



Fairfield Union Local School District

Rushville Middle School

Seventh Grade Quarterly Newsletter

Quarter 2

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students:

What a productive start to the school year at Rushville Middle School! The seventh grade students have been showcasing their work throughout all the subjects. Clubs and specials and underway, creating quite a memorable experience for the students.

It is our goal to provide a positive learning environment filled with rigor, discipline, and an outlet for creativity. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to each and every one of us.

Seventh Grade Team and Encore Teachers

Mr. Stemen

In Reading we will be starting the second unit from our new Amplify curriculum titled, "Brain Science." In this unit, students explore a series of narrative nonfiction and informational texts that expose the workings of the brain, ask them to reflect on what it means to be human, and allow them to consider how the development of their own brains during adolescence may impact their experiences and thinking. This unit supports students as they build awareness of their unique cognitive strengths and challenges, and of the ways in which they can exert control over their own learning. Students are also doing word study daily to practice using tools to figure out the meaning of unknown words. They are given study guides to go along with this daily, in class, work.

Mr. Markwood

In 7th grade science students will continue working on Earth Science for the second grading period. Students will be taking a look at what makes our atmosphere and how it changes. Class

will also look at how weather changes within our atmosphere. What causes all the changes and why events take place. Finally, students connect the patterns and locations of the Earth, moon and sun to help explain why certain things happen here on Earth.

Ms. Forsythe

Our focus in ELA during the second quarter will be moving forward in our new Amplify Program. We will be uncovering the unit, "Poetry & Poe". Students will dive into poems from D. H. Lawrence, Emily Dickinson, Edgar Allen Poe and many more to "Read Like a Movie Director" and capture the essence and key details of original work from these amazing authors. Students will build "confidence that comes when (they) learn that they can make sense of complex 19th-century texts". This indeed is a powerful force for their future as readers. This quarter will leave our students in awe as they become acquainted with these vocabulary-rich texts.

Mr. Smith

For the second quarter of the year, the 7th grade students will be learning about the Ancient Romans. While our primary learning focus will be on the lasting impression ancient Rome left on the contemporary United States, your children will learn about the rise and fall of the Roman Empire, their major innovations, the rise of Christianity and development of architecture. Learning will take place through a variety of mediums including, but not limited to: the Ancient Rome iNotebook, reading passages, primary sources, videos, and research.

Mr. Burke

The 2nd quarter students in 7th grade math will be working on Ratios and Proportions along with positive and negative fractions and decimals. Hopefully all of our extra work in Zearn will pay off. From there we will move into percents. We will use proportions to find percent increase and decrease and simple interest. This will allow students to see how products in the real world are marked up and how to figure the sale price of items. In the Adv. Math class students will be working on order of operations, writing and solving algebraic expressions and equations, graphing equations, and finding slope. My favorite topics!

Mr. Boucher

During the 2nd Quarter in P.E. We will continue to cover the rest of our Ohio Department of Education Physical Education Standards. During this quarter we will complete units such as; Fitness Units, Softball, Team Handball, Ultimate Frisbee, Floor Hockey, Soccer, and Boccerball. Please remind your students that participation is a very large part of their grade and to finish the semester strong.

Mrs. Leitnaker

The 2nd quarter students in 7th grade health will begin the topic of Making Healthy Decisions. Students will be learning about the Six Steps of the Decision Making Process along with being able to analyze and evaluate decision outcomes. Students will also be covering the topics of

Character Development, Emotions, Tobacco/Alcohol and Opioid Drug Prevention, Safety, and Conflict Management.

Ms. Henderly

I have an exciting quarter planned for students in 7th Grade Art. We are using a variety of mediums this quarter. We will be working three dimensionally with clay after Thanksgiving and then moving on to printmaking and mixed media projects before the quarter ends. Students are keeping a digital portfolio of their work and will be bringing home their projects at the end of the quarter!

