

Mr. O'Dell's History Class:

This week in Mr. O'Dell's Social Studies class, students enhanced their skills in writing Persuasive introductions, couple two cross-curricular lessons with Mr. Hansen's classes. The students had a Jeopardy Review game on Tuesday, followed by their first Test on Wednesday. The battles of the Civil War were discussed in detail Thursday and Friday, with students playing the role of an early veteran.

Ms. Comer's Social Studies Class:

Ms. Comer: This week, the 7th grade social studies classes continued working with the 5 themes of geography. The classes complete a chart to compare all of the themes and learn about how they are used. Students discussed how each theme would apply to Boonton and created stories about their town using the themes.

Ms. Jamiolkowski's Science Class:

Jamiolkowski: Students this week explored the metric system. They calculated mass using a triple beam balance and volume using the water displacement method. To get a better understanding of the various units, they created comparisons to everyday items. (Example: A kilogram is comparable to the mass of a textbook or a milliliter is about the amount of liquid in one drop from an eye-dropper.) The students finished up the week learning how to convert between units and played "Metric Mania" to review.

Ms. Wood's LAL Class:

The class will be progressing through the novel, *The Outsiders*. We have come to a conflict that pushes the plot along and starts the unraveling of the gang before they are brought back together. Our personal narratives are being peer edited by a classmate and we solidify our understanding of proper/common/singular/plural nouns

Mr. Hansen's LAL Class:

This week in Language Arts all students began our author study of Edgar Allan Poe. Previously in class, we have discussed the concept of the unreliable first person narrator. Students were able to read accounts from storytellers with a perceived bias or perhaps trouble with exaggeration. Students also gained an opportunity to personalize the concept by writing their own first person narration while attempting to be unreliable in their point of view. Poe encapsulates this lesson in his famous stories *The Tell-Tale Heart* and *The Cask of Amontillado*. Both stories are told by narrators who appear less than reliable, albeit for varied reasons. It is hoped all students can take concepts from class, personalized practice, and literary accompaniments and truly come to an understanding on the concepts. Students have also been asked to take concepts from last week on 'advanced proficient' persuasive introductions and put them directly into practice without the aid of notes, the teacher, or peers. It will be exciting to see the progress taking place in writing ability. The week concludes with our second Wordly Wise test, leading next week to the start of Lesson 3.

Mrs. Morley's LAL and Math Classes:

Grade 7 & 8 Language Arts

Both the 7th and 8th grade classes continue reading their novels *Freak the Mighty* and *The Outsiders*. Plotting a story was reviewed. Each class completed a persuasive essay as well.

Grade 7 Math

This week the class took the math vocabulary test. The class continued to review order of operations. They also practiced using mental math and calculators to solve equations.

Grade 8 Math

In class this week we focused on practicing evaluating numerical and variable expressions. They also learned how algebraic symbols are used to represent different situations. Lastly, the students took the Math vocabulary test.

Mr. Robinson's Math Class:

The 7th grade math classes have been working on adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing positive and negative integers. All classes are able to use a rule(s) and apply it correctly for all of four operating signs. Students are also learning their vocabulary words for chapter two and defining these words in complete sentences.

Ms. Sohl's Math Class:

Algebra students are identifying addition and multiplication properties when simplifying and evaluate expressions. Students are using Venn diagrams to determine the union or intersection of sets.
Pre-Algebra students are using verbal models to assist in writing and solving variable equation from word problems. Students are understanding the importance of units and how to determine the proper units when solving for perimeter, area, distance, rate and time.

Ms. Reich's Spanish Class:

8th GRADE: Students have been learning to describe people and things
7th GRADE: Students have been learning about people and culture of Spain

Ms. Acevedo's Spanish Class:

Students in Mrs. Acevedo's 7th grade class continue to use vocabulary in Spanish related to describing self as well as others. The lessons' focus is on adjectives used to describe a person physically and their personality.



**BOONTON MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETIC NEWS
October 7, 2011**

FALL SPORTS

Congratulations to the Middle School Soccer team for their exciting victory over Lincoln Park Middle School on Thursday.

The Middle School Tournament dates and opponents are being set and will be announced shortly.

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.

Upcoming Events

10/10: Columbus Day - CLOSED

10/12: Progress Reports mailed home

10/19: BHS Back to School Night