Magnet News Letter 2023-2024

# Month of November

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#### **FRIENDLY REMINDERS**

- 11/10 Veterans Day No school
- 11/14 Time Warp Start planning your outfits
- 11/15 Progress Reports
- 11/17 Fall Carnival
- 11/20 11/26 Thanksgiving Break



#### **6TH GRADE**

<u>Mr. Johnson- World History-</u> Happy Fall to everyone (with the weather changes) – History Fair is up and running in World History. We have turned our topics and thesis statements in. Next up is Time Warp, with several days being spent in class to review directions/expectations, how to cite in MLA format, and write our speech. The actual Time Warp (where students dress up as someone involved in their history fair topic) will be on Tuesday, November 14th. Other than that, we are finishing up Egypt and then we are off to Ancient India for our next unit.

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<u>Mrs. Cameron - Earth Space Science</u>- we are working on our Solar System unit. Students have a Solar System Object Project due on Nov. 7th. Afterwards, we will have our final space unit on Stars. Keep looking up at these majestic objects! Several planets are visible in the night sky.

Ms. Kirkendoll - Language arts - The fall and winter months bring on a lot of activities. This nine-weeks we will be participating in the Tropicana Speech Contest and the Spelling Bee. In addition, we have started our first novel study, and the story is one that helps us to understand gratitude. This time of year is always special, but the novel that I have chosen shows that not everyone has the advantages that we have here in America. The students are ready for all the hard work that this semester brings and the exciting things that are going to be learned. One more note is that I have completed all of my Data Chats, which means each student knows where they stand when it comes to standardized testing. Each student has set a goal of points they will shoot for when we have our next Progress Monitoring on December 12th. Please ask them to share that goal with you.

<u>Mrs. Multani - Advanced Math -</u> we finished Module 3. We learned about Integer operations where we explored how to add, subtract, multiply and divide negative and positive integers. In addition, we understood how to solve real-world problems with Integers and compute algebraic expressions. We are reviewing Module 3 before our QUIZ on Wednesday and touch on Rational numbers operations by the end of this week. We'll be starting with Module 4 next week where we learn about numerical and algebraic expressions in depth

#### **7TH GRADE**

<u>Ms. Thompson- Civics -</u> It has been a great year so far and we are moving through our Civics content in preparation for our midterm exam in December. We are finishing our Unit on the Constitution before moving into The Amendments and ending the 9 weeks with the Legislative branch. Dont forget to be working on history fair and preparing your speech and costume for time warp on II/14

<u>Ms. Camen - Language Arts</u> -We are currently working with Unit 2 that has an overarching theme of love and loss. The unit has several different poems that we have been working with. Your students will be composing sonnets of their own soon, keep an eye out! We also have been continuing our Latin Work Chunk exploration to help us figure out the meanings of unknown words.

<u>Mr. Fletcher - Physical Science -</u> he month of November is upon us and Mr. Fletcher's Physical Science class has some fun activities coming up! As the weather starts to cool off, we will be staying warm by learning about thermal energy. We will also begin learning about electricity, and with that, we will be building some simple circuits in class. Students should be conducting experiments at home for their science fair projects as the December 4th due date for their projects gets closer.

<u>Ms. Barraza - Algebra/Algebra Foundations</u> Algebra Foundations has been focusing on 7th grade standards. We are wrapping up our unit on proportional relationships and then moving on to solving percent problems.

Algebra 1 is wrapping up the unit on linear inequalities and will have their unit test on Monday November 6th. The next topic we will cover is Unit 6: Systems of Linear Equations and Inequalities.

# **8TH GRADE**

<u>Mr. Dombek–U.S. History–</u> As we turn the calendar to November, we are moving right along in our US History curriculum, starting next week we will be turning our attention to the formation of the new nation, the Articles of Confederation, Shay's Rebellion, Federalist v Anti–Federalists and the creation of the Constitution. During this month we will also continue to work on our History Fair Project, Time Warp Speeches and beginning our Process Papers. Mr. Lingo, our awesome intern from FAMU will be finishing out his internship on November 17th to prepare for graduation at the beginning of December. Mr. Lingo has been a great addition to our classroom, and we will miss him when he is gone.

<u>Ms. Adams -Language Arts-</u> In the month of October, our 8th graders will be applying their knowledge of rhetorical appeals and devices to their own argumentative speech that will be presented in class. The content of this speech will be inspired by an excerpt from "The Rights of the Colonists" by Samuel Adams.

