# WELLSTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

# 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

## Upcoming Events

May 13, 2022

Remote Learning Day for Students/PD Da Teachers

May 27, 2022

Last Day for Students!

## May 31, 2022

| Dear Parents and Guardians,   | Last Day for | Teachers! |
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| We are heading into our last quarter of the school<br>year. This school year has passed by very quickly.<br>Sixth Grade students have finished our OST testing.<br>We appreciate that the students took their time, tried<br>their best, and were present on testing days. We are<br>now wrapping our year up. We hope that everyone<br>has a fantastic summer break! |              |           |
| Sincerely   |              |           |
| The Sixth Grade Team  |              |           |

## Sixth Grade Happenings

### ELA

Our students read *Zlata's Diary* during the third grading period. This diary was written by a young girl in the midst of the Bosnian War during the 1990s. Students were using the diary to acquire new vocabulary words which helped expand their reading abilities and aid comprehension of the subject matter. Before reading the diary, the students wrote argumentative essays. Students are continuing to work on their writing skills. Students are using IXL to work on various language skills. Our students are currently reading the novel, *Holes* by Louis Sachar. It is a fantastic book about how a single event can change the course of a person's life. Students need to continue reading for at least 20 minutes per night. Reading is the best way to increase their vocabulary.

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### Math

The sixth grade students have been working hard and reviewing concepts that they have learned this year. Students have worked on equations, inequalities, ratios, proportions, decimals, percentages, area and volume this school year. We have covered a multitude of topics this year, and now we are going to use some of these skills to work on a project for the end of the year. Please check with your child to make sure that they are completing this upcoming project in the allotted time. Students have homework Monday through Thursday.

#### **Social Studies**

Fun times were had by all as we ended our unit on the Economy by playing a game of Monopoly. Monopoly teaches how to strategize, plan ahead, do math, negotiate with others, deal with others, deal with winning or losing circumstances, and to control their emotions! We then moved onto the study of regions where we learned there are two types of regions: physical



and cultural and the five criteria of deciding which type of region an area might be. Ask your student about Let's Eat Crunchy PopCorn! We also pulled out our artistic side and drew landscapes of eight landforms.

#### Science

Sixth grade science classes spent the majority of the third grading period learning about energy. Specifically, we studied about kinetic and potential energies and the different types of each of them. We completed an activity to determine how energy changes. Another activity was completed to figure out how much energy objects have at different times. Entering the 4<sup>th</sup> grading period, we turn our attention to motion and speed.

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