

Prairieview – Ogden Mustangs

May

District Newsletter

Insights from Mr. I

Hello PVO families. For the most part, the return of all of the students has been a success. We did have one COVID case in the schools, but it was caught and we are all back at full speed again! Finally, we are getting closer to “normal”!

The PTO promoted a Read-A-Thon for the students to participate in and the students did an AMAZING job with their reading! Of course, they could not do it without their families so props go out to everyone at home, too! As promised, pies are going to be thrown at a staff member of choice by those students who read the most in each building! I haven’t heard officially which staff members are the “targets”, but I do know that Mr. Richards, Mr. Heuer, and myself are popular choices! Bring on the pies!!!

The students completed the state mandated IAR assessment without too many glitches (but there were a few). We very much appreciate the parents encouraging their students to do their best that they can (even though their scores do not count this year due to COVID). This was a great “dry” run for PVO as it was the first year for us to do the online version of the test.

The date of 8th grade graduation has been set for Thursday, May 20th at 6:00 at the Junior High. We are limited to 25% capacity at this time so we will need an accurate roster of attendees for the event. If anything changes, we will communicate with the families the adjustments as soon as we can.

The end of the school year calendar is finalized. We have no school on Friday, May 21st and an early dismissal on Thursday, May 27th (11:30) and Friday, May 28th (11:30). That Friday will be that last day of attendance for the school year!

It has been great to get all of the students back!!! I am looking forward to an exciting and positive end to the school year!

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Note: All Calendars Posted on Website



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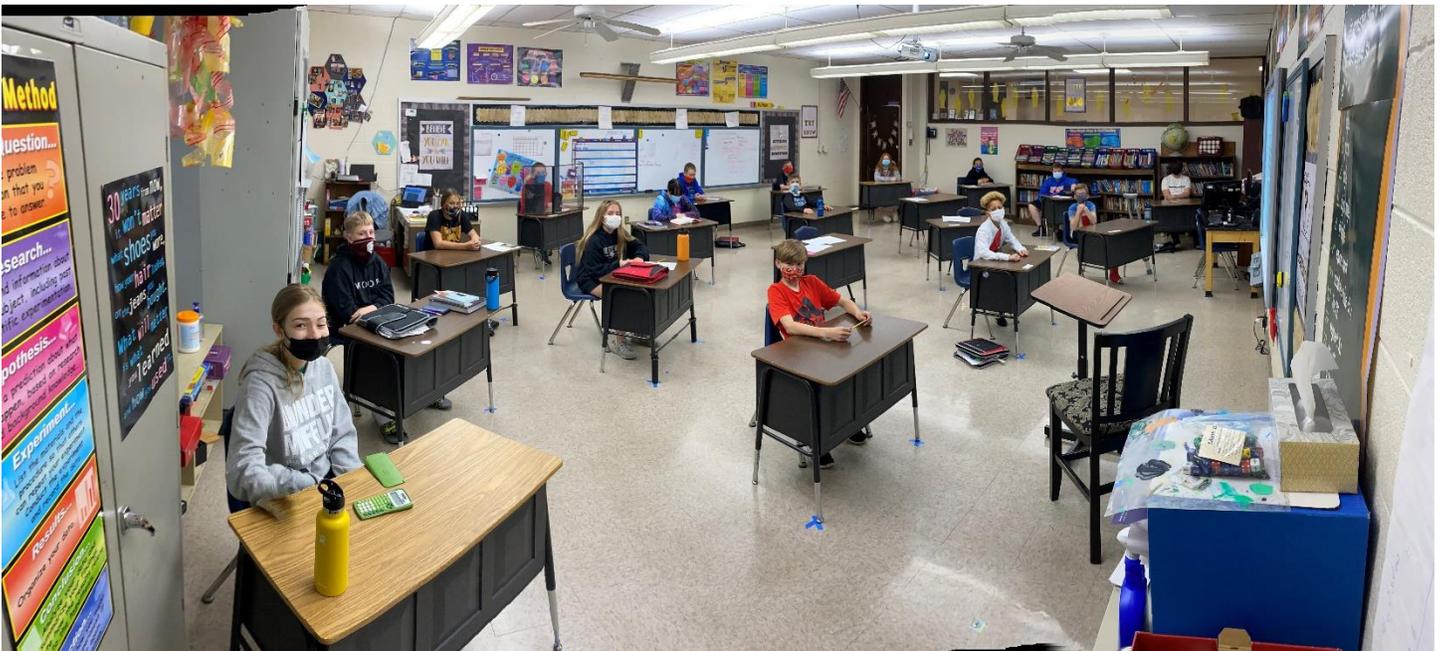
6th Grade with Ms. Patton

We have almost made it through this crazy year!!! Thank you parents for all of your support and help this year. It has been great having everyone back in the classroom for the fourth quarter. Now it is time to prepare for the Jr. High. The first thing we did in preparation was to move everything out of our desks and into our lockers. This has been a challenge for some of us with organizing and getting everything to class that we need, but we are getting there.

