



The Marauder

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From Mr. Kissinger.....

Dear Parents,

Once again there is so much going on here at Williamson Middle School that it would be impossible to mention all of it in this article. Everyone seems busier than the next person.

An area of concern that has come to the forefront with the current summer like weather is what children should or should not wear to school. As stated in the student handbook the law provides that student dress should not interfere with the orderly management of the school. This is rather vague. At the school we constantly find ourselves spending valuable time deciding whether or not a shirt or dress strap is too thin or if shorts are too short. To eliminate this distraction to the educational process I am asking that parents not send their children to school in tank tops without tee shirts underneath. Also when determining the length of shorts have your child stand straight with their hands at their sides. The shorts should be beyond the fingertips. I understand that the building can become hot in the last few weeks of school and students want to be comfortable. Some clothing, however, can make others uncomfortable and distract from our primary mission, which is education. I look forward to your support on this matter as we all strive to make this a safe and positive learning environment.

Sincerely yours,

Russell Kissinger
Middle School Principal



Miss Brownell's Classroom

We have begun the novel titled The Cay, by Theodore Taylor. Our novel begins on an island in the Caribbean called Curacao. It is a story of survival and friendship.

Our fraction investigation has come to a close. The focus for May is to prepare for the upcoming Grade 5 assessment in math. The Tests of New York State Standards (TONYSS) will be given on May 29th and 30th. The test consists of three different types of questions: multiple choice, short response, and extended response.

Dates to keep in mind:

June 6th, Science Day

June 14th Fort Ontario Field trip

Classroom Stars!



Luke DeFisher - Listening
Noelle White - Behavior
Katlyn Gregg -Responsibility
Ryan Siragusa - Responsibility

Mrs. Bierer's Classroom

Land of Hope gave support to the study of immigration, "Girl of the Limberlost" expressed attitudes about education in the early 1900's, the Charleston and a women's protest march highlighted the '20's, "Chickery, Chick, Cha La, Cha La" enlivened the '40's and that 1959 Chubby Checker twist let the children know we were really living in the '50's! Period clothing and music, augmented with Snow Treasure and Twenty and Ten (historical fiction based on real 1940's incidents), let students know about culture, economics, geography and population of the times. On to Canada and Latin America—in only 4 weeks!

It seems especially poignant to be expressing the desperation of the Jews during the Holocaust of WWII. The Palestinian/Israeli crisis comes up for discussion. Peace is eluding many people just now.



Mrs. Ehresman was a guest reader on May 9th and shared her love of reading through an excerpt of a novel set in the 1930's.

Critters will be entering the classroom with our study of invertebrates. The gracefulness of leeches and speed of racing worms will show how a backbone isn't needed by all of God's creatures!



5/6 Student Association

By Miss Finkelstein & Mrs. Hoody

The 5/6 Student Association sponsored the Spring Dance on Friday, May 3rd. Entertainment was provided by Scott Spezzano from the radio station 98 PXY. The students were very excited he was there and had a great time dancing, eating refreshments and participating in contests. We would like to thank all the parent chaperones that came to the dance as well as faculty here at the Middle School for making the dance a huge success.



On Tuesday, May 21st the 5/6 Student Association held an Ice-Cream Social, which provided the refreshments for the Festival of the Arts. Our group members made ice-cream desserts. Our members had a great time making the sundaes, and those who attended the Festival of Arts enjoyed eating them! Overall, it was a very fun evening for all.

Our last meeting of the year will be in June. We will thank our members for all of their dedication and service this year with a pizza party.

International Club

By Mrs. Osborn.

Our last meeting of this year will be Thursday, June 6 in Rm 13.

Physical Education

By Mrs. Freischlag and Mr. Mitchell

In Physical Education class we are working on improving students fitness levels. We have been exercising to music, running through circuits and using heart monitors. Students will be completing the Presidential physical fitness tests.



The Williamson Middle School Physical Education department received 54 free tennis racquets through the United States Tennis Association. Mr. Mitchell & Mrs. Freischlag also will receive money (from a grant) to help promote tennis in the fall.

The tennis racquets will be shared among our K-12 Physical Education programs.

7th & 8th Grade Students Association

By Mrs. Osborn

Last meeting of year June 3—year end party in courtyard 2:15—3:00.

When you are at the new Town Park check out the 11 benches that the SA had made. Thanks to all who participated in Talent Show. The proceeds made this project possible.

