



Fairfield Union Local School District

Rushville Middle School

2nd Quarter Newsletter

News from our School Secretary, Mrs. Hochradel:

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 make this year the best it can be!

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

Leo Club:

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

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



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 8th grade team: Addysen Arnold, Jordyn Hanna, Alexandria Lang, Alaina Leonard, Kate Springer, Charleigh Squires, Ella Truax, Mia West

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!

8th Grade Teacher News:

Mrs. Gatton

As we begin the second quarter, we will continue to work through the reading standards using our Amplify curriculum. While working through our unit entitled "Liberality and Equality," I have been impressed with student insights, empathy, and criticisms of the treatment of people in our early history. I am looking forward to continued discussions and comparisons that we will find on our reading journey. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me: deboragatton@afe.fairfieldunion.org or 740-536-7249.

Mrs. Thomas

Our 8th-grade science class is about to dive into the world of Earth's changing surface. We'll be exploring geological processes, like weathering, erosion, and erosion. Through fun lessons and activities, our students will develop a deeper understanding of the natural forces that have sculpted our planet over millions of years. Please follow Room 109 on Facebook (Mrs. Thomas' Class), Instagram (mrs.thomas_science), and/or Twitter (Mrs. Thomas' Class - @MamaT_rms).

Miss Diehl

8th grade ELA classes have wrapped up the first unit in Amplify by completing our first essay of the year! As we move into the second quarter, we will be starting unit two where students will read Gris Grimly's graphic novel adaptation Frankenstein by Mary Shelly.

Mr. Miller

Our focus is on American history from colonization through the Civil War and reconstruction (1492-1870). Though the focus of the class is history, we are not limiting our discussions and our learning to past events. This class will also be used to understand and discuss current events happening in our community, our country and around the world. I look forward to another exciting quarter of questions, activities and discussions with you all that makes us who we are as a country.

Mrs. Young

The 2nd quarter students in 8th grade math will be starting to graph linear equations and work with functions. The algebra students will be working with functions also. They will be learning about linear and nonlinear

functions. We will be playing “linear equations spoons” in both classes this nine weeks along with some other math games. If your child is falling behind on some topics, please remind them that they are welcome to stay after school for math help. Please encourage your child to complete weekly delta math assignments.

Mrs. Grubb

Let’s keep this excitement going. Bring on Q2! Most of you know my name is Mrs. Grubb and I’m in room 116. I am the 8th-grade Intervention Specialist and Reading/ELA Resource teacher. Whether you're struggling with a particular subject or need extra support, I am here to help you succeed. If you have any questions or need assistance, don't hesitate to contact me. :-)

Mr. Stephenson

Hey everyone! I’m an Intervention Specialist and will be in several classrooms throughout the day teaching and helping students.

Mrs. Leitnaker

The 2nd quarter students in 8th 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.

Mrs. Miller

In Wellness for the Second Quarter, we will be starting the quarter off by learning about “Famous Failures.” Students were each assigned a famous person who failed early on in life, but persevered to become famous and reach and surpass their personal goals. These people help us to recognize that we can embrace obstacles and even look at obstacles as opportunities for growth. We will focus on respect for others, especially in light of disagreements and differences. We will learn about social skills and how to be an active listener and how these components can lead to healthier relationships.

Mr. Boucher-

Our focus this year will be learning and developing skills to improve and enhance our overall level of fitness. We will be participating in a variety of sports and activities for health, enjoyment, challenge, self expression and social interaction.

Mrs. Henderly

I have an exciting quarter planned for students in 8th Grade Art. We are exploring color theory through watercolor and tempera. We will also be working three dimensionally with clay after Thanksgiving and then moving on to printmaking and mixed media projects before the quarter ends. Students will be bringing home their projects at the end of the quarter!

Mrs. Phillips- Students completed personal inventories to determine their likes and dislikes, favorite subjects and how those subjects connect to possible future careers. They focused on updating their XELLO (online career portfolio) profile as they will work through lessons such as: Determining their Skills, Exploring Career Matches, Self-Advocacy and Making the Transition to High School this quarter. Students will also be focusing on creating a cover letter, resume, and reference sheet. This quarter will also incorporate topics of learning such as teamwork, leadership, appearance and hygiene, and communications. We will also be having a K-12 Career Services Specialist with the Eastland-Fairfield Career Center coming in to spend time in our class to educate the students about the various areas such as STEM, Construction, Cosmetology, Engineering, and Sports Medicine. All students in 8th grade will be visiting the career center in December for a field trip.

Mr. Gregory-

Learning to focus with 2 grades together will hopefully increase our sound and cooperation skills with one another. For this year in choir we will cover how to sing in 3 part harmony, how to start navigating voice changes, how to read more difficult rhythms and melodies, and start to learn “Solfege” (a system used for reading music) . We will have 3 concerts

this year and one trip. There will be a couple singing tests to monitor your progress throughout the year to make sure we are growing.

Mr. Kitchen-

This year is off to a fantastic start! 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 the 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-

Currently, students in 8th grade Multimedia are learning about graphic design as they create a slideshow with school related news that is displayed in the cafeteria, and they have been creating posters and flyers for teachers and school events. Students in Robotics spent the first quarter learning how to program EVO the Ozobot and they worked in teams to create an original game using color codes and block codes. In the coming weeks students will be creating animations and digital art, and they will be learning more about how robots impact the world as they learn to program the EV3 Mindstorm robot!

Mrs. Miller- (Math Lab and Finance)

We have had a great start to the year and it is going by so quickly. If you are in Math Lab we will be working through scientific notation, exponents rules, and linear equations. As we did during the 1st Quarter, we will be using manipulatives, playing games, and small group activities. The students are working hard to understand these concepts and I am very proud of them.

If you are joining me for personal finance, we are working in the exciting world of investing. We will be playing the stock market and learning about bonds, and diversification of investments. We are having a great time learning about our financial world!

Mr. Sullivan-

The 1st quarter has flown by so fast and what a start we had in Human Geography. We capped the 1st quarter off by the students "creating your own colony" project. For the lucky students of the Magnolia Colony they were the winners as voted on by the school. They will be receiving Raising Canes for lunch the week before Thanksgiving break.