

BOONTON MIDDLE SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWS
October 14, 2011

Mr. O'Dell's History Class:

This week, in Mr. O'Dell's Social Studies class, students practiced their speculative writing skills, making up a story about a student who plagiarized his or her history report. They also received their Civil War Project sheets, with which they have multiple routes to take. This allows individual abilities of the widest number of students to shine through. We began our discussion of the Civil War, specifically with regards to the North and South's respective leadership, and early advantages. Early battles were discussed in detail, and the week closed by students bringing in Current Events on Friday, to receive extra credit, and not lose sight of what is going on in today's world.

Ms. Comer's Social Studies Class:

Ms. Comer- This week the 7th grade social studies classes completed unit 1, Map and Graph Skills and the 5 Themes of Geography. The classes reviewed the material from the unit and participated in a review games to test their knowledge and to help prepare for the test they took at the end of the week.

Ms. Jamiolkowski's Science Class:

Ms. Jamiolkowski: Students completed their second unit, Measurements, this week in science. They will be starting their unit on Matter next week. Congratulations to our first set of "25 Science Vocab Victors". They are as follows: Jordan, Kristen, Leanne, Anthony, Hira, Noah, Jonathan H., and Conor. Nice work!

Mr. Nosal's Science Class:

Mr. Nosal's class is reviewing concepts on topographic maps, scientific notation, metric conversions and density. We used the game show 1 vs. 100 to review key concepts in the chapter. We will be working with concepts on earthquakes next week. Also, anyone who has note turned in the eligibility code for the Washington D.C. trip must go onto to EdLine and return this to Mr. Nosal as soon as possible.

Ms. Wood's LAL Class:

We are coming to a very import conflict in *The Outsiders*. Johnny and Ponyboy will have to make decisions and quick. These decisions help shape the coming conflicts. Our types of nouns grammar study is coming to a close with a quiz that demonstrates our understanding. The next *Spelling Connections* unit focuses on double consonants and we are learning many new words and pronunciations with the *Wordly Wise* lessons.

Mr. Hansen's LAL Class:

All classes have enjoyed a shortened, yet productive week thus far in class. Tuesday and Wednesday after the long weekend were spent largely continuing the in-class reading of both the class novel, *Freak the Mighty*, and works by Edgar Allan Poe. All classes are approaching the end of the class novel as we together experienced the climactic scene of the story in class through a bump read. Students focusing on Poe continued to read some of his short works with a focus on the unreliable narrator. All classes have continued to progress through the *Wordly Wise* lessons of vocabulary. The lessons are sent home for homework and complimented with short activities in class in hopes of raising all students' use of 'advanced vocabulary' in their writing and speech. Finally, all students took part in a lesson focusing on the body paragraphs of a persuasive essay. The paragraphs, largely used to add backing to an opinion and support to a writer's idea, are often in need of becoming stronger arguing points. All students were provided with examples of types of support such as telling an anecdote, quoting a source, or using cause and effect reasoning. Students were then presented by a teacher-generated response to a prompt before being asked to create their own and share with the class. The effect of the lesson is hoped to be seen directly in upcoming prompts.

Mrs. Morley's LAL and Math Classes:

Both classes continued reading *Freak the Mighty* and *The Outsiders*. A review of the various ways in which to do a pre-write for an essay was completed with each class. The students then worked collectively to complete a group pre-writing activity. Next, week my students will work together to rewrite essays.

Grade 7 Math

Students practiced using mental Math to solve problems. They were also introduced to strategies for answering open ended questions

Grade 8 Math

Students were introduced to strategies for answering open ended questions. The class also evaluated equations that involve exponents.

Mr. Robinson's Math Class:

7th grade honors math have been working on the distributive property involving variables along with dividing positive and negative integers, finding square roots, and remembering the first 15 perfect square roots.

7th grade Pre-Algebra have been working on the distributive property and number properties (associative, cumulative, identity properties of addition and multiplication)

Ms. Sohl's Math Class:

Pre-Algebra students are finding the mean or average of a data set. They are able to recognize that problems can be solved with more ease by applying the Commutative and Associative Properties.

