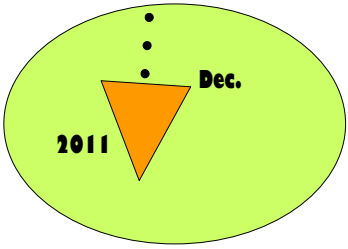




Connections Newsletter



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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Chorus Concert	12/8
Orchestra Concert	12/13
Band Concert	12/15
Last day of 1st Semester	12/22

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.

In 8th grade art we are completing our Expressive animal abstractions in sculpture. Our 7th graders are finishing up with their Expressive Character Sculptures. For 6th graders, we are closing up with our Letter Sculptures. Once we are done constructing our armature (skeleton of our sculptures) we will be using color schemes with acrylic paint and gloss finish. For our Final we will be doing individual art critiques of master art pieces. The individual critiques will prepare art students for a group art critique presentation.



Music

Mr. Adel
Band

Mr. Majeske
Orchestra



Ms. Butler
Chorus

The Band Concert for the Winter was a rousing success! Congratulations to all of the students on a wonderful performance! All instruments should go home over Winter Break, and students will have assignments to work on so that they "stay in shape" to make music in the 2nd semester. Have a wonderful holiday season!

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

The winter concert was a success. The students will continue to learn about performance etiquette and audience behavior throughout this year so that we are as professional as possible for our spring concert! Over the next two weeks, we are going to focus on learning some new songs and re-viewing music theory. Enjoy the break!



Mrs. Moore

8th grade classes are discussing the basics of entrepreneurship and marketing.

7th grade classes are finishing up their restaurant projects and will begin presenting their web sites to class.

6th grade classes are finishing a yard sale project and will begin a discussion on careers to develop a career plan.

ALL classes will have a final keyboarding technique test/final exam next week. Students have been given the sentence to practice for the test. All students will be expected to type the sentence using correct techniques and touch typing. Shields will be used to cover the keyboard. PLEASE encourage your child to practice!

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. Please review the four domains addressed in the scoring rubric with your child. They are familiar with the rubric and have practiced using it to score articles found in major newspapers.

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

This is our last full week together before final exams December 20th – 22nd. 8th graders will complete the novel Search for Safety and will have their final unit test over the novel during the week of finals. In anticipation of the writing test, homework will now consist of 30 minutes of reading and 5 – 10 minutes of writing each evening.

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 relations and linear functions.

Industrial Technology—Mr. Spinks

During the last two weeks of the second 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.

Physical Education

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 Floor Hockey. 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 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 for the remainder of the quarter. 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

Maloney- The health unit being taught now is Substance Abuse.

White- Health students will be completing a substance abuse and human sexuality unit for a remainder of the unit. An exam will be given at the completion of each unit.

Morris-Health

Health students will begin the last unit on sexual health. The students will learn about puberty and body changes, STDs, and abstinence.