

Moments at the Middle School

From Dr. Lux and Mr. Rice

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Reality Fair- Third Rotation

We are beginning to plan for our third rotation Reality Fair, which will take place during the morning of Wednesday, February 15th. As a reminder, the Reality Fair takes place out of our 8th grade Career Awareness rotation course. We currently have 16 volunteers signed up, but would like a total of 24 for the event to run smoothly. Your presence would be required from approximately 7:30am-9:30am. If you are interested in volunteering, and have not yet signed up, please do so using the following link: <https://forms.gle/VnCuWmfhHNoF6ZnJA>

Additional details about the event will be emailed to you closer to the event. We truly appreciate the partnership with all of you so that we can offer unique experiences such as this to our students.

Junior Health Care Explorers

Do you know any 6th through 8th grade students interested in learning more about the fields of health care? Junior Health Care Explorers (JHCE) is a 13- week virtual program that offers educational and informative sessions for middle school students interested in a career in Medicine, Technology, or Science. This program is presented by UPMC and is not affiliated with the school. To register, click the following link: <https://forms.office.com/r/eXdPSBfegt> See the JHCE Flier attached.

PSSAs/Keystones

Please note that PSSAs and Keystone Exams will occur during the last week of April and first week of May. Specifically, all students in grades 6-8 will take the ELA PSSAs during the week of April 24-28. Math PSSAs for all grades will occur on May 1-2, and Science PSSAs for grade 8 only will take place on May 3-4. Students who are currently enrolled in Honors Algebra will take the Algebra I Keystone exam on May 16-17. Unfortunately, we cannot approve student trips on days that our students will be testing.

Drug and Alcohol Prevention Assembly

Officer Good, our School Resource Officer conducted our D.A.R.E assemblies for students this week. Unfortunately, we had to postpone two of our assemblies. The new dates are listed below for both the Gold and Challenger teams.

Tuesday, Feb. 7

Period 7 – Gold Team

Period 8 – Challengers Team

If you have any questions about this assembly, please reach out to your child's school counselor.

Supplies

Now is the time to refresh your student's supplies! Please check with your child to ensure they have enough pencils and supplies as we move through the second half of the year. If you have a need, please don't hesitate to contact the principals or counselors, and we will happily help. If you have extra supplies or tissues, please consider sending them in for a teacher to have extras for students who need them.

Upcoming Reminders:

- **Report Cards Available** - Friday, February 3rd
- **Drug and Alcohol Prevention Assemblies with Officer Good** - Gold and Challengers Teams- Tues. Feb. 7th
- **Advisory** - Thursday, February 9th
- **Reality Fair** - Wednesday, February 15th
- **Student Council Dance** - Thursday, February 16th from 6-8 pm
- **NO SCHOOL for Students** - Friday, February 17th
- **NO SCHOOL for Students** - Monday, February 20th
- **Beginning of 4th Rotation** - Tuesday, February 21st
- **Advisory** - Thursday, February 23rd

Club Meetings for February

- **Homework Club** - M-Th, 2:45-3:45 pm, Library
- **Math Lab** - M-Th, 2:45-3:45 pm, room D403
- **Enrichment Workshop - Minecraft Challenge** - February 6th during tutorial periods; students should sign up outside the Maker Studio
- **Stock Market Club** - February 6th, 2:45 - 3:30, room F608 (Intro of Concepts & First Trading Day)
- **Helping Hands Club** - February 7th, 2:45 - 3:30, room G708
- **American Sign Language Club** - February 8th, 2:45 - 3:55
- **Student Council** - February 8th, 2:45 - 3:45, G704
- **Talbot Chamber Orchestra** - February 8th, 2:45 - 3:45
- **Fun and Fellowship Club** - February 8th, 7:25 - 7:45, back room in Library
- **Spanish Club** - February 9th, 2:45-3:45, D416 (decorating cookies & making Valentine cards)
- **French Club** - February 10th, 2:45 - 3:45, D416 (decorating cookies & making Valentine cards)