

Mrs. Kerrissey's 8th Grade Humanities:

Hello Faubion families!

Students have been working diligently on finishing their narrative writing essays and will begin our novel studies next week. Students will be reading "Copper Sun" which depicts the story of an African girl who was kidnapped and sent to work in the Americas on a plantation. We will be analyzing character traits and literary elements as well as learning about the history of colonization in the Americas.

We are continuing with our Current Event Mondays so students should complete their article and turn it in by Friday. Because the election is so close, we are learning about the different political parties and views that the candidates hold. Students have been working on forming their own political party groups and are preparing to debate in the 7th grade classroom. Students just completed their political campaign commercials and I am so impressed by their level of thought and creativity.

Homework

Students will be given an informational Article of the Week each Monday related to our weekly current events in which they are required to show evidence of close reading and write reflections based on textual evidence. There is also a short quiz that is attached to the article. This will be due every Friday.

Students are also required to read at least one novel outside of the classroom each month. They will record their novel information on their reading log (signed by the teacher) and write summaries related to their book. This will be due at the end of every month.

Students may also have homework from time to time depending on whether they finished their daily assignments in class. Please check their planners for more information on classroom assignments and homework. Each student is expected to record this information in their planners on a daily basis.

As always, please never hesitate to contact me with additional questions or concerns. Helping your child find academic success is my most important goal.

GO BULLDOGS!

Carissa Kerrissey



Mrs. Madison's 8th Grade Humanities:

Fabulous Faubion Families.

We just spent the last couple of weeks digging deep into media literacy and the effect of media on our presidential elections. The beginning of November will be exploring the electoral college and analyzing the election results.

Students are currently working on their novel study projects which are due November 14. Students self-selected the novel they wanted to read. Portions of the novel study project are done with a partner who read the same novel. The remaining portions of the project are to be done independently.

It is not too late to sign up for parent-teacher-student conferences. The middle school teachers encourage and expect middle school students to attend their conferences. If you still need to obtain a conference time, please contact me at pmadison@pps.net.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Madison

Ms. Ackron's 7th & 8th Grade Mathematics:

Greeting from the math classroom! We been having a great beginning of November this year. Students are really beginning to take ownership of of their learning and its evident in their work! Math 7 and Compacted Year 1 are finishing up a difficult unit on integers. They will be taking the growth they've made and applying it as they begin their pre-algebra units! Compacted Year 2 is still deep in their learning of linear equations and will begin studying points of intersections. Please continue to encourage your student to review their notebooks for at least 5 minutes each day, as well complete their weekly homework practice assignment. The extra mathematical thought really does help!

Recently, the middle school was able to travel to Jefferson High School to interact with medical students from OHSU and high school students in a STEAM activity where they invented a new surgery tool. It was awesome to see your students experiencing the high school setting and students, and even talk to some soon-to-be doctors. Be sure to check out a few photos from the trip on my website! Looking forward to seeing you all at conferences this month!

Go Bulldogs!

Michelle Ackron



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Upcoming Dates of Interest:

Wednesday-Thursday, November 9 th -10 th	No School – Parent/Teacher Conferences	All Day
Friday, November 11 th	No School – Veteran's Day	All Day
Thursday, November 17 th	PTA Auction Election & Auction Meeting @ Concordia Library Room #108	6:30pm
Friday, November 18 th	Muffins w/McCalley	8:45-9:45am
Friday, November 18 th	Faubion Dollar Days	All Day
Wednesday-Friday, November 23 rd -25 th	No School – Holiday!	All Day

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Middle School Special Course Offerings:

- * Band * Math in Real Life * Choir *
- * Health * Chess * Poetry *
- * Library * Faubion News * Art *
- * Weekly Incentive & 2nd Chance Time *
- * P.E. * Creative Writing *
- * Survival Geography * Social Justice *
- * Launchpad Tutoring *
- * Mandarin Chinese * Maker Space *

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Ms. Ramsey's 7th & 8th Grade Science:

Weather + Erosion + Forensics = Fun in Science

The 8th grade Earth Science students will finish their unit on Weather and Atmosphere focusing on Extreme Weather...tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, and droughts in Portland and the world. What causes and effects on the environment and people? What can we do to prepare for this possibility? ARE YOU PREPARED? DO YOU HAVE A PLAN? The students will finally design and build weather instruments and test their functionality indoors and outdoors.

The 7th grade Integrated Science students will be finishing their unit on Erosion & Weathering by studying the impact of erosion and flooding in Oregon and Boomtown. They will write a Geologist's Report giving their recommendation for where to build in the fictional town of Boomtown based on evidence related to geology, topography, and erosion.

The 7/8 Advanced Science students are continuing their studies on Forensic Anthropology and we can use bones, skeletons, height, and teeth to identify possible victims and people. We just finished identifying and constructing a rodent skeleton and will finish with the "Facial Reconstruction" of a person using clay, hair, and a wig-head and of course determine what caused their head trauma. Sincerely,

Ms. Ramsey

Mr. Gunderson's Middle School Art:

Middle Schoolers have been busy the last few weeks finishing up their Dia de los Muertos Calaveras. There's been some really amazing drawings of well known people and cartoon characters from Einstein and Michael Jordan to Pikachu and Pac-man; these will be on display outside of the art room for a couple weeks in November.

