



Allegro and Encore Band Notes – February

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Solo/Ensemble is just around the corner – Saturday, March 3 at Berlin High School. Participating students should have their music and be working on it. Berlin is hosting so we will need many volunteers to make the day a success. Volunteer forms will be going home with all band and choir students. Also, volunteer forms will be available to the public on the Berlin School District website!

Grading period 4 ends March 2. This will also be here before we know it. Students should be practicing at home and turning in practice reports!!!

Congratulations to both bands for a great performance at the Mid-Winter Concert. Our next performance will be Large Group Festival at Fox Valley Lutheran on Wednesday, March 21, followed by the Spring Band Concert on May 7.

Band Buddy Day is coming up March 19 or 20. On this day, students can invite someone special to join them for band class. Invitations will be going out in March.

Seventh Grade Geography

Students are studying the countries of Europe this month. They will be broken down into Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western Europe. As well as learning about the countries, students will also be expected to know the locations and spellings of the countries as well. All students are encouraged to work towards 100% mastery.

Students note taking skills have improved greatly. They are expected to take notes on every chapter. Please check to see if your child has a folder to keep notes organized in. Students will continue to be allowed to use notes on tests this grading period. Therefore, it is important that your child keep up with his/her note taking in class. If he/she is absent from class it will be his/her responsibility to take notes on the assigned work for that day.

6th Grade World History

This month we will finish up the Roman unit. The Roman chapter test will be given on Friday, February 10th. Students will take their notes home to study and their paragraph plans to fill in by Friday, February 3rd. Remember that the Roman Brochures are also due on Friday, February 10th.

After we finish the Roman unit we will begin to study the history of the Modern Middle East. We will learn how the religions of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam began in this area. We will also be making "Magic Carpets" in class as we learn about the modern countries that make up this region today.

Each student will also need to memorize the location and correct spelling of ten countries of the Middle East. Three map tests will be given on these countries. One test will be given each week beginning the week of February 27th. All three scores will count for a grade. Your child will be given a practice map on Monday, February 13th.

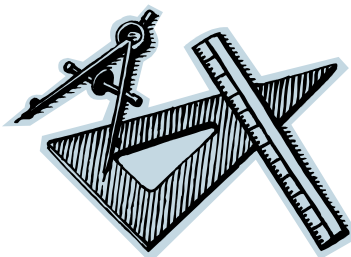
6th Grade Field Trip

The sixth graders will be going to the Milwaukee Public Museum on Wednesday, March 7th. We will be leaving at 8:00 and we will return to school at 4:00. Each student will need a bag lunch (with all items in it disposable), a clipboard to do their assignment on, and a ball point pen.

Your child will be bringing home a permission slip for this trip. If you wish to chaperone, you must mark the spot that you would be able to come as a volunteer. You must also complete and return a Volunteer Application Form and a Field Trip Chaperone Agreement Form. Thanks for any help you can give and we look forward to having a great trip!

Math 6

During February, the sixth grade mathematicians will be working on Unit 8: Geometric Relationships. Angles and lines will be reviewed first. Then we will study triangles, quadrilaterals and other polygons. Near the end of the unit we will study transformations and symmetry. A tessellation project will be due mid-February. Watch for more information regarding this project.



Sixth Grade Science

MICRO-LIFE

The sixth grade science class is studying viruses and simple organisms. We will make models of viruses, and be working with microscopes to identify certain bacteria and protists. Students will create a booklet of the protists they identify under their microscopes. They will see organisms like amoebas, euglenas, and paramecia. As we finish studying protists, students will create a protist of their own at home using any materials they wish.

6th Grade Camp Needs Nurses and Chaperones

Sixth Grade Camp will be held May 9-11 (Wednesday through Friday).

We will need camp nurses (RN's, LPN's, or licensed physicians) for those days or we will not be able to attend camp. The nurses would need to work 8-12 hour shifts. We pay a small stipend to the nurses.

If you can attend camp as a nurse, please set your schedule now so that you will be available during those three days in May. If you have any questions about what your duties would entail, please contact the school nurse, Mrs. Mauel.

If you are interested in chaperoning for our trip, mark the days for the trip now on your calendar. We will need parents to help with late afternoon activities (2:30--5:30), evening activities (6:00--9:00), or to stay overnight as cabin chaperones (9:00 pm--6:00 am). We also need parents to help with canoeing on Wednesday from 10:00-3:00 and on Thursday from 8:15-1:45

We need overnight chaperones for each cabin or we won't be able to take our trip!

If you have any questions about camp, please contact Mrs. Dederling or Miss Plato at 361-2441.

6th Grade Language Arts

SSR Assignment due dates for the 4th grading period are: February 3, 10, 16, and 24. Keep reading and taking Reading Counts tests!

Also in February we will be finishing our big Narrative stories. Check to see how your child is progressing with this project! They are very creative!

8th grade Language Arts Hobby Fair has started!!!

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As part of 8th grade language arts, your student will be working on a project for this year's Hobby Fair. For this project, each student has selected a hobby that he or she is interested in and will create their Hobby Fair brochure. They will also be working on a visual display and a short oral presentation about their hobby. All of these elements will be combined and presented at this year's Hobby Fair on Thursday, March 22nd and Friday, March 23rd.

We'd like to take this opportunity to invite you and your family to attend this year's Hobby Fair. We will have a large variety of hobby booths with a wide variety of topics such as: animals, crafts, sports, games, foods, and much more!

As mentioned above, this year's Hobby Fair will take place on Thursday, March 22nd from 4:00 to 6:00 P.M. Due to the fact that this fair takes place after normal school hours, it will be necessary for all students to arrange their own transportation home. Any student who expects to have transportation difficulties should notify us immediately. Students will only be excused from attending the Hobby Fair for medical or family emergencies. Students will need to set up their booths either after school or immediately before Hobby Fair and remain at their booths for the duration of the fair. In addition, the fair will be open to the 6th and 7th grade students during school the morning of Friday, March 23rd.

We look forward to seeing you!

Miss Plato and Ms. Gray
8th grade language arts teachers