

# Mustang News



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## Little Chute Intermediate/Middle School

JAN 2019

The school year is officially half over. The teachers are finishing up final Term 2 grades and once those are complete, we will send a message to parents to let you know the Infinite Campus Parent Portal has been turned back on. Parents, please remember to check your child's grades in IC often and discuss with your child the importance of reassessing in standards where they have not scored a 3. It is very important that students develop this habit at the middle school level so it carries over to high school. Teachers are available to help students before school and also after school so encourage your child to see their teachers if they have questions or if additional help is needed.

As a reminder, our library is open every day until 4:00. Students are welcome to use the library to complete homework, work on group projects or just enjoy the beautiful facility and read a book. All students in grades 5-8 are expected to leave the building at 4:00 unless they are working with a teacher or are involved in an after school activity.

In February there will be a parent presentation entitled "*Innocence Sold*" which brings awareness to the potential risks of Human Trafficking that ALL of our children can face. Our **7th and 8th grade students, (no presentations at 5th or 6th grade)** will have similar presentations in their health classes in late February/early March so we are planning an evening program for parents and community members prior to student presentations. This program is meant to educate parents and community members on the warning signs of potential victims and perpetrators. **The evening program will be held on Wednesday, February 20th from 6:30-8:00 PM in the High School Auditorium.** All grade level parents (K-12) and community members are encouraged to attend. The event is free to all. Additional information will be coming home and you can also see our Counselor Corner page in this newsletter for more information.

And finally.....don't forget, we have 5th and 6th grade PT Conferences on February 12 and 19th and conferences for grades 7-12 will be held on February 27th. Signup information for IS Conferences will be sent home and MS Conferences will again be held in the field house.

Think Spring!!

**Science:** We are on our last weather of the weather elements, namely air moisture. We will soon begin research into extreme weather.

**Social Studies:** The colonial unit is continuing. The students are researching the three different regions of our early country that were settled by various Europeans. They are learning about the colonists' day to day activities, as well as how the geography of the land directly influenced those lifestyles.

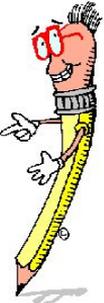
**Reading:** Fifth graders have spent the last few weeks studying the theme of fiction books. We have discussed how authors often want us to learn a life lesson from their book. We've worked on making inferences and supporting those inferences with text evidence. We will continue our fiction unit by starting new book clubs soon! Remember to get in those reading minutes at home and record them on your reading log!



# Grade 5 News

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**Writing:** We just finished up our Argumentative Writing Unit. We are so proud of how hard the students have been working to convince their audience of their viewpoint. Our next unit will be informational writing!



**Math:** We are wrapping up the unit on multiplying and dividing fractions, which was quite rigorous! 5th graders will begin the next unit on multiplying and dividing whole numbers and decimals. The basic facts are a must and students should be practicing nightly with the program called Xtra Math!



# Grade 6 News

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**ELA-** In ELA we have been reading informational articles focused on a specific topic. As students read the articles they will write summaries and determining the central idea for the article. Students will then research these topics further to write an informational magazine article.

**Homework** - Read 30 minutes a night.

**Social Studies** - 6th grade learners are wrapping up a unit focused on the Roaring Twenties and the Great Depression. We have studied topics including prohibition, the Stock Market Crash of 1929, the Dust Bowl, and the impact of the Great Depression on American families. Our next unit will be focused on World War II.

**Science** - In Science, we will be building off of our study of minerals, rocks, and fossils with our unit on Plate Tectonics. Students will learn about the structure of the Earth and the forces that reshape the crust of our planet. The hands-on activities in this unit will be fun ways for students to demonstrate their learning.

**Math** - We are part way through chapter six and have been exploring how to divide fractions. Ask your child if they can rap the “KEEP, CHANGE, FLIP” song for you! Next, we are moving into algebra. Your child will be using algebra tiles to show how to find area and perimeter, as well as create algebraic expressions.

**Math help** - Please look at the math resource page in the newsletter. Also, all students know that they can get extra help before school, during lunch or recess, as well as after school. We are available to help!



**Social Studies** - In our second semester, students will study a wide range of topics, many of which will be completely new to them. We will begin by finishing our economics unit, with a section focusing on marketing and consumerism. Upon the conclusion of our economics unit we will begin studying history, specifically historiography or the study of how others have studied history in the past. We will put an emphasis on Black History Month (Feb.) and students will be exposed to various important cultural, historical figures.

