## TEACHER SPOTLIGHT 6TH GRADE

We are happy to introduce our new 6th grade IB Prep math teacher, Ms. Jacobs. She is a great addition to our IB Prep team and are excited to have her joining us.

#### FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- 10/7 First deposit for IB Prep Fall Field Trip due
- 10/14 End of the first 9 weeks
- 10/14 IB Prep Mini Lock in (more information coming)
- 10/17 Teacher planning day no school for students
- 10/20 &10/21 Classroom to Courtroom
- 10/26 Report Cards
- 11/5 Fairview MathChamps

Dont forget to get your yearbook before December!

#### **6TH GRADE**

Mr. Johnson - World history - We are having a lot of fun in World History. Our unit on Mesopotamia is just about to wrap up and it is going to be a lot of fun digging deep into Hammurabi's Code and criminal justice. After we finish up on Mesopotamia, we will focus on Ancient Egypt and introduce History Fair to the students. This will all be done before this first nine weeks ends.

Looking for ways to get involved?

Join our PTSO: Parent Teacher Student
Organization!

Please email Ms. Thompson for more
information

#### **6TH GRADE**

Mrs. Cameron - Science - we have wrapped up our unit on seasons, moon phases, eclipses, and tides. We are currently watching one of the greatest cinematic interpretations of a historic space exploration event - Apollo 13, starring Tom Hanks. This is part of our unit on Space also Exploration that includes electromagnetic spectrum and technology of telescopes and satellites. For our next focus, we will be setting our sights beyond our planet and learning about the characteristics of our Solar System. The Challenger Learning Center field trip form was sent home on Friday, September 30th. Seats are limited, so please return promptly to reserve your child's seat!

Ms. Kirkendoll - Language Arts - In 6th grade Language Arts, it seems that everything is new this year. We have been enjoying the short stories in our new Study Sync textbook; however, we have put that aside to begin our first novel, A Long Walk to Water. Each day we complete a journal with a plot summary and analyze any new characters. We will be doing vocabulary, research on the geography of the setting in Africa, as well as other activities. The students seem to be very engaged and have already taken their first pop-quiz on the novel. We will end the nine weeks with a Narrative Writing Project.

#### **7TH GRADE**

Ms. Thompson- Civics - We are finishing our unit on Foundations of Government, we learned all about the start of the American Revolution, the Declaration of Independence and the Articles of Confederation. This week we will begin our next unit on the Constitution. History fair is in full swing. The next due date is October 28th, their draft annotated bibliography. All history fair information can be found in CANVAS. Also students should be working on their community service. 7th grade is required to complete 12 hours by the end of April. More information can be found in CANVAS and on the IB Prep page on Fairview's website.

Ms. Camen - Language Arts -We will be finishing up our first unit that focused on several short stories about conflicts and clashes! The Unit 1 test will be on October 13th, focusing on connotation and detonation, author's purpose and perspective, as well as several of the reading comprehension strategies we have been practicing. Make sure your student has finished reading their first nine weeks choice novel before the test as we will be writing book reviews to share with the class. We will jump into Unit 2 later this month, which has a main focus on poetry about both love and loss.

# **UP COMING CLUBS/SPORTS**

- Boys soccer had an interest meeting the morning of 10/4 - Try outs begin on Thursday October 6th from 4 -5:30.
- Junior Beta will begin accepting new members the end of the 1st 9 weeks. Be on the look out for more information to come
- Model UN will be starting the end of October.
- Fairview football has an important game against Nims tonight at Cox Stadium at 6:00 p.m. If we win we are automatically in the championships so come support in your red and blue!

#### **7TH GRADE**

Mr. Fletcher - 7th grade Science - The month of October will have students in Mr. Fletcher's class completing a Rube-Goldberg machine project. There will also be a test on Work, Energy, and Power. Students will begin learning about thermal energy and states of matter. Students should also begin the data collection phase of their science projects during this time.

### **8TH GRADE**

Mr. Johnson - 8th Grade U.S. History. - Our classes had some really good discussions on the original thirteen colonies. If you ever take a road trip from Georgia to Massachusetts, your student should have quite a few stories to tell you about America's founding. I'm looking forward to some new discussions as we discuss the colonies in more detail. That will probably wrap up this nine weeks and the second one will start with the French and Indian War, as well as our rebellion against the British. History Fair will also start picking up once October gets here.

Ms. Adams -Language Arts- In the month of October, our 8th graders will be starting a new literary unit titled "Past and Present." It will analyze the essential question of: What makes you, you? As we form bonds with other people and our communities over time, we realize that experiences from our past shape who we are in the present. With a genre focus on poetry, this unit prepares students to explore questions about how we see ourselves in the world.

#### **UNIFIED ARTS**

Mrs. Ruth - Spanish 1 will be doing their end of nine week Speaking Assessments 10/6~&~10/7. This will allow students to put all the information that they have learned so far together in a (randomly drawn) conversation with a classmate. The Wheel will switch on October the 24th in order to give time for all grades to post. The Spanish Wheel students will go to Chinese next. The Wheel rotation is French > Tech > Spanish > Chinese. Spanish 2 is progressing with review and learning how to talk to medical staff if you are sick. Students are creating conversations between patients and doctors to simulate office visits. We will be talking about our daily routines next. We will have a project to describe ourselves and our routine.

We are learning about Hispanic Heritage and the accomplishments and contributions of current and past Hispanic/Latinx leaders, actors, singers, sports figures, etc. We will begin to learn about the difference between Halloween and Dia de Muertos in all levels.

<u>Dr. Douty - Band -</u> White Band (Beginning Band) — Concert Tuesday, Oct. 4, 6:00pm in the cafeteria Red Band, Blue Band, Jazz Band, and Orchestra — Concert Tuesday, Oct. 11, 6:00pm in the cafeteria