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SEPTEMBER DATES

September 4	No School (Teacher In-Service)
September 7	No School (Labor Day)
September 14	Remote Learning Day
September 24	No School (Teacher In-Service)
September 25	No School (Fair Day)
September 28	Remote Learning Day



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Principal's Message

Welcome to the first edition of *Chronicles of the Middle Mounties*. *Chronicles of the Middle Mounties* is a monthly newsletter that will be published digitally on the Mapleton Middle School website on, or around, the first day of each month. Our goal is to highlight the activities and achievements of our students so that our parents and community can stay up-to-date on what is happening at the middle school. We hope that our newsletter will continue to grow in content and length as the issues progress. Most importantly, we hope that you enjoy reading about all that our students are doing!!

Stay safe,

Skip Fulton
Principal

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS AVAILABLE ONLINE!!

Did you know the middle school daily announcements can be viewed online at the Mapleton Middle School website? Visit the website and look for the “Daily Announcements” tab. You can also bookmark the following link: [Daily Announcements](#). Announcements are usually updated by 8:30am every school day.



**SEPTEMBER
CHARACTER
STRENGTHS**

Kindness
Honesty
Leadership





Football

Thursday	September 3	5:00pm	New London
Thursday	September 10	5:00pm	@Western Reserve
Wednesday	September 16	5:00pm	Crestview
Thursday	September 24	5:00pm	South Central

Cross Country

Saturday	September 1	4:30pm	@Plymouth Invite
Saturday	September 12	9:00am	Firelands Tri-Meet
Tuesday	September 15	4:30pm	@Crestview Invite
Saturday	September 19	9:00am	@New London FC Quad
Saturday	September 26	9:00am	@Western Reserve FC Quad

Volleyball

Thursday	September 3	5:00pm	@Monroeville
Tuesday	September 8	5:30pm	Loudonville
Wednesday	September 9	5:30pm	New London
Monday	September 14	6:00pm	@St. Paul
Wednesday	September 16	5:00pm	@Plymouth
Saturday	September 19	11:00am	@Crestline (8th grade)
Monday	September 21	5:30pm	Crestview
Wednesday	September 23	5:00pm	@Western Reserve
Monday	September 28	5:00pm	@South Central
Wednesday	September 30	5:30pm	Monroeville

Middle School Athletics



8th Grade

ELA 8

As the new school year gets underway, 8th grade students have been studying the importance of having a growth mindset - the belief that intelligence can be developed through hard work, facing challenges head-on, using effective learning strategies, and getting help from others when needed. They have also learned how to set goals that get results. As a way of summarizing this unit, students are creating presentations about these topics and will share them with all middle school students through the morning announcements for encouragement throughout the year.

Students have also learned about the importance of being able to communicate clearly through email, especially when they need to contact a teacher to ask for help. They have been practicing this skill by writing emails to their 8th grade teachers.

This year we will study Greek and Latin prefixes and roots that make up many of the words in the English language. Learning the definitions of these word parts is a strategy to help the students figure out the meaning of words that are unknown to them.

Career Exploration 8

Students began the nine weeks taking the first steps in career exploration by completing individual surveys to determine their work values, personality types, and interests. We will explore the 16 career clusters by using the Ohio Means Jobs website before students begin to match the information they have gathered about themselves with possible careers. Ask your student to see their Career Portfolio - I am proud of the work each of them have done so far!



8th Grade Curriculum

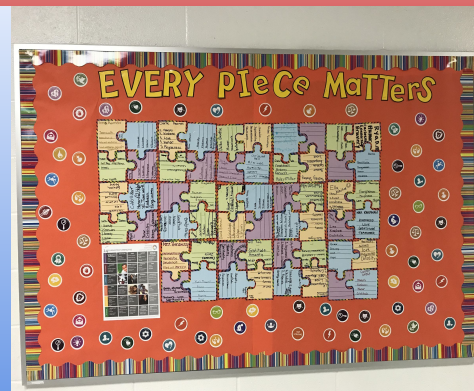
ELA
Science
U.S. History
Math or Algebra I
Physical Education
Art
Coding
Career Exploration
Pre-CAD
Medical Detectives 8
The Holocaust
Agriculture 8
Band
Choir



7th Grade

Success

7th grade students completed a character strength survey where they identified their top strengths. Students put them on a puzzle piece to show how we are all unique, but every piece matters at MMS. This year students are continuing to learn about character strengths through Thriving Learning Communities. Students are also learning about making decisions and about the causes and effects of drug use.



