

Seventh Grade NEWS!



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Literacy Days are Coming

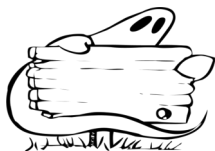
DMS will host a school wide Literacy Day competition October 21 in the media center. This is a celebration of Writing, Poetry Recitation, and Drama presentations. Encourage your performer child to participate. Winners of the competition will go in to compete at the county level.

Tidbits

- * What is the academic focus for the week?
- * Literacy Days!
- * Student Led Conferences

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Don't let your child's bad grades scare you! Talk with your child's teachers. They are your first line of defense for success and are happy to help you and your child succeed.

Student Led Conferences Again!

DMS is pleased to announce student led conferences will be held again this year. This concept is as simple as it sounds. Parents will choose a conference time, at the school, to sit down with their child. The student will lead the conference. This a wonderful opportunity for students to take both credit and responsibility for their work. Parents have reported how beneficial it is to have these conversations with their student. While the teacher is in the room, they are acting as a facilitator for the room. Student led conferences do not take the place of parent teacher conferences. You are welcome to schedule a parent teacher conference. Please support your student in this endeavor. It promises to be very enlightening!

Veterans Day celebration

Annual Veterans Day celebration this year on Friday, November 11th. We will acknowledge and celebrate our Veterans (DMS faculty, faculty spouses/ parents, students' parents/ grandparents) with a parade and a program in the media center. The invites will be given to students who have parents or grandparents who are veterans.

Veterans will need to RSVP (Friday 11/4/16).



A Minute with the Counselor!

National Bullying Prevention Awareness Month

Signs Your Child Is A Victim Of Cyberbullying

Loss of interest in the computer and cell phone

Won't talk about why their avoiding their computer and cell phone

Gets tense and stressed out when receiving e-mail, text or instant message

Withdraws from family and friends

Is reluctant to attend school and other activities.

Becomes sad, angry and/or frustrated, and seems to worry a lot

Grades decline

Show changes in their eating and/or sleeping habits

~Stompoutbullying.org~

Henry County Schools

Simplify! Evaluate!

Parents for the week of October 17th-October 21st, we will do a review of the previous week. As we continue our studies of Unit 2, Expressions and Equations focusing on solving one step equations with adding & subtracting rational numbers. Students should continue to study operations with rational numbers.

Please ensure that your child is taking full advantage of the various technology resources : STMath, USAtest Prep, Learnzillion, Algebra-Class.com, and Khan Academy are a few of the resources your students should be utilizing. Have a productive week!

Understanding the Cell

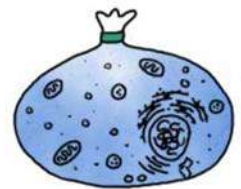
According to cell theory, cells are the main unit of organization in biology. Whether you are a single cell or a blue whale with trillions of cells, you are still made of cells. All cells are contained by a cell membrane that keeps the pieces inside. When you think about a membrane, imagine it is like a big plastic bag with some tiny holes. That bag holds all of the cell pieces and fluids inside the cell and keeps any nasty things outside the cell. The holes are there to let some things move in and out of the cell.

Science Fair Timeline

Student should be actively working on their Science Fair Project

Log Book is due October 28th

Science Fair PowerPoint is due November 1st



ELA and Social Studies

What a character!

We are working diligently to identify the little pieces of the "literature" puzzle in class. This means little mini lessons in characterization, theme, author's point of view, and inferencing. All the while, keeping the students skills in grammar and writing fresh. This requires a balancing act between student and teacher. We ask that students begin to focus more time on studying and homework to maintain these skills. We encourage technology use, and specifically Edmodo for several reasons. Edmodo allows a student

to add items to their 'backpack' which acts as a jump drive (thumb drive) for that student only. Furthermore, we use an app called NoRedInk, that allows the teacher to set up individual lines of study to reinforce weak areas identified by classwork and EOTT testing.

Southwest Asia continues to Intrigue!

7th grade social studies is focusing on the growth, impact and decline of the Ottoman Empire. Students will have an opportunity to create a storyboard depicting its impact on South-

west Asia today. Students need to collect work samples to prepare for student led conferences.

