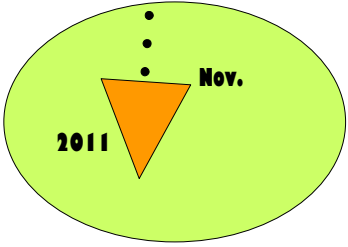




Connections Newsletter



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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Chorus Concert	12/8
Orchestra Concert	12/13
Band Concert	12/15

Fulton County Schools has recently purchased a new product that's going to keep our students safe when they're using the Internet and will also help our teachers find resources that match each of our students' learning needs.

netTrekker Search, is an award-winning educational search tool created just for students, teachers, and parents that delivers safe, educator-selected resources every time we use the Internet.

Searching is fast and easy. netTrekker Search contains over 300,000 educator-selected digital resources that are organized around the K-12 curricula as well as by grade level so searching is logical and easy. netTrekker is a great resource for homework help.

Students can access netTrekker at school and at home by going to <http://school.nettrekker.com>

Username: holc123 **Password:** student



Art Ms. Justis

In our Holcomb Bridge art classes all grade levels are in the middle of an observation drawing and painting unit. 6th graders are focusing on an apple still life. 7th graders are focusing on a coffee cup still life. 8th graders are focusing on a hand holding a leaf still life. Once we complete our two-dimensional art unit, we will move onto our three dimensional unit. We will begin that by sketching thumbnails and creating armatures for our sculptures.

Connections Students Traveling on the Road to Good Character



This section will feature students from each grade level, selected for showing outstanding character throughout their Connections classes and throughout the school.



Music

Mr. Adel
Band

Mr. Majeske
Orchestra



Ms. Butler
Chorus

All students in Band are preparing for their Winter Concert on December 15th at 6:30 PM. Please make sure that your student's uniform is all together before the concert; we want them to look their best! This will be a wonderful concert, the students are all working so hard!

Orchestra is finishing up with preparations for their winter concert on December 13 at 6:30 PM.

We are excited about our Winter Concert on December 8th at 6:30! I hope you are able to come out to the school to hear all the work the kids have put into their music. Please make sure your student has their uniform together before the concert! I am looking forward to seeing you there.



7th grade students are working on a restaurant project. We will be using Excel to create an inventory spreadsheet and Access to create a database of customers. At the end of this project, students will have a business card and web site link for their restaurant.

6th grade students are working on a yard sale project that using all the Microsoft programs. Students will create an Excel spreadsheet of items being sold at their yard sale, and a database of 10 people they would like to invite. Invitations will be made in Publisher and a letter will be composed in Word. Students will also use Word to create a map to their yard sale.

8th grade students will begin a unit on business foundations. We will be discussing the basics of entrepreneurship, marketing, finance, accounting and business law. ****All classes** are still using Edutype for touch type keyboarding. Students are encouraged to finish any lessons not completed in class at home. Open lab every morning is also an option for those students who do not have a computer or Internet access at home.

The 8th Grade Writing Assessment will be administered in January. Parents, please visit the GDOE website through the link below to see exactly what this assessment will cover.

http://www.gadoe.org/ci_testing.aspx?PageReq=CITestingWA8

Reading:

We have read a little over half of the novel *Search for Safety*. Students are able to identify plot structure, conflict and how a character develops over the course of a story. Please be sure to ask your child about Ben and what changes he has experienced due to his family situation.

Writing:

Students will spend the next few weeks focusing on writing skills needed for the 8th Grade Writing Assessment. Please visit the link mentioned above to become familiar with the test and what your student can do now to improve their scores in January.

Math Support

Mr. Wilson



CNR Math students will continue to preview Math standards.

CNR – 6. Students will consider relationships between varying quantities.

CNR – 7. Students will understand and apply linear equations in one variable.

CNR - 8. Students will understand different representations of numbers including square roots, exponents, and scientific notation.

Industrial Technology—Mr. Spinks

During the next few weeks in Technology Education Students will be working on completing their module topic. In the Technology Education program students will continue working on technologies such as Aerospace, Aerodynamics, Aviation, Computer Animation, Bridge Building, Graphic Arts, Digital-Photography, Computer Aided Drafting, Flight Simulation, Co-2 - Race Car- Designs. Also over the next few weeks we will focus on subject matter that allows students to interact with computer applications and hands on activities.

Physical Education

Parker- We will be finishing our Team Handball unit the week of Nov. 28- Dec. 2. We will have a performance based test (skills) and a written test for this unit. We will then enter our final unit of the nine weeks which will be Soccer.

Morris- Physical Education students will be learning the rules, skills, and strategies for team handball. They will be required to learn the vocabulary, pass a written test covering the rules of the games, and demonstrate proper form and technique during a skills test.

White- Physical Education students will be involved in a handball unit during the next two weeks. Students will learn skills, rules and safety to compete in this sport. Students will have both a skill and a written test at the end of this unit.

Special Announcements

Remember, books make great gifts!

***Fitness Fact:** Benefits to children who exercise regularly are better sleep, better overall fitness, healthier weight, reduced stress, better attention in school, and reduced likelihood of various types of heart and weight-related diseases*

HEALTH

Parker- We are finishing up our Safety unit and will be testing on Nov. 30. We will then begin our new unit, tobacco, on Dec. 1.

White- Health students will be involved in a tobacco, alcohol, and drugs unit during the next two weeks. An exam will be given at the completion of this unit.

Morris-Health

Health students will begin a unit learning the dangers of tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs. After each unit, students are required to turn in their health notebooks for a grade.