

Walden School

Middle School News

THINK MORE SNOW!

March 25th, 2008

Points of Interest:

Youth Town Meeting is April 8th.
Thank you volunteer parent drivers.
Permission slips coming soon.

April 1st is a half day

**Basketball Awards Potluck Banquet
For all Walden Basketball Players,
Fans and Coaches
March 28th at 5:30
Walden School Gym**

Eighth Grade Information:

- Danville Allied Arts for eighth graders begins March 10 and will continue until April 25.

Parent volunteers to join students are needed, contact Martha Dubuque.

ATTENTION Parents:

The district is forming a search committee for a new superintendent since John Bacon will be leaving at the end of this year. We are seeking a parent representative and a community representative from Walden to be on the committee. Please let Martha Dubuque know if you are interested.

Seventh and Eighth Grade Excerpts

The eighth graders had a Greek press conference last week. We had to be a god or goddess and a historical figure. We had to make our character come alive so we dressed up as they would and we each had a separate space to decorate and show and resemble what our person was like. We were asked 3 questions for each figure and we had to go into depth and show our knowledge of what our figure was like. My opinion on this experience was amazing, I got to know what it was like in ancient Greece and what they had to live like and what they lived life for. Overall I think we all had a great experience!!

~Lanna

Eighth Grade Children's Book

The eighth grade social studies class is making a children's version of the *Odyssey* by the ancient Greek poet Homer, not to be confused with the one from *The Simpsons*. The eighth grade is making this book out of their own drawings and quotes from the actual story. The story is about a man named Odysseus who was in the Trojan War and had been away from his home for 20 long years. On his journey back he encounters numerous amounts of horrid monsters, one of those monsters is a Cyclops whom is the son of the sea god, Poseidon. It is an incredible epic that shows how some Greeks lived.

—Mike Garfield

7th Grade St. Jay Arts Day!

This Tuesday, March 25th the 7th grade class will attend the St. Jay Arts Day. Students will have a chance to participate in printmaking, pottery, sculpture, photography, fashion design, portrait painting, guitar lessons, videography, and so much more! This is a unique opportunity for 7th grade students only, within our county. Students will leave Walden School at 11:45 and return to school for the 2:40 dismissal.

A special thank you to Doug Rivers, Grandpa Richard, Clyde Richardson and Cheryl Patoine for guest driving. Please ask your child about their day! ~

~Social Studies & Literacy~ ~7th grade~ ~Math & Science

Literacy: Our new class read aloud of The Revealers is in full swing and students will use a variety of reading strategies to dissect the text. They will make comparisons to the The Outsiders connecting character traits and character motives. Students will be reading this book as a whole group and often at times break into small groups to help differentiate the lesson. Please check-in with your child on their reading assignments.

Social Studies: Westward Expansion is the unit theme and students will target the idea of “**Manifest Destiny**” using abstract thought processes. They will craft a variety of short non-fiction writing prompts throughout the unit to help make deeper meaning of the content being learned.

Math: Students are continuing to work on geometry ideas about surface area and volume. “Barn Storm” work will continue to be a focus this week– along with triangles and formulas for triangles! We will work on more prisms and cylinders this week in our books.
Homework– 25 algebra problems a night, minimum. The rest of the class will have ACE homework or NECAP problems every night, 20-30 minutes.

Science: Students are continuing learning the details of digestion, this week focusing on the mouth and enzymes like amylase. We will work on nonfiction reading skills and will begin work with lab reports. The homework will be varied and will be based on differentiation for student needs including extensions into other content areas.

~Math & Science~ ~8th grade~ ~Social Studies & Literacy~

Literacy: This week students will begin a new novel based on interest and join a small literature circle using the reading strategies and reading roles to dissect the text. Students will be grouped based on their reading abilities and will complete a project menu aligned with differentiated instruction project models.

Math: Students are continuing to work on geometry ideas about volume, extending to work with more kinds of prisms, pyramids and cylinders this week in our books.
Homework this week– homework 6, 7, 8 and study for a quiz on Friday. Portfolio revisions conclude this week– finish if they are at home.

Science: Students are continuing learning the details of digestion, this week focusing on the mouth and osmosis. We will work on nonfiction reading skills and will work independently with lab reports and review for the NECAP by reviewing multiple grade expectations.

The homework will be varied and will be based on differentiation for student needs including extensions into other content areas.

Social Studies: Students will investigate Roman History this week, and continue for the next couple of weeks. We will reflect about Mr. C’s Coin Presentation given on Friday afternoon. Students will also complete several nonfiction writing prompts.