that will suggest areas for improvement when appropriate .

Additionally, Physical Education students will complete their Physical Education Student Learning Objective Pre-Test this week.