



Fairfield Union Local School District

Rushville Middle School

Sixth Grade Quarterly Newsletter

News from our School Secretary, Mrs. Hochradel

Hello everyone!

Please remember to call the school if there will be an absence. Doctor and dental excuses can be turned into the front office each morning and should be received within 3 days of the appointment. If you need anything from the office, just ask. Let's continue to make this year the best it can be!

News from the Clinic:

I have a few reminders for you all as we continue through this school year. Students need to enter the clinic from the hallway door not through the office. If no one is in the clinic please have a seat and someone will be with you.

Parents, please check your students for any symptoms of Communicable Disease prior to sending them to school each day. If your child displays any of the following symptoms, DO NOT send them to school:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

If your student displays symptoms of Communicable Disease during the school day you will be called to pick them up from the clinic. Please make arrangements to pick up your student promptly. Because of social distancing requirements space in the clinic is very limited. We are unable to use school transportation to take any students home.

As a reminder, all medication needs to be supplied from home. Prescription meds need parent and physician permission. The Medication Permission Form can be downloaded from the Fairfield Union Website. Non-prescription medication requires the top portion of the Medication Permission Form completed by a parent/guardian.

All medication prescription and non-prescription must be in the original container. Medication must be delivered to school by an adult.

We want to do anything we can in the clinic to help you and your student at the Middle School. Please feel free to call or email at any time with questions or concerns.

Mrs. Pike, School Nurse

Mrs. Thompson, School Nurse

CLUBS/ACTIVITIES:

ART CLUB:



Students in the Art Club have met several times with Ms. Henderly over the past few months. Individual paintings are in the works with plans to start working with clay on the wheels. Please see Ms. Henderly for more details if you are still interested in joining the Art Club and coming to the workshops. Please see details below for upcoming workshops.

UPCOMING ART CLUB WORKSHOPS

When: 11/20/24: 6th-8th Grade Art Club, 12/18/24: 6th-8th Grade Art Club

Time: After school until 4:00 PM

Where: Room 203 with Ms. Henderly

Student Council:



Student Council members have worked hard on planning the two events they sponsored last quarter: 7th/8th grade dance and 5th/6th grade after school activity. Mr. Smith



and Mrs. VerDow are very proud of the commitment and leadership skills they have exhibited! Both groups are now looking forward to planning a community service project.

Math Counts:

MATHCOUNTS is a national enrichment, club and competition program that promotes middle school mathematics achievement through grassroots involvement. MATHCOUNTS inspires excellence, confidence and curiosity in U.S. middle school students through fun and challenging math programs. We have started having meetings for MATHCOUNTS! Students are working through math problems and learning new techniques. There is a Google Classroom for the students that are involved. We will continue to meet until our competition on February 21st!

-Mrs. Young



Robotics Club:

Students in 6th grade Robotics Club will continue to learn how to program Evo the Ozobot using color codes and block codes. At our first meeting students were able to free play with Evo so they could figure out how the robot works. In the coming weeks, students will be faced with a variety of challenges and Robot Games!

Day: Wednesday, November 6th & Wednesday, November 20th

Time: After school until 4:15 PM

Where: Room 202 with Mrs. McCoy

6TH GRADE TEACHER NEWS:

Mrs. Caton - Reading

During the first quarter, students have been working with our new curriculum, Amplify. The students have been working digitally and in their journals to complete several activities including vocabulary, inferences, finding textual evidence, close-reading discussions, critical thinking questions, and comprehension questions about yellow fever. Students step into the role as investigator by analyzing clues, evidence and scientific data to make meaning and seek the truth about this disease. Our next unit will cover the Greeks and explore questions and themes that help us understand the world around us and our role in it.

Mrs. Dilcher - Science

6th grade science started off the year quite well! We spent the first two weeks or so going over classroom rules and expectations as well as doing some get to know you activities. We then spent the remainder of the quarter on our Earth Science Unit learning about minerals (what they are and how we can identify them) and rocks (the three main types, how they form and examples and uses in our everyday lives!). We will finish up this unit learning about soil and hopefully by December (if not before) we will start our Life Science Unit which is mainly about cells. We will discuss cell theory and the differences and similarities between plant and animal cells. SCIENCE ROCKS!!!!

