# **Reproduction in Protists**

### GPS and EQ

 <u>GPS.07.SC.C.S7L3.b.</u> - Compare and contrast that organisms reproduce asexually and sexually (bacteria, protists, fungi, plants & animals).

• E.Q.: How do protists reproduce?

#### **Characteristics of Protista**

- Eukaryotic (have a nucleus)
- Usually Single Celled
- Live in moist environments
- Reproduce asexually or sexually









### Three Groups of Protists



• Plant-like: Algae

#### • Fungus-Like: Water Molds, Slime Molds

Animal-Like: Protozoa

#### **Protist Reproduction**



# Asexual reproduction occurs by mitosis.

Sexual reproduction involves the exchange of genetic material across a cytoplasmic bridge.



#### Mitosis: Asexual Reproduction



## Conjugation

 Protists can also transfer DNA BETWEEN 2 protist cells (called conjugation).



# Meiosis: Sexual Reproduction What happens in meiosis?

- The events in meiosis are smooth and continuous:
  - Chromosomes double and thicken.
  - Nuclear membrane disappears.
  - Homologous chromosomes line up a the cell's center.
  - Spindle fibers attach.
  - The nuclear membrane reforms.
  - Two cells form that are identical and diploid.



# What happens in meiosis?



# In the second division, the chromosomes do <u>not</u> double.

- Chromosomes thicken and line up at cell's center.
- Spindle fibers attach.
- Chromosomes are pulled to opposite side of cell by spindle fibers.
- Four new cells form when the nuclear membranes reform and cells separate.
- The four new cells are unique and haploid so they have half the number of chromosomes compared to starting cells.

### Summary: Compare and Contrast Reproduction in Bacteria and Protists



Protists