



PUMA Team,

Things are moving along rather swiftly during these spring days at Helfrich Park. I am so proud of all of the kids who put forth their best each day. They really make Helfrich a special place.

Forty-one students competed at the annual State Math Competition at USI on April 23rd. Congratulations to Lela Curtis, Braydon Litteken and Max Welch for taking top honors for Helfrich Park! Superb work! Mr. Hartmann sponsored this competition.

Eight students competed at the state competition of National History Day held in Indianapolis. Eighth grade students Olivia Frayer, Grace Paul, Jayla Collier, Tensei Nakamura, Hannah Bryan, Baylee Crase, Kiley Gomez, and Sydney Smith all represented Helfrich extremely well. Kiley and Baylee were both awarded a monetary prize for their exceptional work! Mrs. Antey was the sponsor for this event.

Our 7th grade Social Studies teachers (Mrs. Antey, Mr. Whipkey and Mr. Loehrlein) are sponsoring the Eastern World Culture Fair on May 12th from 2:30-3:40. Over 40 countries will be represented! The 7th grade students have done a tremendous job working on this wonderful and creative assignment. Congratulations to Liam Babb, Jayla Collier, Kennedy Motz, Madeline Brown, and Bailey Martin for earning honors at the annual Patriot Pen essay contest hosted by the VFW Post 1114. The students all did an exceptional job and were rewarded with a banquet at the VFW recognizing them for their work.

Congratulations to the band (Mr. Goodman) and the orchestra (Mr. Clark) for their fine performances at the ISSMA competition held on April 8th. The band received a gold award and the orchestra received a gold award with distinction. Super work students!

I also would like to congratulate our resident culinary artist, Miss Haley Mattes. Haley was featured on The Food Channel Network's Chopped Junior! Haley was on national television on April 26th. She performed extraordinarily well and ended up winning the entire competition! Wow! Haley created a number of fantastic dishes that impressed the judges who awarded her with a wonderful first place prize and a chef's coat.

I am very excited to extend best wishes to three of our wonderful teachers who will be retiring this year: Mrs. Brown (grade 6 ELA), Mr. Whipkey (grades 7 & 8 Social Studies), and Mr. Mahan (grade 6-8 physical education). We will miss their outstanding commitment to the kids and the teaching profession. I have the utmost respect for these wonderful people and will miss them dearly.

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BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC: AUGUST 8 FROM 5-6:45 PM

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: AUGUST 10, 2016

6TH GRADE STARS



Science: The sixth graders has been working hard preparing for round two of ISTEP. We feel confident that students have really worked hard to prepare for the test! We have also been learning about physical and chemical properties, energy, and natural resources. In Health class, students will soon go through basic CPR training in the classroom. Please encourage your children to do their very best and get their homework completed. We have several year-end field trips coming up and students with insufficient grades, behavior, or unpaid 6th grade fees will not be permitted to attend the trips. We will have field trips on May 17, 18, and 19. Look for a permission slip to come home soon. Please return permission slips and payment in a timely manner in order for your child to participate in the end of year activities.

Math: Students worked very hard to prepare for the testing. They reviewed decimals, fractions, percentages, operations with decimals and mixed numbers, order of operations, ratios, proportions, and integers. They also practiced using the different tools and how to put their answers on the ThinkPad for ISTEP. Students, thank you for your hard work on the ISTEP tests.

ELA: In English we have been working on capitalization and punctuation. We have also been doing a variety of short writings. In literature we have been reading and breaking down novels. We have done a variety of work with the structure and content of the novels.

Social Studies: We have been working on early and modern Europe.

Congratulations to the following Citizens of the Week: Elexis Easley, Aaliyah Mattingly, Kelsey Mitz, Dakoda Bettes, Jocelyn Engelhardt, Jenna Hardison, Trinity Kissel, Koston McReynolds, Maggie Wiseman, Nathen Head, Justin Preske, Lindsey Moore, and Hadilynn Eblen.

From The Nurse

REMINDER! All medications in the nurse's office need to be picked up by the last day of school, May 19th by Noon. If you want the medication sent home with your student, please send a note. If they are not picked up, they will be discarded. Also, parents of incoming 6th graders, or students new to EVSC, please schedule school physicals early and do not wait until August when appointment times are scarce. All 6th graders will need to have immunizations updated.



