

MIDDLE SCHOOL: TEAM 3

January 2018

UPCOMING EVENTS

Last day of the 2nd quarter:
Thursday, January 25, 2018

2nd Quarter Report Cards
release date: Thursday,
February 8th ***

**Date subject to change.



TEAM NEWS YOU CAN USE!

A new calendar year has begun, and we are still working hard to ensure that your scholars, who are a part of Middle School Team 3, receive rigorous instruction and are highly successful in our respective course. We look forward to continuing to work with you & your scholars to see it that they are successful.

Please join us in welcoming Mrs. Holding-Smith. She will assume the reigns as the new mathematics teacher for both grades 7th and 8th on Middle School Team 3. She has been an educator for over 10 years, a part of the Imagine family for 7 years, and is passionate about math and student learning. She anticipates building relationships with students and parents

Announcements from Mr. Smith. (World Culture/World Geography & US History)

7th grade: *US Government*

Scholars will be focusing on the Political Geography pertaining to how the countries around the world have different forms of government, section 3.4 and section 3.5 Protection Human Rights.

8th Grade: *US Constitution*

Scholars will continue to learn about Civil and Constitutional Rights, and ratifying the Constitution. They will learn about Federalists and Antifederalists engaged in debate over the new Constitution. They will analyze the Federalist papers and determine the important role that the papers played in the fight for ratification of the Constitution. Also, they will look at the Ten amendments that were added to the Constitution to provide a Bill of Rights to protect citizens.

Announcements from Mrs. Holding-Smith. (Math)

Section 82 (Algebra 1) will review the use of slope intercept form and point slope form. Scholars will also compare Linear functions that are represented in different ways, solve systems of equations, and explore Linear Inequalities.

Section 81 (Foundations for Algebra) will review equations with two variables and linear functions. They will also graph and compare proportional relationships that are presented in different ways, as well as interpret the unit rate as the slope of a graph.

Section 74 (Accelerated Math 2) will briefly review real world application of percent; calculating Percent change, simple interest, sales tax, mark-ups, mark-downs, and tips. Scholars will then begin working in Algebraic Expressions.

Section 72 (Math 7) scholars will explore probability; develop probability models and use them to find probability of events, find probabilities of compound events, and design and use compound events to generate frequency.

Additional resources to be used at home; Khan Academy, Google, You Tube, Wolfram Alpha, and a personal tutor.

IF YOU HAVE AN ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT YOUR SCHOLAR'S TEACHERS.

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Ms. Pearson will continue to support ALL RTI (*Response to Intervention*) Middle School scholars in mathematics by pushing into the classroom and through small-group/pull-out interventions.

“This month, in Middle School Math RTI, we will be focusing on background skills in order to prepare for our upcoming STAR test. Please help your scholars practice with real world experiences. You can play license plate math by multiplying or dividing the numbers or try to find the greatest common factor or least common multiple. You can also have them find the unit rate for food at the grocery store. For example, if five pounds of potatoes cost \$25, how much would one pound cost? These types of fun examples and situations help the scholars use math in their everyday lives as well as prepare for the test.”—Ms. Pearson

Announcements from Mr. Moore (Science)

Scholars are reminded to continue working on their science fair projects. The number of STEM Fair project entries per school for the county's (Prince Georges) Area Science Fair are limited to 3 entries.

Scientific Review Committee (SRC) for PGASF: This is a time designated for STEM Fair Coordinators to bring in student registration packets for review by the committee.

DATE: Thursday, February 15, 2017

TIME: 5:00PM – 8:00 PM

LOCATION: Science Office
9201 East Hampton Drive
Capitol Heights, MD. 20743

Timeline for the STEM Fair Project:

Components of the Project	Due Date
Materials	Week of Jan. 5, 2018
Procedures	Week of Jan. 5, 2018
Data Collection Tools	Week of Jan 8, 2018
Results, Actual Investigation	Week of Jan. 8, 2018
Results, Graph of Data	Week of Jan. 15, 2018
Results, Written Explanation	Week of Jan. 15, 2018
Conclusion	Week of Jan. 15, 2018
Research Paper	January 16, 2018

Announcements from Mr. Nwokorie (Reading)

ELA textbooks for both grades are now available online. You may access the textbook via the following link:
<http://my.hrw.com>

Each scholar has been provided with a username (PGCPS email address) and a password. If you students have forgotten their passwords, please contact Mr. Nwokorie for assistance.

7th grade: Scholars will continue to examine elements of a narrative and reading various selections as part of the quarterly theme: *Bold Actions: Thank You, Ma'am by Langston Hughes; Mother to Son by Langston Hughes; The Treasure of Lemon Brown by Walter Dean Myers.*

8th grade Scholars will be studying various skills and will be reading various selections by Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman, and more as part of their analysis of the quarter's theme: *The move towards freedom. Students will be required to use what they have learned about Harriet Tubman to write a persuasive speech in response to the following prompt: **EXPLAIN WHY IS HARRIET TUBMAN A HEROIC FIGURE WHO IS DESERVING AND WHY SHE DESERVES TO REPLACE ANDREW JACKSON AS THE FACE OF THE \$20 BILL.***

Scholars will be expected to complete a writing task as part of their assessment for each unit & text.

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Announcements from Mrs. McClellon: Middle School Professional School Counselor High School Application Process

- IB (International Baccalaureate Program applications are now available in Mrs. McClellon's Office. Deadline is February 1st.
- The IB program offers four highly respected programs of international education that develop the intellectual, personal, emotional and social skills needed to live, learn, work and succeed in a rapidly globalizing world.
- Performing Arts application are due by February 1st. Applications are online. Please see Mrs. McClellon for more information.

Essay Writing Contests opportunity open to Middle School students in 6th through 8th grade students Dr. Jean Mosee Young Writers Contest. Prizes include Kindle Fire tablets, gift cards and more!

See Mrs. McClellon for packets if interested.

“The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet.” – Aristotle

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