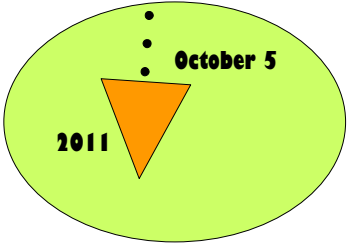




Connections Newsletter



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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Teacher Work Day	10/17
Orchestra Concert	10/18
Band Concert	10/19
Chorus Concert	10/20
Report Cards go out	10/20

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

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.

During the last two weeks of art, all grade levels are completing their individualized, three dimensional art. We have been working on papier-mâché sculpture in the round using organic, geometric, negative, and positive forms. To complete our sculptures we will be using specific color schemes for each grade level. In addition to the research, development and creation of our sculptures, we will be finalizing our experience with an art critique and artist statement about our individual work.

After successful completion of the Georgia Performance Standards for sculpture, we will be returning to finalization of our visual journals. At this point we will be stitching, painting, and drawing final marks into our visual journal to create a sense of unity and harmony within this work of art. As with our sculpture project, we will assess our experience by critiquing and making an artist statement about our individual visual journals.



Music

Mr. Adel Band

Mr. Majeske Orchestra



Ms. Butler Chorus

The Band concert has been changed from October 18th to October 19th. Please note this change on your calendars!

The 7th and 8th grade students are putting the final touches on their Fall Concert music, and are excited to share their hard work with you on the 19th!

The 6th Grade students have been playing for about 4 weeks now, and have improved so much. Please continue to encourage them to practice on a regular basis.

The Band fundraiser begins next week on October 13th.

The Orchestra Concert will be on Tuesday October 18, 2011, not the 19th as printed in the Agenda. Sixth Grade Has started playing with instruments under the jaw and will soon be using bows.

Our Fall Concert is quickly approaching on October 20. Students will need to be prepared with their chorus shirt, black pants, and black shoes. We will be working the next two weeks on musicality of our pieces and memorization. After school I will continue working with students in preparation for all-state chorus auditions! Thank you for your continued support of your children!



We are off to a great start! 8th grade classes have been working on a 21st Century Skills unit learning all about effective communication and problem solving skills. We will begin our entrepreneurship unit next week. 7th grade classes have been working with correct keyboarding techniques and Power-Point. 6th grade classes have been learning about the new 2007 Word format and identifying commonly used icons. All classes have logged on to our online keyboarding program found at www.edutyping.com. Our school ID is holcomb150. Students are encouraged to log on at home if they do not finish an assignment in class. Please visit our class web site at hbmsbcs.weebly.com. 8th and 7th grade classes should also check their edmodo account for important information about what we covered in class and when assignments are due.

CNR Reading

Mrs. Moore

As we finish up our first 9 weeks of school the students have made great gains in their reading skills.

7th Grade is finishing their second novel. A change was made in our vocabulary unit to achieve greater student success. To date we have added 50 new words to our vocabulary.

Standards covered: ELA7R1(h), ELAR72, ELA7RC1

8th Grade is finishing their second novel. Students have worked hard on completing work pertaining to the upcoming ITBS testing. A significant increase in test scores was noted in the areas of Capitalization and Punctuation. To date we have added 44 new words to our vocabulary.

Standards covered: ELA8R2, ELA8RC1, ELA8CI

Math Support

Mr. Wilson

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Industrial Technology—Mr. Spinks

During the last two weeks of our first quarter in Technology Education Students will be working on completing lab projects. Student will also take a post test that covers the topic in which they have studied during the nine week period.

In the beginning of the second quarter of Technology Education program students will experience many of the new technologies such as Aerospace, Aerodynamics, Aviation, Computer Animation, Bridge Building, Graphic Arts, Digital-Photography, Computer Aided Drafting, and Flight Simulation, which affects us in our everyday life. The first two week's we will focus on subject matter that allows students to interact with computer applications and hands on activities Students will also work on basic fractions along with a measuring packets.

CNR Math students will continue to preview Math standards.

Please remind your child to bring a 1/2/ or 1 inch binder to class. It is a required material outlined in the syllabus.

CNR – 6. Students will understand the meaning of the four arithmetic operations as related to positive rational numbers and will use these concepts to solve problems.

f. Use fractions, decimals, and percents interchangeably.

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

CNR - 8. Students will understand and use the Pythagorean Theorem.

Physical Education

Parker- In Physical Education we will be participating in the following activities volleyball, pickle-ball, and fitness. Please note that your student may bring water to have during their PE class.

Maloney-The best thing you can do for an adult's health is to teach them to be active as a youth. We do just that in Physical Education at Holcomb Bridge Middle School. The unit that is being taught now is Pickleball. The students are learning the rules and skills to be successful at these activities.

Morris- Physical Education students will be learning the rules, skills, and strategies for pickleball. 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 a volleyball unit during the last two weeks of this quarter. Students will learn skills, rules, and safety to compete in volleyball. Students will have both a skill and a

Special Announcements

[Holcomb Bridge Hustle 5k in November](#)

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***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- In health, we are finishing our Mental/Emotional health unit and we will test on Monday, August 29. Our next unit will be in Wellness and it will begin on Tuesday, August 30.

Maloney- The health unit being taught now is Life Skills; Drugs & Alcohol, and refusal skills.

White- Health students will be involved in a drug and a sexual health unit during the next two weeks. Exams will be given at the completion of both units.