

Middle School Newsletter
Fall 2019
November 11, 2019

Dear Middle School Families,

We want to keep you informed about what's happening in our middle school classrooms. Please be in touch with any of us if you have any questions or appreciations!

Upcoming Events in November:

- 8th Grade Final Product Event: One World Cafe, November 14th, 6:00 pm
- Adventure Dates: 7th grade: November 15th
- 6th-grade Celebration of Learning from 1-2 pm in the Middle School Humanities Classroom
- 8th Grade families should have gotten information in the mail about our sex-ed class, which will begin Nov. 18
- Last day of Fall Trimester is November 15
- 7th Grade Final Product presentation at the IRIC, 11 am-noon on November 21
- Thanksgiving Break, November 22-29 (no school on Friday, November 22)

Middle School Crew

Middle School Student Council elections were conducted and the results were announced last week. Congratulations to our council members:

6th Grade - Katie Ball and Nathanael Schab

7th Grade - Amanda Suvada and Ella Yeager

8th Grade - Kelton Long and Benjamin Schab

6th Grade

Science Investigations: We're ending our trimester with a fast-paced bang learning. Ask your student about the cell cycle (and mitosis) and meiosis. We'll end this week with a refresher on Punnett squares and passing along genetic traits.

Chinese: Students are beginning to learn the words for fruits and beverages. Students will learn how to talk about what they want to have. They will try to distinguish and pronounce syllables with z, c and s. Students will take the final assessment of the trimester this week.

Math: We are continuing to work on our ratios and rates unit. Today we had storytime in math and read a book called *If You Hopped Like A Frog*. The book presents some silly scenarios using proportional relationships and showcasing the amazing skills of many animals. For example, if we could jump like frogs- we'd be able to jump over 100 ft in a single leap! We'll be continuing to study proportional relationships- and the many ways that we use them in our everyday lives- through the end of the trimester.

Expedition: Students worked with author Rachel Clark and 3rd-grade buddies to complete their journey stories last week. We are down to final edits for a few students. Students are working with artist Lauren McCleary to create abstract masks that complement their stories and are busy preparing to share their work with families this Friday from 1-2 pm!