<u>Dr. Morris - Biology Honors -</u> We are rounding up lessons and activities on biological molecules. Students have learned about the structures and functions of these large molecules and have also explored how indicators can be used to detect the presence of macromolecules in the common foods we eat. In November, we will be learning about cells, their structures and functions, and the processes that go on inside of them. Students will explore cell structures by building a labeled 3D cell of either a plant, animal, or bacteria cell (their choice). Please be on the lookout for project information letters coming home.

<u>Mr. Johnson - Geometry/PreAlgebra</u> -Geometry Will be working Transformations and Symmetry, so Reflection, Rotations, Translations, and Symmetry are Major topics this chapter. Would tell students to look back through notes and information on these subjects.

Pre Algebra will be working Linear Relationships & Slope. Some major chapters for them are Linear Relationships, Slope of a line, Similar Triangles and Slope, and Interpreting Linear Relationships. I would tell students to practice working 2 step equations to help.

ALL GRADES: MAKE SURE YOU ARE PREPARING YOUR SPEECH AND COSTUME FOR TIMEWARP ON 11/14



# **IB PREP ANNUAL FALL FIELD TRIP REFUND**

I was sad to announce the cancellation of our IB Prep Fall Field trip. We will look for other opportunities for our students to get together outside of the classroom to bond as a program. The refunds will be coming home this week in a sealed envelop from Fairview.

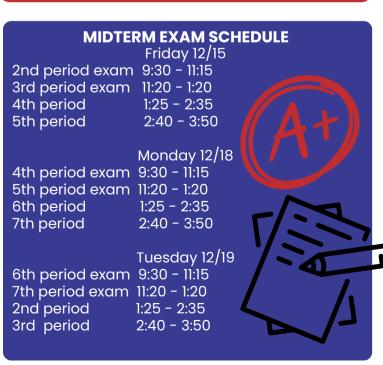
#### LATIN

Ms. Stephens - Latin - Latin I students are wrapping up a unit on First Declension Nouns. After we finish this chapter, we will move on to other declensions of nouns and start a cultural unit on the Foundation of Rome. My new Wheel students are finishing up their first chapter on First and Second Conjugation verbs and will be starting a cultural unit on the Roman gods after Veterans Day. Both classes took a small break from Latin grammar on Halloween to work on an activity called the Monstrum Mixtum. Their goal was to create their own mythological creature and label the body parts in Latin. The most original/best executed designs will be displayed in my classroom!

# **Science Olympiad**

About 45 scholars were on campus on Saturday, October 21, 2023, for the Georgia Scrimmage tournament. We enjoyed a day of problemsolving , teamwork, and competition. Tournament awards will be held on Monday, October 30, 2023. We are proud of our scholars and their hard work.

Upcoming tournaments include November: Rickards Invitational and December: Archimedean Satellite.



### Spanish

**Mrs. Ruth-** We are starting November learning the difference between Halloween and Día de Muertos. Students compare holidays and traditions with reading in Spanish. We are also sharpening our skills with fall readings and Halloween themed readings.

Spanish 1 is learning regular -ar verbs and descriptions, while Spanish 2 is reviewing verbs that have -go ending in the Yo form. Wheel class is off to a great start with greeting and like and dislikes.

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

As part of our IB Prep program students are required to complete community service. 6th grade: 10 hours 7th grade: 12 hours 8th grade: 14 hours It will be due at the end of April. They will have a module in CANVAS will all of the required information.

#### Math Competition

Congratulation to our 6th Grade math competition students on their first meet. We had 1 Student place top in each competition Samuel B. in Test 1 and Kavish Patel in Comp 2 at Swift Creek Mini Mu.

AMC 10 is Nov 8th, Rickards Invitational is November 11th, and Chiles Mini Mu is December 9th

# **BAND DATES**

- Nov 4, individual times: District Band auditions at Lincoln HS (for participants only)
- Nov 9, 6pm: District Band Reading Rehearsal at Leon HS (for participants only)
- Nov 13-15, 5-9pm: District Jazz Band at Leon HS (for participants only)
- Dec 9, details TBA: Southwood Winter Fest (Jazz Band)
- Dec 12, details TBA: Performance for Women's Club of Tallahassee (Blue Band and Jazz Band)
- Dec 14, 6pm: Winter Concert in FMS cafeteria (required for all)
- Dec 19, 4pm-midnight: Band-A-Thon rehearsal (Blue Band)