

BOONTON MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETIC NEWS

October 28, 2011

Mr. O'Dell's History Class:

This week, in Mr. O'Dell's Social Studies class, the students re-entered the Civil War by proposing their strategies should their homes become a battleground. They learned about figures from the Civil War, including Robert E. Lee and Ulysses S. Grant. By the end of the week, the students were learning about Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, the little effect it had on freeing slaves. It did however, clearly outline the goals of the United States in the Civil War.

Ms. Comer's Social Studies Class:

Ms. Comer- This week the 7th grade social studies classes have been reviewing the different landforms located around the world. Students created charts to compare the landforms and provide examples of where they can be found. The classes will begin reviewing for the Unit 2 on Friday.

Ms. Jamiolkowski's Science Class:

Ms. Jamiolkowski: Students this week continued in their Matter unit. They identified characteristics of metals, nonmetals, and metalloids. Students also participated in various labs including a "Mystery Mixture Lab" where they were able to identify its contents based on how it reacted with different substances.

Ms. Wood's LAL Class:

"*The Outsiders*" continues to keep us on our feet this week. Greasers as heroes? What will happen to Johnny? How does friendship, family, and stereotyping play thematic roles in our novel? These are just some of the essential questions students will be investigating this week. Students have been given and started their Self-Selected Reading Novels and have already completed the third assignment by this week. Spelling and vocabulary continued to be covered and grammar is being solidified for understanding

Mr. Hansen's LAL Class:

In class this week, students were presented with our final short story of the Narrator and Point-of-View Unit. During the weeks of our Poe study, students were to focus in on the concept of the unreliable narrator and were to question themselves about the attributes that can make a storyteller an 'unreliable' source. Throughout the Poe stories, this unreliability often comes from the instability of the mental health of characters. In order to balance this concept out, all classes read Shirley Jackson's "The Lottery". The twist finish to this classic story leaves readers bewildered, but also goes to show the lack of knowledge and unreliable feeling a reader can have when they are presented with a lack of knowledge and a lack of insight into characters' thoughts. Students also spent time this week developing our first writing assignment. The assignment is to take a traditional tale, whether a nursery rhyme, fable, or Disney story, and to 'retell' the well-known tale from a new point of view. An example provided in class was the tale of Humpty Dumpty told from the view of Joshua Jones, one of the king's men. Students are writing this assignment through the 'writing process'. This means we spent time in class prewriting ideas before moving onto the drafting phase. Peer edits on the work will begin on Monday. Students have started a new Wordly Wise unit. The words have worked their way into our lessons throughout the week. All students received the final lessons on persuasive writing, as we have now covered introduction, body, and conclusion writing and expectations.

Mrs. Morley's LAL and Math Class:

Language Arts

The 7th grade class completed reading *The Outsiders*. Currently they are viewing the movie and comparing the movie to the novel as well as completing a Venn diagram.

The 8th grade continues reading *Freak the Mighty*. The hope is that the book will be completed next week.

This week's writing prompt dealt with bullying.

Math Grade 7 & 8

Both classes finished up a chapter on solving equations and evaluating patterns. Each class completed a chapter test.

Mr. Robinson's Math Class:

7th grade Algebra and Pre-Algebra have been solving multi-step equations using addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division, in order to solve for the unknown variable. The students are also learning to solve multi-step problems involving fractions, decimals, and negative integers.

Ms. Sohl's Math Class:

Pre-Algebra students a plotting point on the coordinate plane. They are able to write the ordered pair of a point, name its quadrant location and describe its location. Students are then able to plot and identify a figure where they can solve for the perimeter and area of the figure.

Algebra students are solving literal equations. Given a variable equation, students can then rearrange a formula to solve for another variable. Students are able to rewrite equations so that y is a function of x . Students are able to recognize that this process results in an equation that will be in slope-intercept form.

Mr. Aquino's Physical Education Class:

It has been a fast week as the 9th grade has been working fitness, and the 7th and 8th has started their soccer season. As for fitness we will have completed the sit and reach and curl up tests, with two more tests slated for next week. Continually we will take laps around the track to work on our cardio for the eventual mile run and students will work with their fitness teams to encourage each other. 7th and 8th grade will finish up their second game of soccer today and we look forward to all teams getting a chance to play each other by next week.

Ms. Jones' Physical Education/Health Class:

Ms. Jones' Physical Education classes are continuing to improve their skills in soccer. This past week they focused on their footwork (passing, dribbling, trapping) and offensive and defensive strategies. Next week they will be starting their soccer tournament. The test for the soccer unit will be on Wednesday, November 2nd.

Ms. Reich's Spanish Class:

7th Grade:

Students have been learning to describe people and things.

8th Grade:

Students have been learning to describe team sports using stem changing verbs

Mr. Diaz' Spanish Class:

This week the students have been using the verb "ser" to describe school subjects. They have learned numerous new vocabulary words related to school subjects in Spanish.

Ms. Acevedo's Spanish Class:

Students in Mrs. Acevedo's 7th grade Spanish class are getting acquainted with vocabulary related to school subjects as well as using the verb "ser" to describe people and things.

Ms. Kraa's Art Class:

The 7th Grade Art students have just completed a wonderful "Sun" project that reflects their imagination. They have also worked on a pencil sketch exercise. Currently they are working on a project titled, "Your World" that is a mixed media assignment.

The 8th Grade Art students have completed an elongated artwork that challenged their creativity. In addition, they have worked on a pencil sketch exercise. Currently, they are focused on a "Pop Art" expression using oil pastels.

Ms. Oliveri's Art Class:

The 7th graders were introduced to Pop Art which included artists like Andy Warhol, Robert Rauschenberg, and Roy Lichtenstein. The 8th Graders were introduced to Pointillism where Georges Seurat was the main artist discussed.



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FALL SPORTS

Our first game of the Middle School Boys Soccer Tournament will be played today, Friday, October 28, at The Peck School in Morristown at 3:30PM

Boonton HS/MS will host the Middle School GMCJSCA Field Hockey Finals on November 2 on our Turf field. Games will begin at 5:00 PM and 6:30 PM. There is no admission fee.

WINTER SPORTS

Middle School Boys and Girls Basketball tryouts will begin on November 14 and 15. All physical paperwork must be in to the nurse and athletes must be cleared to play in order to participate in the tryouts. Don't Delay!

SPORTS PHYSICALS

Sport Physical Exams will be done:

Tuesday, Nov. 1st and Thursday, Nov. 3rd

from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM at the Boonton HS Clinic. Be sure to get your physical forms in to the nurse, Mrs. Tucci, as soon as possible to be cleared for winter sports. Forms can be picked up in the Clinic and in the Athletic Office from Mrs. Stora. John Hill School exams are 10/25 at 9:30 AM.

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.

Upcoming Events

November 2-4: 8th Grade Shadowing

November 7-9: MS Parent/Teacher conferences