



Here's What 8th Graders Are Doing:

Mediapolis Middle School

October 2010

Classroom News:



Language Arts: In Language Arts, we will be finishing our last grammar unit. We will moving into our first 6+1 writing unit, Word Choice. We will be creating a menu of our choice using good strong adjectives! We will also continue to work on daily spelling, vocabulary, and comprehension practice!

Math: We are working with positive and negative numbers. It looks like there will be a test on October 14th. Ask your student about the list they wrote together on how to study for a math test.

Science: We are studying about Plate Tectonics, Earthquakes and will soon be moving on to Volcanoes. Ask your student if they have any topics from current events they want to tell you about. I have started discussion of current topics in Science and Technology

Social Studies: Making Civil War "Paper Quilts". And discussing the Reconstruction period in the US. Students will write journal articles as if they were living in the South after the Civil War and how their lives have changed.

Parent-Teacher Conferences:

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Tuesday October 5 and on October 7 and are scheduled with your student's homeroom teacher. They will be held the week after mid-terms grades have been sent for students receiving a D or F

in a core class.

These conferences will be student led, with your student guiding the discussion.

We look forward to seeing everyone as we strive for 100% participation in each homeroom.

Thank you for taking the time to come and meet with us .



Calendar of Events

- OCT. 2 VOLLEYBALL TOURN. @ HOME
- OCT. 4 X-COUNTRY @ COL. J.
VOLLEYBALL W/COL. J. @ HOME
- OCT. 5 P-T CONFERENCES
2:30 DISMISSAL
- OCT. 7 P-T CONFERENCES
2:30 DISMISSAL
FOOTBALL W/ WB/ ND @ HOME
VOLLEYBALL W/LONE TREE @ HOME
- OCT. 8 NO SCHOOL
- OCT. 11 VOLLEYBALL W/ HIGHLAND @ HOME
- OCT. 12 FOOTBALL @ WAPELLO
- OCT. 13 1:00 DISMISSAL—INSERVICE
- OCT. 18 CHOIR CONCERT
- OCT. 22 END OF 1ST QUARTER
- OCT. 23 BOOSTER CLUB VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT
- OCT. 25 BAND CONCERT

Inside this issue:

Page one will be information from teachers and staff. Starting this month...the other page(s) will be written by students who have volunteered to contribute their articles.



On your mark, get set, GO
8th grade runners ready to start the race at Twin Lakes.

Mock Trial: by Liz Zippe

Mock trial is a competition where students act as lawyers and witnesses. We compete against other schools. The local competition will be held at the Des Moines County Courthouse on Nov. 6. The State competition will be on Nov. 18 and 19

Team Gold: Ashlyn Watts, Tanner Gerst, Cole Erickson, Heidi Hillyard, Abby Eberhardt, Steven Holloway, Susan Strawhacker and Mikala Denney.

Team Black: Zach Moehle, Keaton Keitzer, Tyler Rogers, Darby Massner, Liz Zippe, Hannah Hillyard, and Andrea Larson



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Cross Country by Keaton Keitzer



8th Grade Runners Persevere

This year there are three eighth grade members on the cross country team: Tyler Aamodt, Keaton Keitzer, and Devon Kelley. Our coach this year is Mr. Aamodt. Tyler is our only experienced runner this year. Keaton switched from football to run cross country this year. Devon, who was new this year, started in

the middle of the season. Our first meet was at Van Buren where Tyler was first on the whole team finishing 15th and Keaton finished 45th out of about 50 runners. Our second meet was at Fort Madison, Tyler finished 27th and Keaton got 85th out of about 90 runners. Our third meet was at Burlington where Tyler once again got first on the team and finished 18th and Keaton finished 57th out of around 70

runners. Devon made his debut at Burlington and finished 55th. At our most recent meet at Winfield Tyler got 4th place, Keaton got 27th, and Devon got 19th. We have two more meets coming up, one at Columbus Junction, and our conference meet at Pekin. When asked what one word would describe the eighth graders on the team this year, Coach Aamodt said persevere.



Volleyball by Darby Massner

The 8th grade has started out volleyball with a perfect season of 5-0 for matches and 17-0 for games. We have beat Lone Tree, Highland, L & M, Winfield, and Wapello. Our coach is Mrs. Skidmore, a high school teacher. There are 19 girls on the team.

Our setters include Abby Eberhardt, Chloe Siegle, Jes-

sica Johnson, and Cassidy Woodruff. Our hitters include Heidi Hillyard, Andrea Larson, Darby Massner, Tyfanie Kalina, Michaela Beckman, Abbey French, Susan Strawhacker, and Ashlyn Watts. Our defensive specialists include Daphne Pulford, Cassidy Woodruff, Mikala Denney, Jordan Hubbard,

Daelyn Whitaker, Abigail Coates, and Hannah Smith.

There is a 7th and 8th grade volleyball tournament this Saturday, Oct. 2nd, starting at 9:00 A.M. at Mediapolis. We have 3 games left to play with our next one being Monday, Oct. 4th, at Mediapolis. Starting time will be 4:30 P.M. Go Bullettes!

Football by Bradon Marshall

The Mediapolis Middle School football teams are both undefeated. The eighth grade team has not been scored on yet.

On Thursday, Sept. 30, we defeated Van Buren 30-0.

The coaches are Mr. Rogers, a 5th grade teacher here at

Mediapolis, and Jim Drain, a nurse at Great River Medical Center.

We have 90+ kids out for football this year.

Go Dogs!!

