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Middle School Updates

We are excited to be starting the second semester of the school year. Students have made the transition to their new class schedules smoothly. As we are beginning a new grading period, please encourage your students to be diligent about completing their assignments. If they keep up with the daily work, it will not be a daunting task. However, once students are behind on many assignments, it becomes difficult for them to catch up. Not completing assignments in a timely manner has an impact on students' education. We look forward to partnering with you this semester for the best educational experience possible for your students.

Textbook rental fees and course fees are no longer assessed to families. However, there are non-curricular fees in the amount of \$10.00 for all students for this school year. Thank you to all of you who have already paid those fees. If you have not already paid those fees, we would appreciate them being paid as soon as possible. The fees may be paid via E Funds, or by cash or check in the middle school office.

Beginning Monday, January 8, 2024, there will be a change for student drop-off in the mornings. Students will need to be dropped off at door #7 instead of door #8. For safety reasons, please be sure to pull up along the curb to drop students off as students should not be dropped off in the parking lot. Students may still be dropped off at door #6.



Thank you for your continued support of your students' education!

Mrs. Duckwall

Counselor's Corner Mrs. Richards

As winter begins to settle in, it's not uncommon for us to feel a little down in the dumps. The lack of sunlight and cold temperatures can contribute to what's known as the "winter blues." But fear not! There are plenty of ways to beat the winter blues and keep your family feeling happy and healthy all season long. First and foremost, make sure you and your children are getting enough sunlight. Even on cloudy days, exposure to natural light can help improve mood and energy levels. Encourage outdoor activities like sledding, ice skating, or just taking a walk around the block. Another way to beat the winter blues is to stay active. Exercise has been proven to boost serotonin levels and improve mood. Sign your child up for a winter sport or encourage him/her to try a new hobby like yoga or dance. Even just a few minutes of movement each day can make a big difference. It's also important to prioritize self-care during the winter months. Encourage your child to take a warm bath, read a book, or do something else he/she enjoys as a way to unwind and relax. Practicing mindfulness and meditation can also be helpful in reducing stress and improving mood. Lastly, don't underestimate the power of social connection. Make time for family game nights, movie nights, or other fun activities that involve spending time together. Encourage your child to stay in touch with friends, as well. By taking these steps, you and your family can beat the winter blues and enjoy all the season has to offer.

Upcoming Opportunity: In January, I will be starting an anxiety group during one day of homeroom each week. If you would like your child to be a part of this group to learn positive coping strategies for handling stress and worry, please send me a message on Parent Square or email me at arichards@eastbrook.k12.in.us.

Excitement Under the Big Top: Sixth-Grade Adventure to the Shrine Circus!

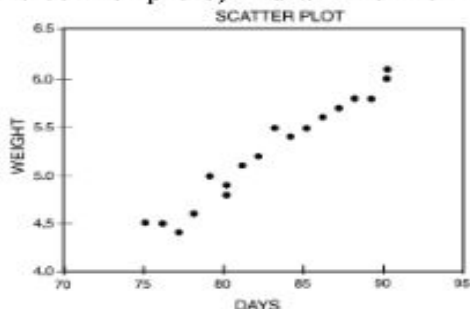
We hope this newsletter finds you in high spirits as we gear up for an unforgettable experience under the big top! The sixth-grade classes are thrilled to announce their upcoming trip to the Shrine Circus in Fort Wayne on January 26th. The Shrine Circus promises to be an extraordinary event, captivating our students with awe-inspiring performances, dazzling acrobatics, and the enchanting world of circus wonders. The event, hosted in Fort Wayne, is set to provide an unforgettable day of laughter, amazement, and shared memories for our sixth graders.

A Special Thanks to Our Chaperones and Sponsors

Behind every successful field trip are the dedicated individuals who selflessly volunteer their time to ensure the safety and enjoyment of our students. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to all the parents who have generously stepped forward to chaperone this circus adventure. We had many more volunteers than we have chaperone tickets! Your commitment is truly commendable, and we are grateful for your support in creating a magical experience for our sixth graders. In addition to our fantastic chaperones, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to our sponsors, the Mizpah Shriners, who have made this trip possible. Your generosity has allowed us to provide our students with a unique and enriching experience that goes beyond the walls of the classroom.

Mr. Bruckner's Eighth Grade Math Classes

In January, the eighth-grade math curriculum will focus on the study of functions. The students will be expected to compare the properties of functions, graph both linear and nonlinear functions, create scatter plots, and utilize them to make predictions.



Algebra students will learn about the properties of exponents and how to perform operations on polynomials, which are either monomials or sums/differences of monomials.

exponents: 0,1,2,...

$$5xy^2 - 3x + 5y^3 - 3$$

terms

A Polynomial

~~$3xy^{-2}$~~

~~$\frac{2}{x+2}$~~

Not Polynomials



6th Grade Student of the Month: Mia Clemons

- Favorite Ice Cream: Strawberry
- Favorite Subject: Science
- Favorite Color: Blue, Black, & White
- Hobbies: Art & Reading
- I want to be an artist or art historian when I grow up!
- Nominating Teacher: Mrs. Ball- Mia is doing a great job in sixth grade. She is a very conscientious student who is very kind and respectful.



6th Grade Student of the Month: Aubrey Applegate

- Favorite Ice Cream: Chocolate
- Favorite Subject: Academic Intervention
- Favorite Color: Pink
- Hobbies: Making bracelets
- I want to be a doctor when I grow up!
- Nominating Teacher: Ms. Harmon- Aubrey is a very responsible, respectful, and kind sixth grader. Not only does she excel academically, but she also contributes to our positive learning environment by working well with others and volunteering to help out when needed. I appreciate her class participation and the initiative she takes to complete her assignments on time. Thank you, Aubrey. Keep being awesome!



7th Grade Student of the Month: Bella Dean

- Favorite Ice Cream: Mint
- Favorite Subject: Math
- Favorite Color: Purple
- Hobbies: Cross Country & hanging out with friends/family
- I want to do something with animals when I grow up (but not a vet)
- Nominating Teacher(s): 7th Grade Team - Bella is prepared for class and works hard on her work. She always has a positive attitude and is kind to the other students in the classroom. She makes the classroom a better place!



7th Grade Student of the Month: Daniel Hayes

- Favorite Ice Cream: Vanilla
- Favorite Subject: Science
- Favorite Color: Blue
- Hobbies: Swimming & climbing
- I want to be a pilot when I grow up!
- Nominating Teacher(s): 7th Grade Team - Daniel is a quiet, steady student who works well in his groups. He is always prepared for class and ready to learn for the day. He never complains and has a very positive attitude!



8th Grade Student of the Month: Taylor Crader

- Favorite Ice Cream: Chocolate
- Favorite Subject: P.E.
- Favorite Color: Mustard Yellow
- Hobbies: Softball & Volleyball
- I want to be a coach or a nurse when I grow up!
- Nominating Teacher(s): Mrs. Orewiler/Mr. Bruckner- Always purposeful, tries her best, comes in for extra help when needed, willing to volunteer in a class of very few volunteers./Taylor has a good attitude, pays attention in class, and completes her assignments.



8th Grade Student of the Month: Mirage Bauer

- Favorite Ice Cream: Vanilla
- Favorite Subject: Science
- Favorite Color: Purple
- Hobbies: Art, bracelet making, & softball
- I want to be an art teacher or artist when I grow up!
- Nominating Teacher(s):Mr. Deilser - She has gone above and beyond on a few recent assignments and I am impressed with her work ethic overall.