Mrs. VerDow - ELA

I have enjoyed getting to know your student this year! We are in the process of completing the first writing unit in our new ELA curriculum, Amplify. We read excerpts from Roald Dahl's memoir, *Boy, Tales of Childhood*, responded to writing prompts, and learned how to work closely with textual evidence. Our next unit is The Chocolate Collection. We will look at primary documents and research the roles chocolate has played in cultures around the world. Students will learn how to write an argumentative essay based on the evidence and information they have researched. I'm looking forward to this fun unit in the second quarter! Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Mrs. Stewart - Social Studies

First quarter ended very well! The students learned about the characteristics of a civilization. Then, we studied Mesopotamia and Egypt. Everyone worked hard and did a great job! With the second quarter comes an exploration of more Ancient Civilizations! We will be studying the beginnings of civilization in India and China. All four of these civilizations had their own unique governments, economic systems, social structures, religions, inventions and agricultural practices. Many of these have influenced things we still do today! The

students really enjoy these units so please feel free to ask them about what they are learning!

Ms. Kolbe - Math

Students have wrapped up multiplying, dividing, comparing, and ordering rational numbers, as well as graphing in the coordinate plane and calculating distance. As we begin the second grading period, we will be moving on to exponents, greatest common factor, least common multiple, prime factorization, distributive property, and begin our work with expressions, equations, and other algebraic concepts. Students just took their STAR Assessment to help monitor their progress throughout the year. I look forward to meeting with many of you during Parent - Teacher Conference Nights. Don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions!

Mrs. Phillips - Career Awareness

In 6th grade Career Awareness, students have been focusing on learning about employability skills that are essential for future success in the workplace. They have been actively completing assignments in XELLO, our online college and career exploration platform, discovering their strengths and career interests. Recently, students started a Career Focus Project, where they research a specific career that sparks their interest. As we move forward, they will continue to develop key skills like communication, leadership, and teamwork, which are crucial for both school and future career paths. I am thrilled to see their curiosity and dedication grow as they explore new possibilities!

Mrs. McCoy - Computer Applications & Literacy II

Students in Computer Applications are starting the second quarter with a research project about the history of a toy. They will learn how to utilize digital tools for research and note-taking and then they will create a slideshow to display what they've learned during research as well as some graphic design skills. Additional topics students will learn include coding, organizing their Google Drive, email etiquette, and digital citizenship.

Mrs. Henderly - Art

I have an exciting quarter planned for students in 6th Grade Art. We are exploring color theory through tempera and oil pastels. We will be working three dimensionally with clay after Thanksgiving and then moving on to printmaking. Lego challenges and mixed media projects before are also in the works. Students will be bringing home their projects at the end of the quarter!

Mrs. J Miller - Math Lab

6th Grade Math Lab students are making great strides in closing the gaps in Math. We are working on our Geometry skills by finding perimeter, area, surface area, and volume of all kinds of polygons and 3-d shapes. We are also working on math skills through several computer programs called APEX, prodigy, success maker and zearn. The students are doing great and working hard at those math skills. Can't wait to see how they progress throughout the quarter.

Mr. Sullivan - Current Events

6th Grade Current Events students have done a wonderful job this first quarter! We took a look into primary and secondary sources as well as credible sources. We are currently studying different types of media. We have a wonderful tool that we use called scholastic which hopefully your child can share with you some of the wonderful things we learn about using those. I am looking forward to finishing this first semester strong and starting another class next semester.

Mrs. M Miller - Wellness

We have made it through several of our Character Strengths in the first 9 weeks! Students in the Wellness class have had the opportunity to discuss how our strengths affect issues like bullying and dealing with awkward situations as students. We are looking forward to completing our in depth study of the Character Strengths, using our strengths passport booklet.. Additionally, we will take a look at how our emotions impact our character traits as we watch the movie "Inside Out." We will unpack all this movie shares using discussion questions and pages that highlight various parts of the movie.

Mr. Savage - Band/General Music/Choir

Band and choir have been going great the first nine weeks! We welcome many new kids to the groups this year. We have been balancing reviewing from last year, getting our new players/singers up to speed, and pushing the kids even further! Parents- Mark your calendar for Thursday, December 5th for our next concert! You will be amazed at the progress we have made.

Mrs. Turkowski- Behavioral Intervention Specialist

What an awesome first nine weeks!! My classes are working on social skills like maintaining friendships and life skills like organization. This quarter we will be working on important skills like reading a clock, writing a check, and working on our signatures. Looking forward to this next quarter!

Mrs. Culver-Intervention Specialist

First quarter was awesome! I love to see the smiles in the hallways and the effort in the classroom. In the classroom, we are reading The Big Friendly Giant and practicing writing using the RACE method. On Halloween, the students read their spooky stories around the campfire and enjoyed a s'more! I am excited to see what this nine weeks holds!