November is a busy month with a new quarter starting as well as conferences. If you have any questions regarding your child's art grade I will be in my room during both conferences days. On Monday, November 7th we will be starting fresh with new projects and may be exploring some Native American arts and culture, and then moving into portraits, color theory, and looking at the artwork of contemporary artist Kehinde Wiley.

Sincerely,

Mark Gunderson



Mr. Merrick – Academic Advisor:

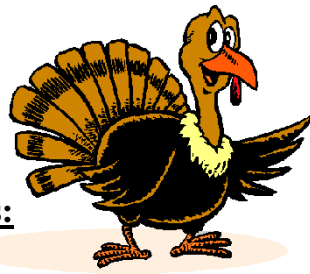
Hello to one and all!

As we progress through the month of November, it is important to remember the virtue of patience. We all face a lot of pressures from work-life, to raising children and pushing for their success. Many times, we don't see the immediate progress we might wish for in our children/students. Please keep in mind that the children are learning, re-learning and digesting all types of information: from interactions with their peers and younger/older siblings, to parental contact & formal/informal lessons from their teachers, administrators and support staff here at Faubion.

While we wait patiently for our children to grow and master new skills, take the time to listen to them. Look in their planners, and discuss what they learned at school. Try to get your child to share their dreams and help them to identify their strengths and utilize those strengths toward future and present opportunities. Encourage your children/students to write down their goals and act upon them. While you're at it, take time to sit with your child and write your own goals and what steps you might take to achieve them. Either way, remember that real positive change rarely happens overnight. Be supportive, hold high expectations and be patient.

Sincerely,

Nik Merrick



Ms. Lieu's 6th Grade Class:

Greetings from Room 211!

This month has been very busy for our 6th graders. We are currently in the middle of learning about Ancient Sumerian city-states in social studies. We have been exploring the myths of Gilgamesh, and students are writing their own myths, based on our knowledge of Freytag's narrative pyramid. In math, students are studying ratios, fractions, and decimals and new strategies for problem solving real-world math problems. In science, students are finishing their catastrophic weather presentations on Google Slides. In writing, students have been studying different emotions in the human condition by doing an author study of Gary Soto. Students have been sharing their writing with each other in writing circles. For reading, students are encouraged to select a level-appropriate "good fit" chapter book to read independently. Students should expect to be completing a novel each month. Ms. Lieu

Mrs. Quigley's 6th Grade Class:

In Mrs. Quigley's sixth grade classroom we are currently starting a novel study with the intent to study Character Analysis where we will synthesize our knowledge in relation to the Common Core Standards for Language Arts. In other words reading, analyzing, and writing. In Math with are embarking on Problem Solving where we will be applying our math skills to real world problems. In Science we are focusing on genetics specifically inherited traits.

Ms. McGreevy's Maker Space

Hello, Faubion Families!

It's an exciting time in MakerSpace! We've spent time exploring the cool technology and amazing materials we have in here, and now we're getting down to projects. Our second graders are building rockets and space suits for their exploration unit. Our third, fourth, and fifth graders are learning 3D design to print their very own fidgets-- items they can hold and use in class to decrease stress, anxiety, and increase focus while learning. Our preK students are working on learning letters by programing BeeBots, while our kinders are starting projects on animal habitats. Our middle schoolers will be building earthquake tables on which to test buildings they design in Mrs. Ramsey's science class. It's going to be an exciting month!

--Ms. M in MakerSpace

Go Bulldogs!

Mr. Fennema's Physical Education Class

A very warm hello to all you bulldogs! We have made it to November and as we progress through this short month we still have a lot of things going on in PE! November 15th and 17th, through our partnership with Concordia, we will be performing the Fitnessgram fitness testing. All students in grades 5-8 will come to the gym and perform the Fitnessgram, a national fitness test. This is a very important aspect to our PE program and schools throughout the Nation engage in the Fitnessgram in order to assess student's physical activity level.

The Fitnessgram tests student's muscular strength, muscular endurance, cardiovascular endurance, flexibility and body composition. Students results will be kept private and we will use the results to compare and contrast where the students currently are in the healthy fitness zone.

This test is a huge part of the PE program and all I am asking is that every student gives forth there best effort. Students will not be graded on performance, only of effort. If you have any questions about the Fitnessgram, please feel free to contact me.

As for the rest of November and going into December we will begin our basketball unit. Students will be taught the fundamentals of basketball over the next two months and lead into a tournament between all of the Middle School students.

I look forward to this exciting time in PE and as always, if you need anything from me, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Best,

Brian Fennema



Mr. Walker's Resource Room

Hello Faubion Families,

The Portland Public Schools website has a wealth of information regarding special education. From parents, families, and students to teachers, school administrators, and school staff, all will find important information pertaining to Individualized Education Programs (IEP), focus programs, resources, parent organizations, contact information, and much more.

Go to www.pps.k12.or.us click on the Departments tab and go to Special Education.

Of course, I am available to answer specific questions about specific students, special education at Faubion, and more general questions. If I don't know the answers I will find them for you or direct you to those who know.

Go Bulldogs!

Matt Walker

