

Happy New Year!



January 2020 ECP Middle School Newsletter

Welcome to the second semester! I hope everyone had a great holiday break and is feeling refreshed and ready for the new year. January will be filled with great learning experiences and exciting extracurricular activities. For details, our district calendar can be accessed at ecpbadgers.com. We also want to stay weather aware as January and February could bring snow or ice. If we have any closings due to bad weather the district will send out a text and social media alert, as well as post the closing on OKC TV stations.

As you are all aware, we always stress the importance of being in school every day. However, we are at the peak of flu season and sometimes absences are necessary. If your child is running a fever, please keep them home until they are at least 24 hours fever free without medication. Prevention is also key! Encourage your children to use extra precaution by washing their hands frequently and keeping their hands away from their nose, mouth, and eyes.

Student and family needs in life can often be overwhelming. At ECPMS, we are committed to helping students and families find the resources they need. One resource we host on-site, provided by the Regional Food Bank, is a food pantry for students and families of ECPMS/HS. Please don't hesitate to call us at (580) 788-2565, option 2, and let us know if we can assist you or help point you in the right direction.

-Angela Doss, ECPMS Principal

Student Accomplishments, Honors or Events

January Students of the Month

6th Grader - Nicholas Hardy

7th Grader - Jacoby Christian

8th Grader - Jessica Brumley

*Report cards went out Jan. 10, 2020 for the 1st Semester.

* **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., Jan.15th.

Good Things are Happening at the Middle School

Angela Sawyer's Classes - Steam classes are working with robotics and green screen technology. 6th grade Math students are finishing a chapter over integers and coordinate planes. 7th grade Math students are learning to add, subtract, and factor linear expressions. 8th grade Math students are working on becoming better classroom citizens and just completed a chapter over using the percent equations, percent proportions, and finding simple and compound interest.

Ann Harrel's Classes - Our Computer classes are currently working on coding (programming) a short music video and will continue with different coding projects. 6th grade Math has begun working on Integers (positive and negative) numbers. We will be moving into operations with integers. 7th grade Math has begun solving equations with all 4 operations. 8th grade Math is working on simplifying expressions, combining like terms, and adding and subtracting linear expressions.

Jennifer Earp's Classes - Seventh grade English classes just finished a narrative nonfiction piece and a drama in the Scope magazine. We will begin reading Bridge to Terabithia later this week. Eighth grade English also just finished reading a narrative nonfiction piece and a drama in the Scope magazine. We will begin an argument writing assignment this week over video games from the Oklahoma Writing Project.

Jerrie Doss's Classes - Our Archery classes are continuing to work on their eleven steps to archery success. They have continued to work hard and have been able to move to a longer shooting distance. Next week we will start working on team challenges!

Life Skills classes have started working on understanding their surroundings by focusing on the people around them and how they act/react to them or situations. They are learning skills to help them better know where they are and how to give directions. We are learning about all the advantages we have available and how to better use our resources to improve our futures.

Kristal Patterson's Classes -

7th Grade Science is working into Chapter 11 which finishes up our Unit 2 covering Geologic Changes. We will be moving into Unit 3 this month and it covers Weather and Climate.

8th Grade Science has begun Unit 3 covering Animal Diversity. In our next chapter, we will be learning about Earthworms and will be dissecting one.

Mike Harris' Classes -

In Social Studies, students will be learning about the United States. There will be states and capital tests coming up shortly. They will study about a number of things including our economy, major wars and the important documents that helped make our nation what it is today.

The ELA classes will continue learning new forms of writing and vocabulary. They will be studying story elements and different types of literature.

The Science classes will be ending their study of space and technology shortly in Earth Science. SCIENCE PROJECTS WILL BE DUE NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, JAN. 17. No projects will be accepted after that date.

Stacey McCaa's Classes - 6th grade English is reading the novel Hatchet and will be working on some learning projects to go along with the book. 6th grade Math is working on solving operations with positive and negative integers. 8th grade English just finished reading a narrative nonfiction piece and a drama in the Scope magazine. We will begin an argument writing assignment this week over video games from the Oklahoma Writing Project. 4H speech contest is January 15 at middle school, State Archery competition is February 12 at OKC, and ECP Local Livestock Show is February 15.

Stephen McCleskey - Both middle school bands are working towards District Contest in March. Our All-District and All-Region players participated in their concerts the last two Saturdays. Computer Apps is currently learning about how the internet works in a functional and specific way. We will soon be moving on to basic programming.

Willie Harrell's Classes - In 7th Grade Geography we are talking about Southwest Asia and North Africa. This covers the area with Syria, Iran, Iraq, and Turkey so its goes along with what the United States is dealing with now. We are writing an essay over the religions in that started in this area which includes Christianity, Islam and Judaism. 8th Grade US History we are talking about Washington leading the new nation, and how it handled new national finances and the power of the federal government.