

Mrs. Wiggins'

Learning together • Working hard • Having fun • Developing character

Weekly Note

Weeks of Nov 25th



We had a good week with a few indoor recesses and lots of clubs and intramural sports on the go! Shari Kneen, our Health Nurse, visited classrooms to explain the immunizations that grade 7 students will receive. **Immunizations for grade 7 students will be December 9 & 10.** Shari told students that they should have a good breakfast and wear a short-sleeved shirt on those days. All information regarding immunizations (including consent form) are on my website. Forms are due by Friday, December 6th. The week ends with a performance from the SCHS band!

Math

Over the past week we finished up our Data Management unit and moved on to Measurement. The focus of this unit will be developing, through group work and guided tasks, the formula for the area of a trapezoid and problem solving. I anticipate that this unit will be two weeks long and will end with a unit test. This week we began with a review of perimeter and area and took a note on the formulas for those shapes. **Looking ahead...** we will continue reviewing the area of a triangle, develop the formula for the area of a trapezoid and then work through problem solving with real life examples, including complex shapes. We are using this unit to work on our problem solving skills and strategies. For many students this requires a lot of perseverance, resiliency, and good communication skills. I often send students "back to the drawing board" during these working periods and sometimes I can even see "mini explosions" happening in their heads often through their sighs or body language. This usually because I didn't give them the answer (or only a clue) and they know they have to keep working hard to find the answer! We work together and success is a positive result.

English

Over the past week students have worked hard on our Fake News mini unit. Students were able to read about misleading information, identify "fake news" and establish the credibility of an author or article they read/see online or in print. They also had an opportunity to be a BBC reporter in a simulation scenario and work through "a day in the life" of a social media reporter meeting 4 different deadlines. **Looking ahead...** students will be looking inferring using poetry and song lyrics and work on some purposeful grammar practice.

*** Students will need to have ear buds at school on a regular basis for a variety of tasks. I have suggested that they purchase a dollar store pair and leave them in their mailbox.*

MUSIC (EMF7B)

This week we worked on 3 new notes and I assigned # 24, 24 & 25 for homework. **Looking ahead...** Students will continue to work through the method book and **their second playing test will be on Tuesday, December 17th.**

STAY IN TOUCH...

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On my website this week you will find:

- TUSC roles for December 4th, & December 11th.
- Immunization forms - Due Dec 6

On Google Classroom students can find:

- Fake News #1-5

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