We have covered a lot of material this year. Currently, we are finishing up our unit on surface, area, and volume in math. We are starting to learn about Ancient Greece in social studies and reading Holocaust books in reading.

Every year 6th graders attend Safety Day at one of the fairgrounds in Vermillion County, but unfortunately this year we are unable to go. Instead we will be attending virtually and completing all the activities in the classroom on May 13th. All students will still receive a t-shirt and other goodies.

It's been an interesting year, and I look forward to the fun activities that are ahead in May. I hope everyone has a great summer!!



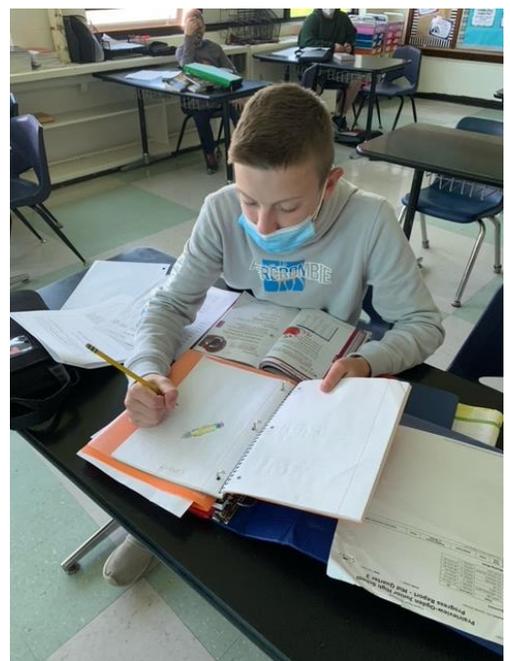
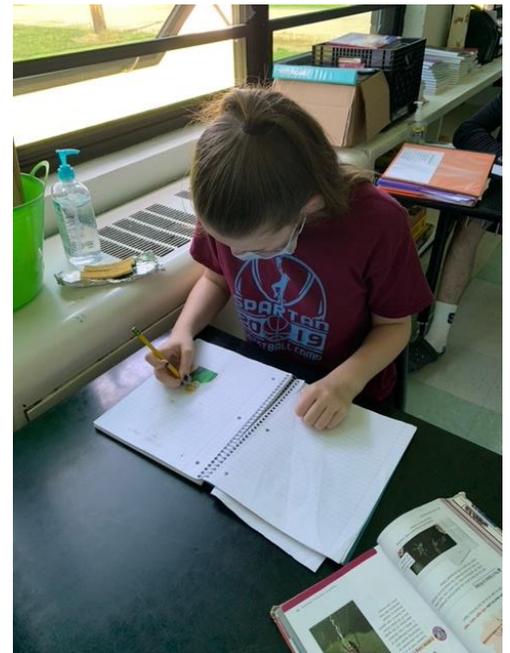
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JH Language Arts with Miss Hacker

As we're wrapping up the school year, our 7th and 8th graders have both been working on poetry units. We spent a few weeks looking at various examples of poems such as acrostic, haiku, diamante, concrete, and so many others! We discussed the different types of poems and analyzed the meaning behind several examples. It was interesting to see every student's interpretation of the poems – because everyone has such a different perspective! This sparked wonderful classroom discussions. Currently, students are wrapping up the writing of their own poems that they have spent several weeks working on their poetry notebooks. They have enjoyed learning about all the different types of poems and some are even surprised that they enjoy composing their own poetry.

Moving forward, 7th grade is starting a grammar unit on conjunctions, prepositions, and interjections! I know they're VERY excited to get the Schoolhouse Rock "Conjunction Junction" song stuck in their head daily. Eighth graders will be focusing on subject/verb agreement, which should be a wonderful review from previous years.

Although we are approaching summer, I am also sad that my first class ever will be graduating soon! However, I am so proud of how hard these 8th graders have worked this year, especially when you consider the challenges they have faced! I know this work ethic will pay off in their futures!



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PVO Track

This track season has been a crazy one! Despite being told we will no longer have the State Meet this year, the athletes are trying their best to beat their personal records (PRs) and reach the qualifying times, distances, and heights as if they are still competing for State.

We have had many PRs already. Other than bettering their scores, they receive candy as way to “congratulate” the kids - we’ve gone through at least \$75 worth of candy in the first three meets, but the coaches aren’t complaining! Bring on the PRs and bring on the candy!

This year the team is comprised of 3 eighth grade boys, 7 eighth grade girls, 4 seventh grade boys, 3 seventh grade girls, 5 sixth grade boys, and 3 sixth grade girls bringing our team total to 25. This team definitely fits the “small but mighty” clique. These athletes have given other larger teams a run for their money! We hope to leave our mark at the sectional track meet coming up in May!

