

September 2017



# Middle School Panther's Den

## Welcome to Ms. Wood's Social Studies Class

We have been reviewing topics like maps and geography, the 50 states, longitude and latitude in order to prepare for the upcoming units.

In 7<sup>th</sup> grade, we will be discussing ancient civilizations beginning with Ancient Greece. We will learn about the Trojan War and the successes and failures of Ancient Greece. We will discuss the contributions Ancient Greece provided to modern-day civilization. We will also discuss Greek mythology.

In 8<sup>th</sup> grade, we will be starting into the European exploration of North America and the development of the first settlements. We will be analyzing the impact of the European exploration of the Native Americans and how the Native Americans influenced settlement.

## Welcome to Mrs. Clark's Language Arts Class

Our students are learning how to show P.R.I.D.E. in everything they do – from classroom procedures to writing assignments; from walking in the halls to performing fire drills. Students are demonstrating that they have P.R.I.D.E. in themselves as well as their school!

## Welcome to Mrs. Mutter's Science Class

Our science students are currently working on the process of scientific inquiry. Our 7<sup>th</sup> graders will soon start on biotic and abiotic; they will also learn how those factors work. Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders will start with constructive and destructive forces and how those shaped the earth.

## Welcome to Miss. Smith's Math Class

Wow, it is amazing how much we have already learned and reviewed this year! Students work hard in Math and Algebra! Have they taught you about "Game On" yet at home? If not, make sure you have them explain the math game they are learning almost every day!

We have taken a few assessments already to learn what we know and what we still need to learn! We have reviewed Poor Aunt Sally for our Order of Operations and this year, we learned why we need to excuse her. Don't know what that means? Ask your Middle School Scholar!

We learned about playing Tick-Tack-Toe with positive and negatives integers, have they told you the story yet? Ask them to see if they remember how it goes.

Algebra students are starting to realize that a high school credit class will take more focus and studying in class.

**Remember to bring your dry erase markers and eraser, every day!**



For your  
Calendar

Sept 4  
Labor Day

Sept 22  
Teacher Day

Oct 9  
Columbus Day

Oct 13  
End of the Quarter

## ClassDoJo

Thank you to the families that have signed up for Classdojo! We need all of you! We use this program to send out reminders, ask questions, and stay in contact. We can't do it without you!

## Lockers

Students have been assigned a locker and a lock. In the event your student loses their lock, the cost for a new one is \$5.00. Please help us reinforce with your child that they must not share their lockers or their combination with their friends.

## PBIS Books/Agenda

Students were given a PBIS Book and Agenda this year. They should be writing down their assignments in their agenda. Check your scholar's agenda to see if they are logging in their homework, how their behavior is and how many times they are out of class.

## School Supplies

Please make sure that your child has their school supplies each and every day. In Miss Smith's class, it is imperative that they have dry erase markers and an eraser (it can be a wash cloth) daily in math! They also need to have pencils and paper, a math journal and a binder.

## Technology

Your student has the opportunity to get a computer to keep at home! To learn more, visit [www.TechnologyForTheFuture.org](http://www.TechnologyForTheFuture.org)

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Progress Book – If you do not have access to Progress Book, please check with the secretary in the office and we will work on getting letters to send out. It is also the perfect time for our Middle School Students to take ownership of their learning and staying up to date on their academics!

Thank you and we are always updating and creating, so please check back often!

## Honor Roll:

Who will be here? Stay tuned until after the end of the quarter. Last day of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter is October 13<sup>th</sup>. It will be here before you know it!

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

**"Pleasure in the job puts perfection in the work."**  
-Aristotle

## Save the Date

Sept. 4 – Labor Day – No School

Oct. 9 – Columbus Day – No School

Oct 20 – Teacher In-service (No Students)



Middle School  
Teachers

Mrs. Mutters - Science

Mrs. Clark -  
ELA

Ms. Wood –  
Social Studies

Miss Smith - Math