

ECP MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - January 2023

Happy New Year!



2022 is behind us with the hope of a great year ahead. A fresh semester will provide a clean slate as students work toward bettering their grades and attendance. Now is an excellent time for parents to resolve to keep a closer eye on students' grades through the Wengage Portal at ok.wengage.com/elmorecity. If you need help accessing or resetting your parent login information contact me via email at adoss@ecpbadgers.com or call the HS at (580)788-2565, option 3.

One of the best New Year's resolutions parents can make is to help their children with organizational skills. Some ideas for personal organization are to encourage students to set achievable goals, use their smartphones for reminders, keep a planner, and make checklists. These skills will assist young people to be successful now and in the future.

Thank you ECP parents and community for your continued support of our students and staff.

-Angela Doss, Middle School Principal

Student Accomplishments, Honors or Events

January Students of the Month

6th Grader - Jesse Cook

7th Grader - Sofie Ille

8th Grader - Syllas Harrell

*** Good Things are Happening at the Middle School**

Angela Sawyer's Classes -8th grade Math students are learning all about algebraic expressions. They have been busy adding and subtracting linear expressions.

S.T.E.A.M. students are building our Vex IQ robots and doing activities to prepare for competitions. We are patiently waiting to receive our competition field!

Ann Harrel's Classes -6th grade Math is just beginning the expressions and equations chapter. We will be looking at writing and solving expressions & equations.

7th grade Math is continuing work on 2-step equations using fractions and decimals and the equation-solving process. We will also be talking about inequalities and solving them. Next, we will move in Geometry and begin preparing for the state tests using our Buckle Down series of resources.

6th grade Social Studies is beginning Ancient Greece and Rome. We have observed items from Greece including old and new money.

MATHCOUNTS- Our MATHCOUNTS Team will consist of 8th graders- Tyler Casey, Emma Reames, Brody Schrader, Hailey Parks, Harli Johson, and Corie Schilling. 7th graders-Blake Maines, McKinley Maines, Luke Gonzales, Zanna Loriss, and Cameron Henson. 6th grader- Breelee Patterson. Congratulations to all of the students. We will begin our practices soon and will have the regional competition in February.

Diane Parker's Classes - 7th and 8th grade Reading have AR new goals for the 3rd nine weeks, deadlines are: February 1st for half of their points, March 9th for total points, and testing average. We are working on Latin and Greek roots and affixes, and other vocabulary strategies.

8th grade ELA is finishing up punctuation and will start a narrative writing prompt soon.

Katie Milligan's Classes -

6th and 7th grade English: We are starting to work in our Buckle Down books. These books will help get your students ready for the state tests that are coming up in April. We will be doing a variety of writing as well as vocab work.

6th grade Reading: We will be comparing and contrasting 2 articles. We will be working on looking for context clues to figure out what unknown words mean while reading. They will also be practicing roots and affixes. These skills will be needed for state testing.

Kristal Patterson's Classes -

6th Grade is finishing up our Introduction to Waves module and will be moving into our Light module where they will be learning about how light travels, refraction, absorption, and reflection.

7th Grade is finishing up the Mechanical Energy module and will be moving into our Matter and Energy in Ecosystems module where they will be learning about photosynthesis and cellular respiration.

8th Grade is moving into our Information Technologies module and will be moving into our Reproduction of Organisms module where we will learn about genetic inheritance and the many types of reproduction.

Stacey McCaa's Classes - 8th Grade Classes are writing essays and math classes just started Chapter 8 over equations and inequalities. Study hall classes are working on homework, imagine math, and reading to earn their AR points. 4H Communication Contest is January 17, 2023.

Willie Harrell -

7th grade Geography- We are starting the unit over Sub-Saharan Africa

8th grade American History- We are just beginning a chapter over Andrew Jackson and Jacksonian Democracy.

*“Hang on to your hat. Hang on to your hope. And
wind the clock, for tomorrow is another day.”*

~ E.B. White