

# 7<sup>th</sup> Grade News

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## **Upcoming Events** **September 6 –October 3, 2013**

- 6 – Fundraiser Pep Rally
- 11 – Sports Parent Meeting
- 16 - Volleyball & Softball v. James Martin (Home)
- 17 – Curriculum Night & TD Meeting
- 18 - Volleyball & Softball v. Bailey (Away)
- 19 - Football & Golf v. James Martin (Home)
- 23 - Volleyball & Softball v. Coulwood (Home)
- 24 - A Day progress reports go home
- 25 - B Day progress reports go home
- 25 - Volleyball & Softball v. Whitewater (Away)
- 26 - Football & Golf v. Bailey (Away)
- 30 – Volleyball & Softball v. Alexander (Home)
- October
- 2 – Fall Picture Day
- 2 – Volleyball & Softball v. Ranson (Home)
- 3 – Football & Golf v. Coulwood (Home)

## *A Note from Ms. Gabriel*



We are off to a great start for the 2013-2014 school year! Students have received their books and lockers and they are starting to get used to the routines and procedures of 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

I would like to encourage you to become an active participant in your child's 7<sup>th</sup> grade year. Please make sure you have a parent assistant log-in and password so you can monitor your child's grades. Also, please feel free to contact their teachers via email or by phone any time you have questions or concerns. Keep an eye on the Bradley website, as we are often looking for volunteers to assist us in a variety of ways.

I am thrilled to be back in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade this year and to work with you and your student again. If you have any questions or need additional assistance throughout the year, please do not hesitate to contact me. You can reach me via email at [lgabriel@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:lgabriel@cms.k12.nc.us) or call the school and I will be happy to get back with you as soon as possible. I look forward to working together to make this year the best!



Wish List

It is getting to be that time of year when noses are running and allergies are making us sneeze. Please help us out with donating tissues and hand sanitizer.

Thank you from the 7<sup>th</sup> grade team.

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## **Conferences**

7<sup>th</sup> grade conference days are on Tuesday mornings and Friday afternoons during planning. If you would like to schedule a conference, please contact Ms. Teague at 980.343.5750 or via email at

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## Science



First, a big thank you to all the families who donated materials to help out with lab activities. These items will help teach our objectives through hands-on exploration.

Seventh grade science covers the topics of physics, atmosphere and weather, protists, cells, genetics and the human body systems. So far we have covered basic skills that will be utilized throughout the school year. This week we begin our unit of physics. We will begin with motion and what causes it to occur. We will then move on with the topics of speed, acceleration and Newton's Laws of Motion. This unit involves formulas, solving equations and word problems.

## Social Studies



We will be learning about Geography for the first half of September in Social Studies. Then we'll learn about different types of governments and economies throughout the world. Every unit that we'll learn about we will have a vocabulary list please make sure that your child creates note cards for the word and definition. Here's a link to quizlet so that you can print them from online: [http://quizlet.com/\\_3u9dh](http://quizlet.com/_3u9dh) There will be a vocabulary quiz with every unit so please help your child study the note cards every night. There will also be a unit test with every unit so please also encourage your child to review his/her notes nightly. If you ever have any concerns or questions please contact your child's Social Studies teacher via email: [dawn1.sherman@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:dawn1.sherman@cms.k12.nc.us) or [sheril.martin@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:sheril.martin@cms.k12.nc.us)

## Language Arts



Students did a great job transitioning from summer vacation back to the classroom! In Language Arts, students have completed their first project, which was an autobiography foldable assignment.

We have begun our first unit, Unit 1: Plot, Setting, and Conflict. Throughout this unit, students will focus on: identifying the stages of plot; analyzing plot development; analyzing how setting shapes plot; identifying conflict, flashback, and foreshadowing; analyzing the structure an author uses to organize a text, including chronological order

All students are required to read for at least twenty minutes each night (including weekends), document their reading in their agenda (title of book and page numbers they read), and ask you to sign. Students will be permitted to start taking AR tests on September 9. Information has been sent home with students regarding AR. If you did not receive this information, please contact your student's Language Arts teacher.

**The Summer Reading project deadline is September 9.**

## Math



The first unit of study for math is Accentuate the Negative. In this unit, the focus is on understanding and developing systemic ways to add, subtract, multiply, and divide positive and negative numbers. This includes whole numbers, fractions and decimals. Students will develop algorithms for computations and will use the order of operations, the Commutative Property, and the Distributive Property to solve problems. Look for a project to come home during the second week of September.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about this unit or your child's progress in class, please do not hesitate to contact your child's math teacher.