

Dear Students and Parents:

The month of September is over and the school year is marching along. September has been a very pleasant start. I hope everything has gone as smoothly at home.

During the month of October you can expect the following:

October 4th – 5/6 Rollerskating

October 6th – 5-week period ends. Interim reports will be mailed on October 11th. You should have them by October 14th.

October 9th – No School, Columbus Day

October 27th – Superintendent’s Conference Day. No school for the students. Teachers will be attending the New York State Middle School Convention in Rochester.

October 31st – We will not have any special activities for Halloween. If the students do dress up, it should be appropriate for school and NO full face masks. We will have a regular school day.

It was very nice to meet so many parents at the Open House. We appreciate everyone taking the time to meet your child’s teacher and to learn about the curriculum and student’s expectation. A good time was had by all.

Please take a couple of minutes to read the articles of the wonderful activities taking place at the Middle School.

As always if you have any questions please feel free to contact me at school. Have a great full October.

Sincerely Yours,

Douglas G. Skeet

5th Grade News

by Mrs. Bierer

Many entries for the Rose Compass Contest will culminate in awards for three categories: most detailed, best use of color, and most humorous. Winners will have to be announced in the next newsletter because of deadlines to be met. We will have spent two weeks learning the skills to select and interpret maps to best advantage.

We have read “The Cay” for pleasure during these opening weeks. Because of the weather (Science) and mapping (Social Studies) influences in the novel, as well as it being about unlike people needing to become dependent upon each other (new students and teacher!), we managed to squeeze it in as a listening activity. Worth the effort!

We have learned about weather, experienced weather instruments, and are creating our own weather instrument projects. Forecasting will be left to the experts – but we understand their symbols!

8th Grade Math

by Mrs. Bayley

We are learning about measurement and converting from one unit to another in the metric system and the customary system. This will be important to our students as adults as they run households and seek career positions on an international job market.

We have begun work on problem solving and will continue that throughout the year. This will help students do well on this year’s state test and next year’s course A exam which must be passed in order to graduate. Next we will learn about powers and exponents, then review and have a chapter test.

Expect a packet of work from chapter one, including one quiz and a chapter test, within the next two weeks. Please examine the homework and return the blue cover sheet, signed.

Thanks for your interest and support.

Word Wise

By Ms. Prill

Twenty-six letters, so many words!

The longest word in the English language (you count the letters!) is microscopicsilicovocanoniosis. What does it mean? Where did you find the answer? What words do you recognize within the word? Answer these questions and send to Ms. Prill in the Middle School or come see me in my room, Room 23.

Winners will be acknowledged. Good luck! Bon chance! !Buena suerte!

Yorkers

By Mrs. Bierer

With all due deference to new scheduling, a variation of Yorkers will be offered this fall. It will be close to traditional years, but it cannot be the same.

Our theme will be 1940's. There was more to the times than WWII, you'll find, and our members will experience various cultural aspects of this period and hear from those of us who lived and loved through it all.

Signup sheets will have been distributed by the end of September, members selected by virtue of the first twenty 5th and 6th grade students to hand in their completed permission slips. Waiting lists are formed after the maximum membership numbers have been reached.

7th and 8th Grade Student Association

by Mrs. Osborn

Meetings will be the first Tuesday of each month with special meetings called when needed. The Association plans activities for the students in the Middle School. At this time our events scheduled are:

September 21st: Several members will be Student Guides at the Middle School Open House.

October 3rd: Student Association meeting, 2:15pm in Room 13.

October 26th: Jewelry Fundraiser meeting, 2:15pm in the Auditorium. The proceeds will be used for student activities in the Middle School. The fundraiser will offer wonderful Christmas gift selections.

October 26th: Dance with music provided by JoelSong Productions. 5th and 6th Grade Dance is from 6:30-7:00pm and the 7th and 8th Grade Dance will be held from 7:30-10:00. Refreshments will be available for purchase in the cafeteria. The dance will be in the gym. Call Mrs. Osborn at school if you would be willing to chaperone.

Remember to go to www.elemonadestand.com and do some online shopping at some of your favorite stores. A percentage of the sales are sent to us if you log on to the Williamson Middle School spot. Thank you for shopping on line and supporting activities in the Middle School.

Travel Club

By Mrs. Osborn

Travel Club's destination this year is Ottawa during Winterlude, February 2, 3, 4, 2001. A student meeting will be held September 28th. Applications will be due October 3rd at 3:00pm. A deposit of \$60 will be due by October 23rd for students who have been selected to participate. There is a limit of 40 participants.

France Trip 2001

By Mrs. Osborn

An interest meeting will be held Wednesday, October 4th at 7:00pm in Room 13 of the Middle School for 8th graders through 12th graders and their parents who are interested in applying to go on a 10 day trip to France during Thanksgiving time of 2001. The itinerary and details will be presented.

Clothing Drive

By Mrs. Osborn

Save your used clothing for our 2nd annual clothing drive. The date is Thursday, November 9th from 4:00-7:00 at the Breen's IGA store in Williamson. More details to follow or call Mrs. Osborn at the Middle School. This fundraiser is sponsored by the France 2001 trip group.

International Club

By Mrs. Osborn

International Club held its organizational meeting September 22nd and will meet again on Friday, October 13th at 2:15pm in Room 13. This club is open to 7th and 8th Grade French and Spanish students. We plan to have guest speakers, play some games, go on a field trip, cook, etc.

Ski Club

By Mrs. Wilkinson

There will be an information night for parents and skiers on Wednesday, November 1st, at 7:00pm in room 13 in the Middle School. Ski Club is for grades 5-12. Forms and payment will be due, Friday, November 17th at 3:00pm. **NO LATE PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Middle School PTSA News

I just wanted to take this time to introduce myself...my name is Aileen Hurlimann and I am your new Vice President, PTSA for grades 5-8 in the Middle School. I have a child in 5th grade and one still in the elementary building. I'm looking forward to working with all the volunteers this year at the many events and activities we sponsor for our children. PTSA is still looking for individuals to chair or co-chair the following:

5/6 Rollerskating

7/8 Holiday Concert Chairperson (hospitality)

Spelling Bee Chairperson (hospitality)

Festival of the Arts Chairperson (hospitality)

Book Fairs Chairperson

Please give me a call at 589-3064 if you are interested in any of the positions available.

Basketball Registration

by Williamson Recreation Committee

This is a traveling recreational basketball league that plays teams from Marion, Ontario, Walworth and Williamson. The program is open to players of all skill levels in grades 5 through 8. This league will overlap the school district modified (7th and 8th grade) season. Players are encouraged to participate in both programs. It is a great opportunity to learn the game and improve your skills.

Games: Saturdays – December 2,9,16; January 6, 13, 20, 27; February 3, 10. Practice: 1 hour per week.

Teams will be formed at the following levels: 5th/6th grade boys, 5th/6th grade girls, 7th/8th boys, 7th/8th grade girls. Each team will have approximately twelve players depending on the number of registrations.

The signup form is attached to this newsletter or contact Kyle Shultes at 589-4034.