Supply List for 2016-2017

Grade 6

Pencils
Pencil Pouch
Loose Leaf Paper
Colored Pencils
Markers
Blue or black ink pens
Red ink pens
Folders (5)
Composition notebooks (4)
1" binder (1)
One-subject notebooks (4)
TI 30X II S Calculator

Grade 7

Pencils
Loose Leaf Paper
Colored Pencils
Markers
Thumb drive (2 or 4 GB)
Tissues (2 boxes)
Accordion folder
Spiral notebooks (3)
1" binder (1) (*Mr. Hartmann only*)
Bright colored ink pen

Grade 8

Pencils
Pencil pouch
Loose Leaf Paper (3)
Colored Pencils
Markers
Spiral notebooks (6)
Composition notebook (1)
Ruler (metric)
Red ink pens
TI 30X II S Calculator
2-pocket folders w/prongs (2)

NO GEL PENS OR MARKERS

7TH GRADE M&M'S



Science: Students will be ending up the school year investigating physical science. Students learned about energy sources and waves in April. They will continue studying energy using Newton's Laws of Motion. Students will experiment to learn how the laws of motion work on objects. Hands-on experiences will involve force, friction, and weight. Real-life examples will be used to explain the physics of motion. The conclusion of 7th grade science will incorporate simple machines to wrap up physical science and review the nature of science, inquiry and design.

Math: Mrs. McDurmon's seventh grade honors math students just finished up statistics and probability topics. Our end-of-the-year field trips will take place the last week of school. These activities include a tour of Toyota, bowling, and a seventh grade kick ball tournament. We are so proud of their hard work and determination. Keep it up! They will finish the year studying polynomials and other special topics to prepare them for Algebra next year.

ELA: The literature students will finish the book, Legend. It is part of a trilogy written by Marie Lu and may be found at the local library. The next two books would be great summer reads. Remember to join the summer reading program for prizes and games. In English the students will complete a character analysis project connected to the novel, Legend.

Social Studies: All seventh grade Social Studies classes are gearing up the for Eastern World Culture Fair! This interactive event will be held in the gym after school on May 12th and is sure to be a huge hit! We have 180 students researching over 40 countries: everything from Saudi Arabia to Bangladesh to India to China. There will be native foods, drinks, music, costumes, flags, and displays for each country. Join us on May 12th from 2:30-3:40 for a trip around the world!

Congratulations to the following Citizens of the Week: Amber Durham, Aidan Kearns, Cruz Quiroz, Camron Short, Max Welch, Abigail Mathis, Jackson Lawhon, Stephen Kohl, Breanna Pyke, Zach Plumlee, Jonnie Hutchison, and Gabe Pauckner.

The 2017 Washington D.C./New York City 8th grade trip has started taking registration forms. Information has gone out to each 7th grade student. Register early to get an early bird "special" rate. We already have about 43 people registered and we can only accommodate about 50 students. There was a parent meeting held on Wednesday, April 20 in the Media Center to answer questions about the trip. Don't let your child miss an opportunity of a lifetime. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Loveless.



GENERAL MUSIC & CHOIR

General Music students have been learning how to play chords on guitars and how to accompany themselves on guitar while singing.

The Helfrich Park Choir had their Spring Concert on Tuesday April 19th. The Choir and Mr. DeKemper would like to thank all of the school staff and parents for their support this year.

BAND AND ORCHESTRA

The Helfrich Park Spring Band and Orchestra concert will be held on May 5th at 6:30 PM in the gym. Be prepared to be entertained!



8TH GRADE G.8.T.O.R.S.



Science: We have just finished our genetics unit. We will spend the remainder of the year focusing on the following Earth Science topics: water cycle, ocean currents, layers of the atmosphere, and renewable and nonrenewable resources. We have planned quite a few activities and labs around these topics! Have a safe summer!!

Math: All 8th grade math classes have been working on the six categories being tested this year. These include: Number Sense, Computation, Algebra & Functions, Geometry & Measurement, Data Analysis and Probability, and Problem Solving. Be looking at progress being made by checking daily homework, weekly Common Formative Assessment, chapter tests, ALEKS, and Acuity scores.

ELA: We finished writing dystopian short stories and are moving on to speeches in English to finish out the year. In Literature, we just finished reading *The Giver* and will be reading either *The People of Sparks* or *Trash*. Thanks for all the support! Have a great Summer!

U.S. History: In Mr. Whipkey's 8th grade U.S. History classes we are discussing slavery and preparing to enter the Civil War. Mr. Aaron Copeland's last day as a student teacher with Mr. Whipkey is Friday, April 29th. Mr. Copeland has done a fine job and we will all miss him. He graduates from USI on April 30. BEST OF LUCK MR. COPELAND!

8th Grade Honors Social Studies: 8th Grade Honors Social Studies classes are finishing up their unit on Westward Expansion and next we will be studying the Civil War. We will read the historical novel, *How I Found the Strong*, by UE Professor and local author, Margaret McMullen.

Congratulations to the following Citizens of the Week: Eric Dietsch, Ashlyn Miller, De'Nero Bowling, Madison Mossberger, Allison Herr, Soul Brown, Tre Fox, Hunter Hinderliter, Jacob Cree, Hannah Bryan, Mackenzie Groben, Isaac Simms, Sierra Fosnight, Amanda Meuth, Caleb Jones, Matthew Schwartz, Bailey Schmitt, Tyler Hammonds, and Kennedy Motz.



