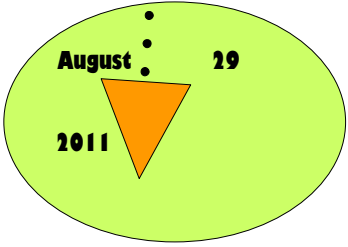




Connections Newsletter



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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Labor Day Holiday	9/5
Progress Reports	9/19
G.A.T.E. Day	9/20
Fall Picture Day	9/28

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>

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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 6th, 7th, and 8th grade art we have sewn our own visual journals (sketchbooks) and are now researching the Elements and Principles of art so that we may fluently understand and express visual communication. Soon, we will begin to learn about the different styles of art such as Abstraction, Expressionism, Realism, and Non-objective. We will then move on to learn the process of decoding and analyzing works of art through art criticism.

Once we have completed researching and developing the foundations of art theories, we will begin to create a colorful abstract painting using the letter of our first name and water color. This bright painting will be part of the **Original Artworks** program. Students artwork can be placed on a mug, sketchbook, key chain, night light etc and purchased. Look for upcoming details.



Mr. Adel Band

Music Mr. Majeske Orchestra



Ms. Butler Chorus

Students should be practicing on a daily basis at home, and turning in their weekly practice records (due every Tuesday).

7th and 8th Grade students are working hard on improving their knowledge base and skills from last year in preparation for our Fall Concert in October.

6th Grade has been working hard learning to read music and rhythm. Instrument testing is almost complete, and students should be securing their instruments for use in class.

Orchestra is currently preparing for seating auditions in 7th and 8th grades. The 6th graders almost all have instruments now, and we will be focusing on position and rhythm in that class.

In chorus over the next two weeks we will continue to work on music theory and will be learning pieces in preparation for the fall concert. After school rehearsals will start on Wednesday, August 30 for those students interested. I will only have one after school group this year. 7th and 8th graders interested in auditioning for all-state can come practice on Tuesdays after school. It has been an exciting two weeks and I love learning about your children and their musical talents!



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 is designed to provide additional instruction and practice in reading and writing. Students are currently constructing bookmarks to help them relate to the different genres we will consider during the semester.

8th Grade: We have started reading a novel about students in high school.

GPS: ELA8R1.a,f

7th Grade: We have completed a science based non-fiction text and have started reading a novel about a sophomore in high school.

GPS: ELA7R1, ELA7R3

Math Support

Mr. Wilson

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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.

6th Grade
Students will decompose numbers into prime factorization.

7th Grade
Students will add, subtract, multiply, and divide positive and negative rational numbers.

8th Grade
Students will simplify and evaluate algebraic expressions.

In the Technology Education program students experience many of the new technologies such as Aerospace, Aerodynamics, Aviation, Computer Animation, Bridge Building, CAD-Computer Aided Drafting, Electronics & Electricity, Graphic Arts, Digital-Photography, Digital Audio Production, and C-O-2 Race Car referred to as Research & Design that affects us in our everyday life. Over the next two week's we will focus on subject matter that allows students to interact with computer applications and hands on activities. We will work on completing study questions for activity one through activity four of module one.

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 Fitness. The students are learning the rules and skills to be successful at this activity.

Morris- Physical Education students will continue to learn about fitness and continue the Fitness Gram assessment. Students will learn about and participate in exercises to improve their cardio fitness, strength, and flexibility. After covering the fitness unit, the students will be learning volleyball and pickleball rules and skills.

White- Physical Education students will be involved in a fitness, pickleball, and volleyball unit during this quarter. Students will learn skills, rules, and safety to compete in each of these activities. Research assignments in the computer lab will also be assigned this quarter. Students will have both skill and written tests at the end of each unit.

Special Announcements

Jr. Knight Cross Country

There will be an informational meeting on August 29th at 6:30 pm, at Centennial High School stadium. This program is open to all students

5th-8th grades. Practice will start after Labor Day. The team will compete in 3-4 meets.

This purpose of this program is to introduce students to cross country running. The emphasis will be on having fun and improving their overall

fitness. Practices are not mandatory and we welcome athletes from all sports. Come find out If you have what it takes to be a running Knight.

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 Mental & Emotional health.

White- Health students are currently involved in a mental and emotional health unit. Health notebooks will be graded and exams will be given at the completion of this unit.