Mrs. Phillips

In 7th grade Career Exploration, students have been engaged in a book study of *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens*, learning important life skills for personal growth. They are also working through assignments in XELLO, our online college and career planning platform, exploring their interests and future career possibilities. Recently, students began a Career Focus Project, where they research a profession of their choice and dive deeper into what it entails. As the class progresses, students will continue to develop essential skills like communication, leadership, and teamwork to prepare for their future careers. These activities aim to help students build a strong foundation for success in both school and life. I am excited to see their growth and enthusiasm!

Mr. Gregory

Students are making great strides through the 1st quarter of the year. We are successfully preparing for a Christmas concert as well as getting extremely comfortable with warm-ups. The second quarter will consist of our first concert of the year (Christmas Concert), and starting Musical Auditions for Shrek for kids that want to be a part of it this year.

Mr. Kitchen

We had a great first quarter! We are going to continue expanding on all aspects of playing that we have been working on (intonation, tone quality, breath support, etc), while also preparing new repertoire for our spring concert.

I will also encourage you to perform a solo or ensemble at OMEA Solo and Ensemble, where you can showcase your talent and musicianship! We continue to have bi-weekly playing checks to monitor your progress as we move through to rest of the year. The progress you all have made on your instruments has been incredible and I am so excited to continue that trend!

Mrs. McCoy

7th grade STEAM students have been practicing the Engineering Design Process by creating foil boats and pixel art paper chain wall murals. These projects have strengthened their planning, iterating, communication, and collaboration skills. Over the course of the next nine weeks, students will be creating animations, learning about simple machines and how the technologies have improved over time, and they will be working with Sphero LittleBit snap circuits!

Mrs. Miller (Math Lab and Personal Finance)

7th Grade Math Lab- We are making great strides in closing the gaps in Math. We have been spending time on probability and will then move into a unit on Statistics. We are reinforcing the skills that Mr. Burke is doing in his class. We also will be working on many math skills through several websites that include APEX, success maker, zearn, and prodigy.

7th Grade Personal Finance-

In finance classes we have looked at the history of money, bartering for things we need vs. things we want. We are now working on sales, discounts, reading what is on a receipt, banking: how to write a check, keep a balance register, reconciliations with bank statements, savings accounts and budgeting and the lovely taxes. The students have been very engaged and learning lots of life skills.

Mrs. Miller (Wellness)

We have made it through reviewing some 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 did vision boards as a project, since this is an elective class in 7th Grade. We will be looking at time management, organization, mindset and ways to get along with difficult people the 2nd quarter.

Mr. Sullivan (Human Geography)

7th Grade Human Geography students have done a wonderful job this first quarter! We began the year by studying our own culture and are learning more and more about one another everyday. We are currently the effects of agriculture and food in our world today. How important farming and ranching is to our human geography. Can't wait to finish out this first semester with them and welcome another class starting next semester.

Clubs

Leo Club

Students will be working on three big projects in the coming months:

- Collecting used eyeglasses to donate to the National Lions Clubs. This will be an on-going project through the year.
- Month of November: Collecting items for veterans to donate to a selected cause.
- Month of December: Candy Grams for the holiday. Will be sold during lunch to be handed out before Christmas break.

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

Time: After school until 4:00 PM

Where: Room 203 with Ms. Henderly

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

Power of the Pen

Rushville Middle School is again pleased to offer the Power of the Pen Writing Club. It was founded in the '80s to give creative writers an outlet and a competition where they can put their skills to the test against other writers, and win recognition and awards for those skills.

Congratulations to our new members of our 7th grade team: Pearl Baker, Addyson Borah, Korbin Cook, Emily Fink, Rylee Meyer, Bentley Milam, Rylee Montgomery, Naomi Morris, Layla Paxton, Ava Russell, PJ Westenbarger

District: Saturday, February 8, 2025 Licking Heights (all writers)

Regional: Friday, March 7, 2025 Ohio University- Lancaster (those chosen to continue based on the District Results)

State: TBD (those chosen to continue based on Regional Results)

Robotics Club

Robotics Club for 7th & 8th grade → be on the lookout for more information COMING SOON!