There are forty 7th and 8th grade students that will be traveling to St. Louis to see the St. Louis Cardinals play at Busch Stadium on April 29th. The kids will see the Cardinals play the Washington Nationals.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION



It has been an honor to teach all of our students this year. As we end our school year we will be participating in archery with 6th grade and softball with the 7th and 8th graders. May all of you have a wonderful summer. Good luck to all of the 8th graders going into high school, and for the rest of the student body we will be awaiting your return in August. Have a wonderful summer break.

Mrs. Redd and Mr. Mahan

LOST AND FOUND

- ALL ITEMS STILL IN LOST AND FOUND ON MAY
- 19TH WILL BE DONATED TO THE CLOTHING BANK.
- STUDENTS SHOULD CHECK THE LOST AND FOUND
- LOCATED IN THE GYM AND THE OFFICE.

The **Cafeteria** staff would like to wish all 8th graders the best as they head to high school. We look forward to seeing the soon-to-be 7th and 8th graders in August, as well as all of the new incoming 6th graders. Eat healthy!

State Math Competition

Participants

Mikehl Adamson
Conner Alford
Savannah Barnes
Lillian Beyers
Julia Cheski
Lela Curtis
Eric Dietsch
Madison Eagan
Elizabeth Friday
Addison Fritts
Anna Gollaher
Claire Graham
Zion Greenwell
Alex Hartmann
Kyle Hartmann
Grace Kelley
Amanda Kessler
Braydon Litteken
Bailey Martin
Logan Martin
Claire Mattes
Amanda Meuth
Francis Miller
Madison Mossberger
Owen O'Reilly
Marissa Oatess
Gabriel Pauckner
Mason Paul
Krisabell Peralta
Wade Schneider
Luke Sergesketter
Abigayle Snyder
Abigail Steinhart
Ella Talley
Cooper Thompson
Carson Tipton
Elise Umbach
Jack Weinzapfel
Max Welch
Emma Winiger
Nathan Young

National History Day

Participants

Tensei Nakamura
Owen O'Reilly
Carson Tipton
Allison Herr
Sydney Smith
Whitney Reiter
Lance Bruk
Teelin Atteberry
Bethanie Lynch
Ryan McClellan
Hannah Bryan
Grace Paul
Lela Curtis
Shannon Lindsey
Bailey Menacher
Jacob Cree
Zachary Lynn
Jasmine Robbins
Natalie Yeh
Olivia Frayer
Kyle Wagner
Madison Mossberger
Aaron Koonce
Kyle Hartmann
Zion Greenwell
Arshdeep Singh
Kiley Gomez
Maliyah Strother
Baylee Crase
Jayla Collier
Amariah Greenwell
Claire Mattes
Eric Dietsch
Alivia Schroeder

May 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 TRACK, ARCHERY UNTIL 4 PM	3 GUITAR, TRACK UNTIL 4 PM	4 ART CLUB UNTIL 4 PM DISTRICT TRACK MEET AT 4:30 AT HAR- RISON	5 TRACK UNTIL 4 PM BAND & ORCHESTRA SPRING CONCERT AT 6:30	6 HP TRACK 2:30-4 BARKER TRACK 3-4:30 GRADE 7 TOYOTA FIELD TRIP 8:15-11:30	7 ST. LOUIS FIELD TRIP 8 AM-10 PM
<i>Teacher Appreciation Week</i>						
8	9 TRACK, ARCHERY UNTIL 4 PM 6/7 HONORS RECEP- TION AT 6 PM	10 SWIP ICE-CREAM PAR- TY CITY TRACK MEET AT CENTRAL AT 4:30 GRADE 5 BAND CON- CERT AT 6:30	11	12 CULTURE FAIR 2:40- 3:40 8TH GRADE HONORS BANQUET AT 6 PM AT REITZ CAFE	13 CELEBRATION OF READING FIELD TRIP 8TH GRADE DANCE 7- 9 PM	14
15	16 7TH GRADE TOYOTA TRIP 8:15-11:30 CITY TRACK MEET RAIN DATE AT CEN- TRAL-TBA	17 SKATE WORLD (grade 6) 8:30-11:20 ASSEMBLY FOR ALL GRADES 10 AM	18 8TH HOLIDAY WORLD 8:30 AM-6:30 PM BOWLING (GR. 7) 8:15-11:30 REITZ COMPLEX (grade 6) 8:45-1:30	19 LLOYD POOL (grade 6) 8:30-1:30 8TH RECOGNITION 10:30 AM (PARENTS WELCOME)	20 TEACHER WORK DAY SUMMER BREAK BEGINS	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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