

Dear Center School Parents/Guardians:

Marking period 2 begins Monday November 11.



FROM THE CLASSROOMS:

High School

Ms. Gibson's Applied Science class is working on the Human Respiratory System. They are learning the importance of keeping our lungs healthy. They will be exploring various components of the respiratory system and their functions. Students will also focus on why it is important to have proper breathing when exercising and how it can help us improve our physical fitness.



Middle School

Mrs. Burak's Science class presented their power points on various Forensic Careers. The class discussed the advantages and disadvantages of each profession. Next week they will be introduced to their first forensic case to solve. Critical thinking and observation skills will definitely be utilized. They will need to decipher clues and examine the evidence in order to solve the case. We will also discuss the various cool technologies used in Forensic Science.

Students watched the movie version of "The Sign of The Beaver" in Mrs. Burak's Language Arts class. It was interesting to compare and contrast it to the novel. Students then discussed which version they thought was better. Some enjoyed the movie, while others preferred to use their imagination to picture the characters as well as the plot and the various settings while reading.

In Ms. Akushie's Math class students are creating a math game that reinforces a skill reviewed in class. Students have the option to choose what type of game they would like to create, such as a board game or a card game. Once the project is complete they will have a chance to play their classmates' games.

In Miss Small's Social Studies class, students continued to learn about Mesopotamia. Students read and discussed the inventions that originated in Mesopotamia and still have an impact on society today,

such as the base 60 system in math (60 seconds in a minute, 60 minutes in an hour, 360 degrees in a circle) and writing. Students also explored Mesopotamia through a National Geographic video.

Ms. Harrison's Science class is reviewing Pangea- the supercontinent. Students are reading and researching different scientific theories as well as creating their own theories. In addition, students will be making their own puzzles out of the supercontinent, displaying how the continents drifted over time.

Elementary School

Students jumped back into our Economics unit this week. They shared how people earn money as well as explored reasons people might save or spend their earned money. They had many responsible answers such as saving money so that you are able to buy food when you need it. Students also completed a performance task in which they had to stay within a \$25.00 budget, use a menu and plan their lunches for an entire school week. They quickly realized that they could not have dessert every day and they



needed to spend wisely so they had enough money for an entree, drink, and side dish daily. Last week students really enjoyed using watercolors to paint the night sky backdrop for their spooky house.



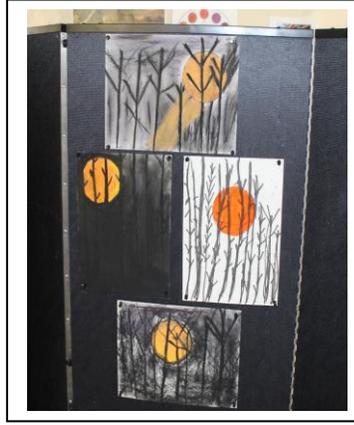
Music

Elementary students had fun with keyboards this week. Two Elementary students even took home violins to practice at home. Middle School students explored the lives of Bach, Handel, and Purcell and we ended the day singing songs from "The Lion King".



Art

This short week in Art Elementary students used colored pencils and water color to produce spider webs. Middle School students continued work on Fall themed projects- multi colored fall leaves, hot or white glue and pastel spider webs. The High School students completed individual projects or began work on scenery for Play or Fall themed projects-black glue and pastel leaves.



Woodshop

In Mr. DiDonato's woodshop most students have completed their projects. There were a variety of projects made this marking period, including a blanket shelf, bird houses, animal and holiday cut outs, bookcases, benches, tool boxes, knock hockey boards, and a variety of corner shelves. For students that are still finishing up some final steps, they can come by the Woodshop during 8th period. Elementary students are continuing to take woodworking into the next marking period. They are all making good progress on their corner shelves. It was a productive marking period, and it was good to see students learning tool skills and creating projects with their own hands. The students were very enthusiastic and worked very hard on their projects.



Therapeutic Dept.

This week Ms. Hogan and Ms. Sadiq conducted a group activity "Fear in a Hat" where students write down something they are afraid of or a challenge they are facing, privately on a sheet of paper and then place it in a bucket. Then students will randomly pick what someone wrote and read it aloud. The point of this activity is for students to realize they are not alone in their feelings and to encourage more understanding and empathy for what their peers may be facing.

Mrs. Gorski and Mrs. Orr's middle and elementary groups played a game called "Do What I Said, Not What I Say". Counselors faced the students and called out a command. Students were instructed to follow the previously given command, not the immediate one. Ex: Stand on one foot! Students did nothing Hop on one foot. Students followed the initial command. The skills that were practiced were self-control, listening, memory, and coordination.

School News

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Senior Class Fundraiser

The senior class is holding a Krispy Kreme doughnut fundraiser. Proceeds from this fundraiser will be benefitting the senior class trip held in the spring.

The famous Krispy Kreme doughnuts and their coffee will be available for purchase until November 19. All sales will be distributed on November 26. Each student has been given an order form. Doughnuts are being sold for \$10.00 per dozen and coffee for \$10.00 per bag.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Tue. Nov. 26	Thanksgiving Feast
Wed. Nov. 27	Early Dismissal- 1:05pm
Thu. – Fri. Nov. 28 & 29	Closed- Thanksgiving Recess
Wed. Dec. 11	Early Dismissal-1:05 pm Staff Professional Development

Clubs and Events November 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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4 Intramurals ES/MS/HS D&D / Adventurer's Guild	5 Spanish Culture MS/HS	6	7 School Closed Teacher Convention	8 School Closed Teacher Convention
11 Intramurals ES/MS/HS	12 Cooking Club	13	14 Pride Club E Sports Club	15
18 Intramurals ES/MS/HS D&D / Adventurer's Guild	19 Spanish ES/MS History Club	20	21 <u>School Picture Retake Day</u> Newspaper Club Art Club Craft Club	22
25 Intramurals ES/MS/HS	26 <u>Thanksgiving Feast</u> Music Club	27 Early Dismissal	28 School Closed Happy Thanksgiving	29 School Closed

EVENTS

Picture Retake Day
You can have your child's school photo retaken on **Thursday, November 21st**.

Thanksgiving Feast
We will be having a school-wide Thanksgiving Feast on **Tuesday, Nov 26th**. Contact Mrs. Slovik with any dietary concerns or restrictions.

Happy Thanksgiving

Sincerely,



Dr. Ronald P. Rinaldi
Principal