



# IT'S HAPPENING IN 8TH GRADE

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## Events:

2-3	B Bball @ wmu
2-4	B Bball w/ Lone Tree
2-7	B Bball w/Highland
2-8	B Bball 2/ W. Burlington
2-10	B Bball @ Lone Tree
2-14	B Bball @ Wapello
2-16	B Bball @ W. Burl.
2-17	B Bball @ L&MI

## In Academics:

**Language Arts:** For Black History month, your student will be studying an influential African American and creating a poster. We also will write 5 Paragraph Essays about ourselves.

**Math:** We are taking a test over rational fractions and decimals. We are also working on ratios.

**Science:** We have begun studying matter. We are examining atoms and

molecules as well as compounds. This is a simpler version of what your student will be doing in high school chemistry.

**Social Studies:** World War I is over and we are studying the Roaring 20's. Groups of students will be creating a project over a magazine article, each group concentrating on a different aspect. They are creating a poster and presenting the information.



## What Else Is Happening.

This month we will be holding our 3rd Quarter conferences. The team is trying a different format this time. We will all be in the Middle School Library together so you can talk to all core and

special education teachers at once. Your other option will be to hold an email conference with your student's homeroom teacher.

No School on Monday February 21 for Teacher Quality Day

# Math Counts Wrap-Up Tyler Rogers

On February 11, Zach Schulz, Tyler Rogers, Darby Massner, Abby Coates, Heidi Hillyard, and Andrea Larson went to Muscatine to par-

ticipate in the annual Math Counts competition. The students took two individual tests and one group test. Mediapolis got second place out of

eight schools on the group test. Zach Schulz placed second overall in the competition after qualifying with one of the top scores on the individual tests.

## Quiz Bowl

On February 25 and 26, 4 eighth grade students and Mrs. McCarty took a trip to Ames for the Middle School Quiz Bowl. Darby Massner, Mikala Denney, Jessica Johnson and Adam McAlpine were the eighth graders who participated.

Friday night they arrived and

## Darby Massner

raced in the hydrogen car race. They had built the car before they came, and then raced other schools' cars. Mediapolis ended up finishing 4th. They were also fed pizza and pop at the race.

Saturday was the actual Quiz Bowl. The students had buzzers and would buzz in if they knew

the correct answer. For every correct answer you scored points for your team and were given a chance at a bonus question worth 10 points. Mediapolis went 3-3 on the day, but unfortunately didn't place. For the lunch, the kids got to eat in the ISU cafeteria. Overall they did quite well.

