

MJS Weekly Update

February 12, 2021

Dear MJS Community,

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our PTO meeting. Shared below are dates for upcoming events sponsored by the PTO. If you would like to join any committees to help plan these events or are interested in chaperoning, please be sure to check out the [PTO webpage](#) for more information.

Spring MJS Events

6th Grade Social - May 6 - 4-6:00 pm (Rain Date 5/25)

7th Grade Team Building Maroon - May 6 - 8 am-12:30 pm (Rain Date 5/24)

7th Grade Team Building Gold - May 7 - 8 am-12:30 pm (Rain Date 5/25)

8th Grade Dance - June 11 - 5-8 pm (Rain Date 6/14)

Technology Issues

If your child should have any issues with the use of their school-issued Chromebook, please email our tech team for assistance at MPSTech@madisonnjps.org. Our tech team can help troubleshoot with you and, if need be, direct you to our main office where we can get your child's Chromebook turned in for repair and a loaner issued to them.

Save the Date

Be sure to save Wednesday, February 24, for our next MJS Trivia Night. The Trivia Team is bringing back pizza delivery for our top place finishers!

Happy Valentine's Day Weekend, stay warm.

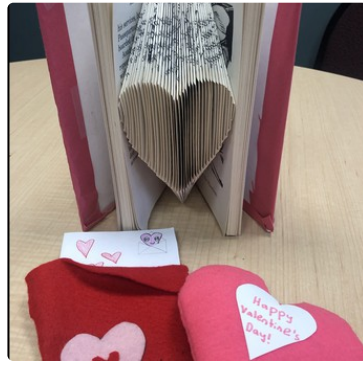
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Madison Junior School

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A big hearted thank you to MJS Creates teachers Mr. Erdreich and Ms. St Jacques for working with students to create unique student valentines of thanks. Valentines were passed out to MJS teachers, secretaries, and custodians, as well as delivered to the board office and building & grounds!



MJS Wellness Corner

Are you looking for safe and creative ways to celebrate Valentine's Day with your family? [Click here](#) for 8 ideas that can be done from the comfort of your own home.

A LOOK INSIDE A CLASSROOM...

6th Grade Science - Angelli, DeRosa,
Romanyshyn, Wallerstein



6th Grade Gravity Unit

Sixth-grade scientists worked this week on answering the focus question, "How can models help you understand how gravity influences our solar system?"

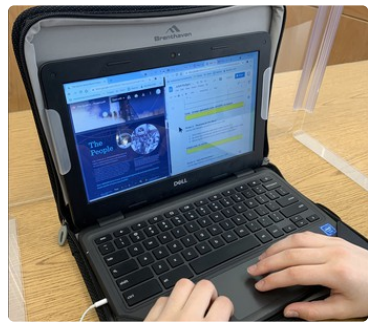
Last week students were introduced to the unit by analyzing primary sources such as JFK's speech announcing the Race to Space and discussing how the civil rights movement was happening simultaneously. Classes celebrated the contributions of the thousands of Black NASA employees hired in the south by JFK's initiative to get people into space and onto the moon. This connected to their recent social studies unit, "The Civil Rights Movement," culminating in watching *Hidden Figures*. It also connects to their new book in Language Arts, *The Watsons go to Birmingham*.

To start the week, students completed a collaborative, online Escape Room activity. Students worked in breakout groups to explore and investigate a poster set released by Smithsonian commemorating the 50th anniversary of the moon landing in July of 2019.

Using various articles, videos, and discussions, students learned about the causes and effects of gravity. Students then practiced showcasing their knowledge of gravity by drawing models.

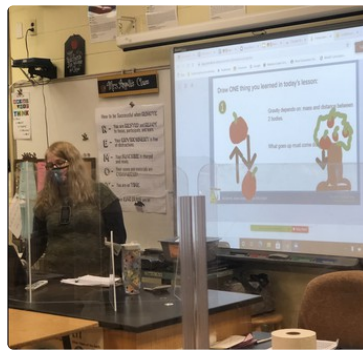
As the week progressed, students began to investigate how to measure gravity and the impact of weight and distance. Using their own weight, students compared the gravity they would feel on other planets and bodies in the solar system. They then graphed and analyzed this data for patterns, trends, highs, and lows, and with their peers, they worked to interpret how weight and mass can affect the force of gravity.

The sixth-grade scientists will continue to keep gravity in mind next week to discuss the space-time continuum. Be sure to check out some of the photos during the week from our sixth-grade classrooms.



Understanding Science in History

Students working through the escape rooms to explore the first moon landing.



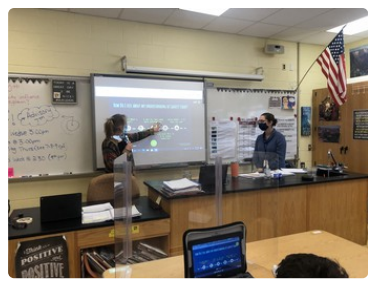
Models

Ms. Angelli showcasing student drawn models.



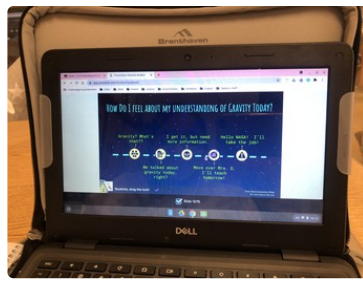
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Student drawing her model of gravity using the touchscreen on Chromebook and Peardeck.



