

# Katahdin Team Newsletter March 11, 2022

## Upcoming Important Dates:

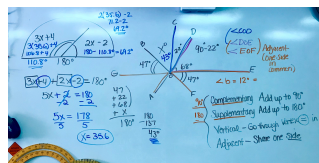
- \*Monday March 14th: Trimester 3 Begins
- \*March 17: 1/2 Day - Teacher Workshop Day
- \*March 18: Staff in Service Day- NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- \*March 22: Trimester 2 Report Cards Mailed Home
- \*March 25: 1/2 Day - Teacher Workshop Day
- \*April 15: IN SERVICE COMP DAY- NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- \*April 18 - April 22 ~ SPRING BREAK



March Madness work~The tradition continues.....8th grade students in Mrs. Pelletier's Math class have been answering the question, "Where is MATH in my future?". This students are researching their future career paths(college, trade school, apprenticeship, military, peace corps, straight to work, etc.) Examining where Math is in these plans, admission requirements, cost(tuition and room& board), possible academic majors(and their requirements). Students created mini poster/brochures to share their information and created a "buzz" on team, inspiring others with their choices.

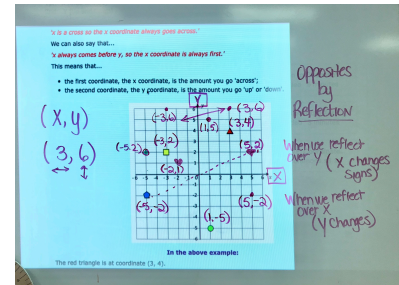


In other Katahdin Math: 7th graders recently completed a project "Enlarging a cartoon" as part of their Geometry unit (showing their understanding of proportion and scale. They are currently working on Angle relationships and how we can use the relationships to find unknown angles.



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In 6th grade, students are using their learning(understanding of integers, opposites, and absolute value) to plot points on the coordinate plane and perform reflections of points (over the X and Y axis) to see the resulting coordinate points created.



**FYI:** All Katahdin Math students have lesson related work due each week and they also have online KHAN Academy and DreamBox lessons due EVERY Friday! Google Classroom is updated each class day with the outline of the day and posted assignments(I also post board shots of the lesson discussion and links to videos and resources which are often useful-When students are absent please encourage your student to go to Google Classroom and check the Stream and Assignments posted.



**\*\*\*\*\*** If your child needs extra time to complete school work- I run a Katahdin Team Study Hall during Activity period- where many students choose to get help and finish work.

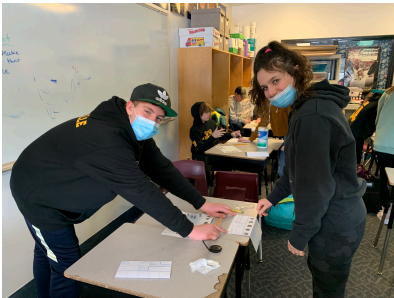
## NEWS FROM MR. A'S CLASSES:

I can't believe that the 2nd Trimester is over already, but we're ready to move on to Trimester 3 and two new core classes in my room, "Space Exploration" & "Earth's Place in the Universe"!

We're ending the 2nd Trimester completing a fingerprinting/latent prints lab, but we also learned about the many ways in which law enforcement can use evidence at crime scenes to convict a criminal. Latent prints, Trace Chemistry, Toolmarks, Toxicology, etc... The students seemed to really enjoy this class!

In our Mysterious DNA class we recently learned about how DNA and ancestry were connected and I even shared the results of my personal DNA tests, including the different traits that I am more likely to have (and do)!

Trimester 3 will be an interesting match of science and history. In our "Space Exploration" class we'll go back to the beginning of the space race, not too long after WWII, between the U.S. and Soviet Union, and follow a timeline of the different achievements (and failures) that both countries have experienced (and a lot in between).



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In our "Earth's Place in the Universe" class we will use models of the Earth-Sun-Moon system to learn about lunar phases, eclipses of the sun and moon, and the seasons, but also, by discussing rocketry, we will cover mass, matter and different types of energy!

I'm looking forward to ending the year with some fun and interesting classes!  
Mr. A

March Newsletter Blurb~ From Ms. Jewett

In the last couple of weeks of Investigative Journalism class, students completed an informational writing post assessment~ they chose between 2 unsolved mysteries to research and write about, wrapping up what they've learned throughout the trimester. In our Elements of Mystery class, to celebrate Women's History month, we just finished presenting our "Notable Women in History" slideshows. Students have researched women such as Harriet Tubman, Florence Nightingale, Mother Teresa and Maya Angelou, to name just a few.



We start our final trimester of the year next week, and our ELA classes include Space Exploration, which is a (writing workshop) and Space Stories, and will focus on reading. Argumentative text will be our focus in the final trimester. Students have done some warm up with "would you rather" questions, choosing a side and supporting it with evidence (no "lame claims!"). We will focus on stories about space (including "The Martian") and argumentative essays where students will choose an issue and find evidence to support their choices.



## Gratitude Journals:

Research shows that practicing gratitude enhances well-being, so we've started Gratitude Journals. Students are encouraged to think about things in their daily lives that they are grateful for, and encouraged to share if they feel comfortable.

**END OF YEAR PLANNING: We are hoping to take the KATAHDIN TEAM to Reid State Park for an end of the year Celebration in June....Please keep watch for more information- We will need parent donations and volunteers!**

