



## **October 2019 ECP Middle School Newsletter**

It has been a good 1st Nine Weeks to the 2019-2020 school year. One of the things I've seen that pleases me greatly is the number of parents and students working towards improved attendance. Due to this, and excellent teachers, and students, the number of students on the MS probation/failing list have dropped dramatically. With 3 quarters left, let's do our best to keep absences to a minimum so we can boost our school report card score.

### **Student Accomplishments, Honors or Events**

#### **October Students of the Month**

6th Grader - Gabe Maddox

7th Grader - Layni Ferris

8th Grader - Marcus Christian

\* **Big Kahuna Cookie Sales for MS fundraiser has ended.** If you haven't already done so please turn in cookie money asap. Thank you!

\* **Late Start Wednesdays** are going well. Our staff appreciates this time to collaborate and work to make your child's educational experience the best it can be. Our next late start will be Wed., Nov. 6th.

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

**Angela Sawyer's Classes** - 6th graders are studying decimals, fractions, and percents. 7th graders are studying simple interest and percent equations. 8th graders are studying rational numbers. The STEAM classes just finished creating graphic novels.

**Ann Harrel's Classes** - In Math, our classes are studying decimals in 6th grade, integers in 7th grade, and scientific notation with negative exponents in 8th grade respectively. In Computer class, we are continuing to add new things to every coding project we work on. In Geometry, we will be studying proofs and conditional statements.

**Jennifer Earp's Classes** -Seventh-grade students have learned about using text evidence in their writing, and have recently finished a unit about plot and conflict in literature. Eighth grade has finished a unit over writing arguments and also recently finished a unit about plot and conflict in literature. Eighth grade will have a guest speaker from REC talk to classes about the REC essay contest to win a trip to energy camp.

**Jerrie Doss's Classes** - Health classes have been working on core strength and balance, tabata exercises, and mental health activities. Character Ed. classes have been working on their individual strengths and how they can use them to work with others. They have been learning to not let their individual weaknesses hinder them. They have been working on character building activities and team work.

**Kristal Patterson's Classes** - 7th grade science has been moving right along learning about the rock cycle and the different types of rock. 8th grade science has been studying genetics, heredity, and DNA.

Cross Country has been doing an awesome job and the JH boy's team has brought home several Team Champion trophies as well as Runner-Up at the OBU prestate meet. Several JH girls have received medals this year and the HS team will be attending Regionals on Saturday, October 19th.

Girl's basketball had their first scrimmage on the 14th and had a positive outcome!

**Mike Harris' Classes** - In English, the classes are beginning the process of writing and learning the techniques and punctuation of putting together a good sentence within a paragraph. They will soon incorporate new vocabulary in their writing along with the different types of writing. In Social Studies, we are moving south into Central America to learn and explore those countries. In Science, we are still in the Physical Science portion of the book. After completing our study of physical science, we will move into space and exploration. They will be required to have a science project. It will be over the solar system, including Pluto. They will have to put together a project using their own imaginations. We will discuss the details in class, so they will know exactly what is expected. The projects will be due Friday, January 10th. I will start taking the projects that Monday, January 6th upon their return from Christmas break.

**Stacey McCaa's Classes** - 8th grade English just finished a unit over plot and conflict. We are having a guest speaker from REC to talk to classes about the REC essay contest to win a trip to energy camp. 6th grade math just finished up probability and will continue with fractions, percents and decimals. 8th grade math continues with rational

numbers. Archery begins first week in November and 4H has an impressive dress contest on November 4th and speech contest November 7th.

**Stephen McCleskey** - The 6th and 7th grade bands are exploring some compositional music theory in preparation for a project they'll be working on until December. They have also began preparation for their Christmas Concert.

Computer Applications have started building simple games with block code and have also been exploring cause and effect with coding.

**Willie Harrell's Classes** - In 7th Grade Geography we just finished up the two chapters over Europe. We studied how the history of Europe has shaped it geographically and culturally.

In 8th Grade US History we just finished an extensive lesson over the Revolutionary War. We studied its key players, events, and places and how each interacted with the other to give the colonists independence.