Algebra students are solving multi-step equations with variable on both sides. These equations may involve combining like terms and applying the Distributive Property. Students are then able to use these skills to find an unknown length or to solve for perimeter or area of a polygon.

Mr. Aquino's Physical Education Class:

It's the final week of the unit for the 7th, 8th and 9th grade. Teams will be competing to earn the right to be call champion for their individual units in P.E. 7th and 8th graders will be working on cooperative gaming and the 9th grade will be finishing up football. Good luck to everyone and keep up the good work while having as much fun as possible.

Mr. Engelberger's Physical Education/Health Classes:

Mr. Engelberger's 7th and 8th Grade Health classes will discuss and analyze violence and bullying inside BMS. Classes will talk about ways to keep the school a safer place, and look into reasons people get bullied. Students will develop a group/club in the school with the main goal of ending bullying and keeping other aware of the severity of this problem. Each group will present their ideas and poster to the class and share their views on violence prevention.

Ms. Jones' Physical Education/Health Classes:

BMS Physical Education classes were introduced to the new Daily Fit Log website. This website will let the students track their physical activity. Each student will be responsible to input all physical activities completed by them each day whether it would be walking to school, activities in Physical Education class or daily household chores. At the end of each month they will reflect on their activities. I hope they are excited to see where they are, where they want to be and we can work together to give them the tools to get there.

Ms. Reich's Spanish Class:

8th GRADE:

Students have been learning to apply er and ir verbs, in the present tense, to describe family activities.

7th GRADE:

Students have been presenting Spain projects to peers (talking about people, culture, and geography of the country)

Mr. Diaz' Spanish Class:

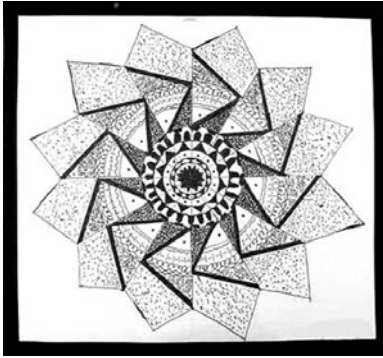
This week the students have been concentrating on cultural readings; "Don Quijote and Simon Bolivar". They have been discussing these famous heroes using the verb "ser" to describe some characteristics of these famous men. They will also be writing an autobiography that will describe themselves.

Ms. Acevedo's Spanish Class:

Students in Mrs. Acevedo's class are learning about a fictional character in Spain, Don Quijote de la Mancha and his companion Sancho Panza. Students also continue to describe self and others by using the ver "ser" in Spanish.

Ms. Oliveri's AND Ms. Kraa's Art Class:

Students will continue to work on their final draft of radial mandalas which are similar to the following illustration.



Boonton Middle School is very proud of all of our students and teachers. Our Students for Change club is working hard to prepare for Red Ribbon Week and for after school fun events for our students. Our Student Council continues to plan events such as our dances and fundraisers for charities.

The first half of the marking period has been wonderful. Our students are well behaved; they are enjoying extra-curricular activities and have been a pleasure to be with.

We have some upcoming events that our students are looking forward to.

Upcoming Events

October 28 – BMS Halloween Dance
November 7, 8, & 9 – Middle School Parent Teacher Conferences



BOONTON MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETIC NEWS
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FALL SPORTS

The Middle School Tournament dates and opponents are being set and will be announced shortly. Boonton HS will host the Middle School GMCJSCA Field Hockey Finals on our Turf field. Details will be announced at a later date.

Sites for Middle School Home games are as follows:

MS Field HockeyJohn Hill School Lower Field
MS SoccerBoonton HS by JV Baseball Field, & Fireman's Field

Be sure to check the website listed below or dial 973-335-9700 x 5007 after 1:00 PM for the daily sports schedules and for changes to those schedules.

**GOOD LUCK!
HAVE A GREAT SEASON!
GO BOMBERS !!!**

Highschoolsports.net will have our schedule and all updates for the season. If the weather causes schedule changes they will be announced on the school sports line. You can call 973-335-9700x7 for updates. They are usually posted by 1:00 PM.