The 5, 6, 7, 8 Student Association also purchased an electric projection screen for the M.S. Auditorium as this year's school gift.

Thanks to all who supported our activities this year.



8th Grade Dinner Dance

Mardi Gras Theme
Class of 2006

Friday, June 21st
(6:00 PM - 10:00 PM)
Middle School Courtyard
Rain or Shine

Ticket Price—\$6.00 Students

Theme Related Food and Activities
Music Provided by: Joel's Song

All Eight Graders are Encouraged to Attend.
Lots of Food, Fun and Activities for Everyone!

Any questions can be directed to Carol Verbridge @ 589-2589

Tickets will go on sale Monday, June 3rd through Friday, June 7th ONLY.



Purchase your tickets during lunch.



Star Bowler

Fred Blauvelt has become an expert bowler. He bowled a high game of 229 this year and received a trophy. Also this year, Fred bowled a 500 series and bowled a 300 on a no tap. He has accumulated 5 bowling trophies and has earned and has earned patches every year he has bowled.

Congratulations Fred!

Student of the Month for April

Student	Grade	Teacher	Reason
Pierce Alquist	5	G. Marshall	Exceptional Effort
Tyler Eaton	5	G. Marshall	Exceptional Effort
Thomas Godsey	5	I. Bierer	Understanding
Ashley Hoffman	5	G. Marshall	Exceptional Effort
Kelly Jones	5	H. Brownell	Exceptional Effort
Rebecca Klejment	5	J. Luke	Consistently Has Done Her Best All Year
Kelly Marchionda	5	J. Luke	Consistently Has Done Her Best All Year
Amanda Monachino	5	G. Holowka	Exceptional Effort
Dan Rehor	5	H. Brownell	Exceptional Effort
Tyler Shove	5	G. Holowka	Improved Effort
Kera Smith	5	I. Bierer	Helpfulness
Jayelle White	5	J. Luke	Improved Effort in ELA/S.S.
Scott Cuthbert	6	Sixth Grade Team	Outstanding Effort in Sixth Grade
Jacob Gage	6	Sixth Grade Team	Outstanding Effort in Sixth Grade
Stephanie Morse	6	Sixth Grade Team	Outstanding Effort in Sixth Grade
Amanda VanderByl	6	Sixth Grade Team	Outstanding Effort in Sixth Grade
Rob Verbridge	6	Sixth Grade Team	Outstanding Effort in Sixth Grade
Brittany Daniels	7	P. Wackenhut	Exceptional Effort in Science
Seth DeNeef	7	K. Hoody	Exceptional Effort
Kelsey Gelina	7	Bruinix, McMahan, Osborn	Making Tracks to Do the Right Thing
Cassie Haak	7	7th Grade Team	Citizenship
Ashley Jenkins	7	7th Grade Team	Improvement
Amanda Knopp	7	7th Grade Team	Effort
Elisabeth Malchoff	7	P. Perez	Exceptional Effort/Constructive Attitude
Rachel Peck	7	Bruinix, McMahan, Osborn	Making Tracks to Do the Right Thing
Mallory Rynders	7	Bruinix, McMahan, Osborn	Making Tracks to Do the Right Thing
Taryn Schoenleber	7	D. Osborn	Improved Effort/Excellent Participation
Steve Shay	7	7th Grade Team	Improvement
Allison Shultes	7	7th Grade Team	Attitude
Renee Ast	8	8th Grade Team	Improvement
Jessica Bailey	8	8th Grade Team	Attitude
Leah Cox	8	8th Grade Team	Excellence
Stephanie Crichton	8	P. Perez	Exceptional Effort/Class Participation
Charlie Foechner	8	D. Brown	Class Participation
Amanda Gage	8	Bruinix, McMahan, Osborn	Making Tracks to Do the Right Thing
Beatrice Jones	8	D. Brown	Positive Role Model
Michael Kraft	8	P. Wackenhut	Exceptional Effort in Science
Ami Kush	8	Bruinix, McMahan, Osborn	Making Tracks to Do the Right Thing
Marie Montondo	8	Bruinix, McMahan, Osborn	Making Tracks to Do the Right Thing
Troy Torbitt	8	8th Grade Team	Attitude
Mason Verbridge	8	8th Grade Team	Excellence
Heather Wackerman	8	D. Osborn	Excellent Work/Helpful