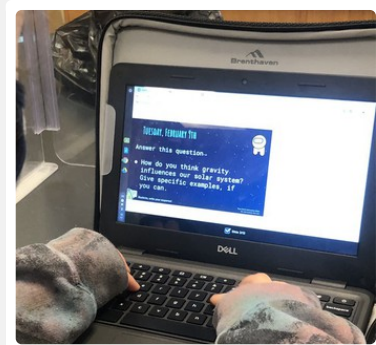
Checking In

Ms. DeRosa and Ms. Wallerstein check in with students on their understanding of gravity.



Understanding Check

Students checked in daily on their understanding of gravity using Peardeck.



Pre Assessment

Students sharing their knowledge at the start of the unit to compare to their understanding at the end.

MEF Corner

Join us on Saturday, March 13th for the first-ever MEF Pickleball Tournament! Enjoy a fun-filled day packed with pickleball to benefit MEF and Madison Public Schools.

- Competitors grouped by skill level.
- Registrants must be 18 years or older.
- Clinic for beginners.
- Prizes!

Click [HERE](#) to register for a fast-paced, fundraising day of round-robin style play.



MADISON EDUCATION FOUNDATION



Saturday, March 13, 2021

8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Madison High School Tennis Courts

170 Ridgedale Avenue

Entry fee: \$50

Register by Feb. 26th at www.mefnj.org



Proceeds from tournament benefit Madison Education Foundation



MJS THIS WEEK

Monday 2/16 **No School**

Tuesday 2/17 **B Gold**

Wednesday 2/18 **B Maroon**

Thursday 2/19 **B Maroon**

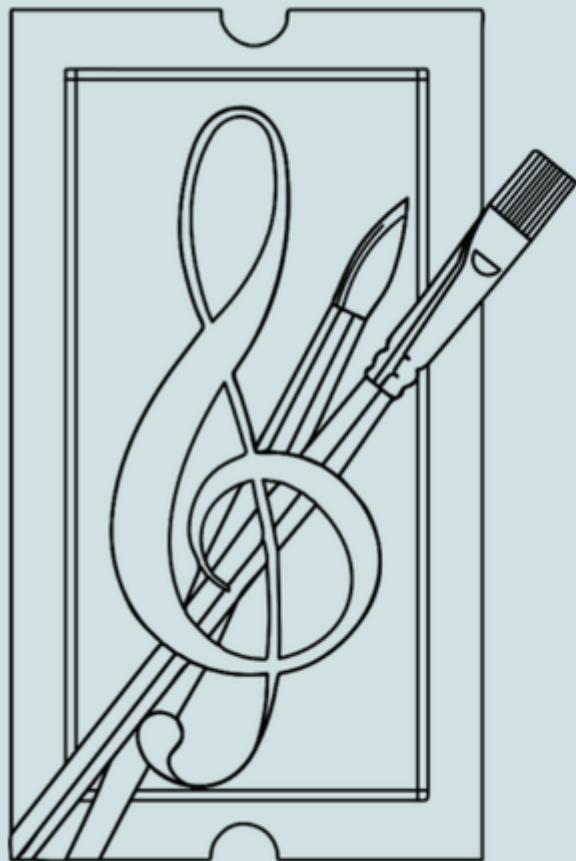
Friday 2/20 **A Gold**



REMINDER

All tech support
questions should
be emailed to:

mpstech@madisonnjps.org



Announcing this year's

Madison Summer Arts Program

Highlights include:

Band
Orchestra
Jazz Band
Instrumental lessons
Musical Theater
Vocal Coaching
Art

In-person morning program at MHS from June 28th - July 23rd

Can be combined with the STEAM camp for a full day of classes!

Flexible virtual lessons available throughout the summer.

Specific program information and registration form coming soon!

Questions?

Contact Kathleen McCormick
mccormickk@madisonnjps.org



MJSAO Lacrosse and Softball Sign Ups

The Madison Junior School Athletic Organization will be offering Boy's/Girl's Lacrosse and Girl's Softball which runs from March to May 2021. Please visit our website (www.mjisdodgers.org) to register your child and complete the health forms required for participation. The health forms need to be turned in to Nurse Skordinsky.

Please reach out to Matt Rossi (admadisonjuniorschool@gmail.com) with any questions or for more information. Please note the MJS Basketball and Volleyball programs will NOT be running this winter.



ORDER THE 20-21 YEARBOOK

Attention all MJS parents and guardians!

You still have time to order yearbooks, they are available for preorder online. The flyer for information about how to order is attached below! All yearbooks must be ordered online at www.jostensyearbooks.com.

[Click here for a PDF with more information](#) about ordering yearbooks.

Sincerely,
MJS Yearbook Advisors
Mr. E and Mrs. Young

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HW Calendars

[6A Homework Calendar](#)
[6B Homework Calendar](#)

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[8A Homework Calendar](#)
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MJS Link Bank

[MJS Bell Schedule](#)
[MJS Yearly Calendar - A/B Days - Color Cohort Days](#)
[MJS Morning Announcements](#)
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Upcoming Dates

February 15 - Schools closed - Presidents Day
February 24 - MJS Family Trivia Night 7:00 pm
March 2 - MJS Principal Coffee 7:00 pm

I'd like to know about...

Please feel free to use this [Feedback Link](#) to ask Ms. Phillips to include certain information in a future update. It's helpful to know what you would like to learn more about.