

BADGERS IN BLOOM!



March 2020 ECP Middle School Newsletter

I would like to commend students, parents, and staff for all of their hard work so far this year. My belief is that we are all lifelong learners and we must all strive each day to do the very best we can with what we've been given. When you stop and think about it, we've been given a lot more than we often recognize. Sure, there are troubles, but there are good things happening around us that often go unnoticed. I challenge you to look for the blessings surrounding you and do what you can to build your children up with encouragement and hope each day.

Every year, spring brings a sense of new beginnings. My hope is that March delivers a fresh desire to grow and learn as we prepare for our end of the year state assessments and reflect on best practices for our students, classes, and school community.

Spring break will run from March 13th - 20th this year. I am hopeful that families will have the opportunity to use some of this time to be together. Don't underestimate the power that you have as parents/guardians to influence your children's decision making and values.

With the students, parents, and school staff working together the Elmore City-Pernell Middle School will continue to be a positive and caring learning community as we grow to reach our potential.

-Angela Doss, ECPMS Principal

Student Accomplishments, Honors or Events

March Students of the Month

6th Grader - Mallory Hinton

7th Grader - Valerie Riddle

8th Grader - Brinley Hines

* **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 March late starts will be Wed., March 11th and 25th.

Good Things are Happening at the Middle School

Angela Sawyer's Classes - 6th Grade Math students are studying a unit over Geometry. They are learning how to classify shapes and angles using measurements and congruent sides. 7th Grade Math students are learning to find the surface area of geometric figures. 8th Grade Math students are studying measures of center. Our STEAM students are engaged in a group project that requires them to run a campaign for their chosen candidate. Each candidate has to create a campaign ad using technology. The entire MS student body will vote for a president and vice-president after viewing all four campaign ads.

Ann Harrel's Classes - 6th grade Math class is finishing up the equations chapter where they have learned the process of solving addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division equations. 7th grade Math class has been learning about areas and surface areas and volumes of prisms and pyramids. 8th grade math has finished up the chapter on linear equations and solving systems of equations. Computer classes continue to code Art projects and will begin digital art.

Jennifer Earp's Classes - Seventh and eighth-grade classes recently completed a narrative writing piece and are now working through a grammar review. We are also focusing on spending more time with our books. Please encourage your child to read at home as well! I am excited that all middle school students will soon have access to the Oklahoma Virtual Library through a partnership with the Wynnewood Public Library! If you have any questions, please call me at school. This should be launched by spring break.

Jerrie Doss's Classes - Health classes are working on Financial Health. This includes learning about budgets, writing checks, paying bills and planning ahead. Life Skills classes are working on Money Management and are learning about forms of payment, savings and retirement, investments and interest.

Both classes will be learning how to count and make change, paying taxes, and the difference between needs and wants.

Kristal Patterson's Classes -

7th Grade Science is currently learning about the Water Cycle and Water's unique structure and polarity.

8th Grade Science has moved into Physical Science. We are studying Newton's Laws of Motion.

Mike Harris' Classes - In English, the students are studying story elements and types. Until the end of the 3rd 9 weeks, students will be focusing on listening comprehension and reading for facts.

In Social Studies, students will focus their study on the early Greek and Roman empires and how the U.S. has patterned our democratic republic from them. Next, we will be studying early Europe after the fall of the Roman empire and into the Dark Ages.

In Science, students will be studying the 10 different systems of the human body, what they do and how they work together.

Stacey McCaa's Classes - Sixth grade has been working on a grammar review and reading comprehension strategies. Eighth-grade classes recently completed a narrative writing piece over superheroes and are now working through a grammar review. Our middle school students will soon have access to the Oklahoma Virtual Library through a partnership with the Wynnewood Public Library. Please encourage your children to read at home. 6th grade math students are working on variables and solving algebraic expressions. 8th grade math students are working on inequalities, functions and graphing equations.

Stephen McCleskey's Classes - The Middle School Band earned an Excellent Rating on stage and a Superior Rating in sight reading at the OSSAA District Band Contest. They will receive a plaque for their efforts in sight reading. MS Computer Applications class has been working on programming a virtual turtle in their coding curriculum.

Willie Harrell's Classes - 7th Grade Geography- has started the section over East Asia. Right now we are learning about the Silk Road and how goods, services, illnesses, religion, and language are spread through interaction.

In 8th grade American History, we are studying Jacksonian Democracy and the corrupt ways Andrew Jackson used the presidency to his advantage. We are also learning about the Indian Removal Act, Bureau of Indian Affairs and Indian Territory.