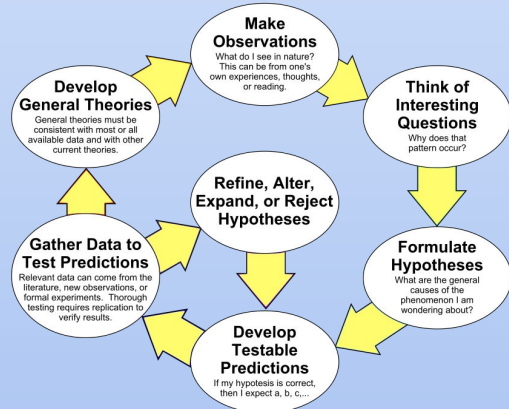
World Studies

Students practiced latitude and longitude and have reviewed basic social studies concepts. They have begun their first unit on Ancient Greece geography. Some students took a virtual field trip to the Acropolis of Athens, Greece.

Mythology

Students are learning about Greek gods and goddesses. Students shared presentations and will begin the novel "The Lightning Thief".

The Scientific Method as an Ongoing Process



Science

Mr. Coffey's students are studying the scientific method including the steps, variables, predicting, and reasoning.

Energy and the Environment

Students are learning about different careers and different uses of technology. They will also be studying design brief, the decision matrix, and different forms of energy in preparation for building a wind turbine.

ELA

Students are reading the outsiders, the classic novel by S.E. Hinton. It's a great way to start examining character traits and text evidence; key skills that will be used all year. Students will also do a stereotype gallery walk and assess what matters most to them when meeting new people.

Mountie News

7th graders have been learning some Google tools and learning to build a Google site. Students practiced their interview skills with a partner and are finishing their "About the Author" pages this week. Look for Issue 1 in the near future!



6th Grade

Social Studies

We've begun learning about geography, map skills, and latitude and longitude through our mastery grids. Students have been working at their own pace to learn about these topics and will soon be exploring the different climates, cultures, and landforms of the different regions throughout the eastern hemisphere.

ELA

6th grade ELA has started their class book, *Boy: Tales of Childhood* by Roald Dahl. The book describes the life of Roald Dahl from birth until leaving school. Dahl is the author of *Charlie and the Charlie Factory* and *Matilda*.



Public Speaking

Students have presented their "Introduction Speeches" and are currently working on their "How To" speeches. Austin Weekley really got into it and taught the class how to play the ukulele!



Flight and Space

Students got the chance to fly the kites they spent several days in class creating. Students had to use blueprints to build their kites.



Specials

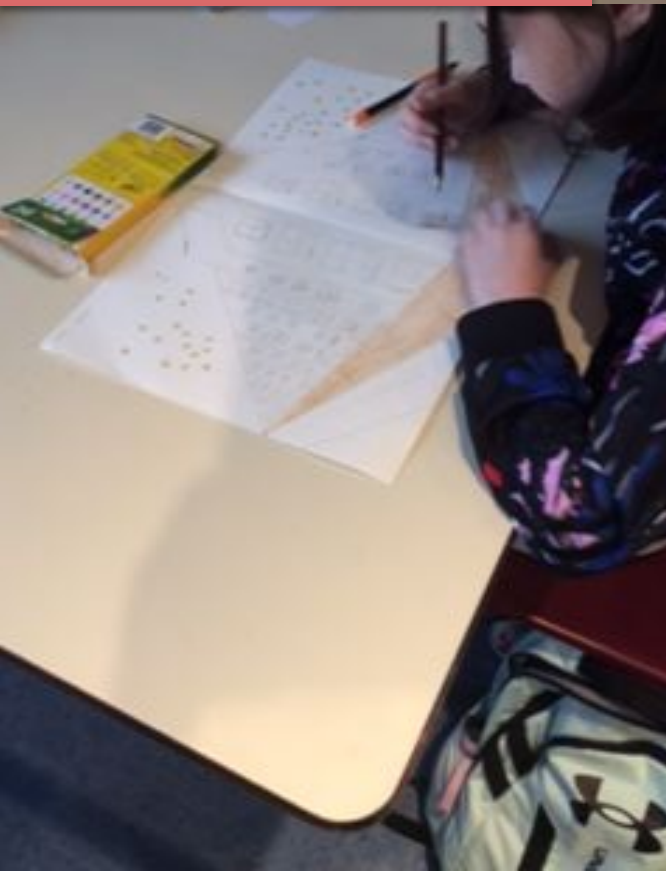


8th grade started the year off with a painting of something up close to be able to add as much detail as possible. Abigail Stephens chose to paint her dog up close from a picture she had taken of him. I think she did a great job! I love the tongue sticking out!!

ART



7th grade most recently used their chromebooks to look up the grid paintings of Chuck Close. Inspired by his work the students were asked to incorporate a grid into a work all their own. Pictured here is Caleb Siburt's interpretation of the assignment, a white tiger.



6th grade Art students have been focusing on perspective. We practiced drawing shapes in one point perspective, and now the students are finishing up a 2pt perspective city. Claire Heater is pictured working hard on adding some color to bring her city to life.



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