



November 2019 ECP Middle School Newsletter

The hallways of Elmore City-Pernell Middle School are full of excitement and anticipation as Thanksgiving Break fast approaches. I wanted to take a moment to thank our parents for their support and trust as we strive to provide our children with an excellent education. Each day, I see just how much the teachers give and care for our kids. I believe that our teachers are second to none and work to do their very best for our kids everyday. I am so very grateful for my ECP Family! I hope your Thanksgiving is full of joy!

*Progress reports will be sent out Thursday, November 21st.

Student Accomplishments, Honors or Events

November Students of the Month

6th Grader - Jade Cook

7th Grader - LeAnndra Johnson

8th Grader - Caleby Lauderdale

* **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. 20th.

Good Things are Happening at the Middle School

Angela Sawyer's Classes - STEAM classes are kicking off our robotics program. Students use google classroom as a hub to share slides and documents associated with their engineering notebooks. 6th grade Math students are diving into the world of fractions. 7th grade Math students are learning about rational and irrational numbers. 8th grade Math students are reviewing proportions and learning different methods for solving them.

Ann Harrel's Classes -Eighth grade Math has been working with rates and using grocery store circulars to determine the best buy and unit rates for products. Seventh grade just finished a unit on fractions and will be beginning a unit on expressions and

equations. Sixth grade Math has begun working with fractions. Computer skills classes are working on coding (writing) programs that include music and sound.

Jennifer Earp's Classes - Eighth grade is working on REC essays. Seventh grade is using Scope magazines to read a variety of literary works and practice finding central ideas and details as well as summarizing. They are also practicing using text evidence with basic citations to support statements in their writing.

Read-a-Thon for the MS/HS Library has begun and will continue until Dec. 2. Visit the following link to make a donation/pledge for a particular student or donate to the main fundraiser page. <https://app.99pledges.com/fund/elmorecity>

Jerrie Doss's Classes - The archery classes have been learning all about the parts of the Genesis bow and arrows we are using for archery classes. They have learned all the whistle commands as well as the safety aspects for a safe archery range. All students in archery class have taken and passed their safety test and are excited to start shooting on Monday.

The life skills have been doing lessons on taking control of their health. They have learned how to look up recipes and decide if it is healthy. They have learned about rest and how it affects the body and mood. They have also learned about exercise and how those three items work together to keep not only the body strong but their brains healthy. They just finished up an action plan to include a bedtime and wake up time to make sure they get the proper amount of rest and what they could eat and how they will exercise to continue a healthy pattern for life!

Kristal Patterson's Classes -

7th Grade science has been learning about plate tectonics and how it's shaped our present day continents. Next chapter will be about Volcanoes and Earthquakes. They will use the chrome books next week to research some major earthquakes that have occurred.

8th Grade science is finishing up our chapter over plants. Just last week we used the chrome books to research plants used in medicine.

Mike Harris' Classes - In Social Studies, the 6th grade is studying South America and its countries. Science classes are still in Physical Science and is now studying the different types of energy. The ELA classes are learning different types of writing techniques and how to correctly put together paragraphs.

Stacey McCaa's Classes - 8th graders just finished a unit on short stories. They are beginning to work on REC essays. 6th graders are reading a novel then going to start a writing project using the 4 square writing method. Attended a math workshop with OERB where we received free materials to use in math classes on concepts such as ratios, slope and volume. Elementary, Middle and High School archery teams have been practicing. 4H just took 29 students to the impressive dress contest and had multiple winners. Taryn McCaa with 4H and Logan Barber with FFA will also head to state speech competition in December at Oklahoma State University.

Stephen McCleskey - The 7th grade band students went to the ECOBDA All-Region Honor Band Auditions. Blake Airington earned 1st chair alternate tuba, Matthew Williams earned 1st chair baritone, Mason Daniel earned 3rd chair baritone, Austynn Duley, Riley Shreve and LeeAnndra Johnson earned 7th, 9th and 13th chairs in the clarinet section respectively. In the 8th grade, Lauren Earp earned 4th chair french horn. The 6th grade band is continuing their work on the Christmas program.

Willie Harrell's Classes - in 7th grade Geography we are finishing up the section over Russia and how their climate and geography influence their culture. 8th grade American History- we are talking about The Great Compromise and The Three-Fifths Compromise and how the Articles of Confederation were very weak so we needed a new constitution to bring the US together.