**Science:** Do you have Freckles? Dimples? Allergies? The traits that make us unique are fascinating, and make for a great unit of study. To start the second semester, students will be exploring genetics and the basics of heritable traits. This is a great time to be talking to your kids about any interesting family history you may have. Genetics will continue into February where students will be exploring the debate around genetic engineering.

Any questions? Email me at:

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# Grade 8 News

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**Math:** We are just finishing up a unit on solving systems of equations both graphically and using the Equal Values Method. Our next unit is one of my favorites on transformations. Students will learn how to translate, reflect, rotate and dilate figures on a coordinate plane. Most students usually find a lot of success in the upcoming unit!

**English Language Arts-** Students are working hard on their Literary Essays continuing from Term 2, into Term 3. This essay will be worth three grades from Term 3, so please ask your child about their progress nightly, as there are new parts to the essay introduced every day. As this essay is completed and, in turn, graded, please then check your child's grade. All standards that your child received a 1 or a 2 on, I would strongly suggest they reassess. Students may reassess up to two weeks after they receive their essays back. Thank you!

## Math Resource Links Grades 6-8

**Grade 6 Math**

Parent Guide with extra practice:  
<http://cpm.org/cc1-parent-guide>

Homework Help:  
<https://homework.cpm.org/cpm-homework/homework/category/CC/textbook/CC1>

Student access to online textbook:  
[https://sso.cpm.org/?redirect\\_uri=https%3A%2F%2Fbooks.cpm.org%2Fssologin.php](https://sso.cpm.org/?redirect_uri=https%3A%2F%2Fbooks.cpm.org%2Fssologin.php)  
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**Grade 7 Math**

Parent Guide with extra practice:  
<http://cpm.org/cc2-table-of-contents>

Homework Help:  
<https://homework.cpm.org/cpm-homework/homework/category/CC/textbook/CC2>

Student access to online textbook:  
[https://sso.cpm.org/?redirect\\_uri=https%3A%2F%2Fbooks.cpm.org%2Fssologin.php](https://sso.cpm.org/?redirect_uri=https%3A%2F%2Fbooks.cpm.org%2Fssologin.php)  
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**Grade 8 Math**

Parent Guide with extra practice:  
<http://cpm.org/cc3-parent-guide>

Homework Help:  
<https://homework.cpm.org/cpm-homework/homework/category/CC/textbook/CC3>

Student access to online textbook:  
[https://sso.cpm.org/?redirect\\_uri=https%3A%2F%2Fbooks.cpm.org%2Fssologin.php](https://sso.cpm.org/?redirect_uri=https%3A%2F%2Fbooks.cpm.org%2Fssologin.php)  
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# LCASD SOCIAL MEDIA

Check out all our social media to keep up on all the amazing things our students are up to!

Make sure you are keeping your contact information up to date as well. We use email as our primary form of communication. Log in to your parent portal at anytime to make changes/updates



**ATTENTION MUSTANG  
PARENTS, STUDENTS, FRIENDS & FAMILY!**



**#LCSTANGS**

**Follow us on our all new  
district social media pages!**

**Facebook: [www.facebook.com/lcasmustangs](http://www.facebook.com/lcasmustangs)**

**Twitter: @LCMustangs**

**Instagram: LCMustangs**

“This would never happen in the Fox Valley area?” WRONG!!!!



Human/Sex Trafficking is a growing issue in our country, our state and even in this community. Human trafficking is the trade of humans for the purpose of forced labor, sexual slavery, or commercial sexual exploitation. The average age of victims is 11-14 years old. Appleton has been ranked in the top 3 cities in WI for trafficking activity.

The Little Chute Area School District **is taking action** to protect our families through awareness and education!!!

On **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20th at 6:30pm** a representative from the 5 Stones Organization will be presenting on the growing issue of Human Trafficking in the Fox Valley and showing their program, entitled “*Innocence Sold*” in the high school auditorium.

Due to the sensitive nature of the topic, we are planning this evening program for parents and community members prior to student presentations. This program is meant to educate parents and community members on the warning signs of potential victims and perpetrators. **All grade level parents (K-12) and community members are encouraged to attend. The event is FREE to all.**

Student presentations for grades 9-12 will be Wednesday, February 27th. The 7th and 8th grade student presentations will be Thursday, February 28th and Friday, March 1st.

Websites: <http://5-stones.org/>

“HUMAN TRAFFICKING=MODERN DAY SLAVERY”

<http://slavefreemadison.org/>

“sex trafficking is the fastest growing illegal activity next to the sale of drugs”

Mrs. Schmidt  
School Counselor  
Grades 5-8



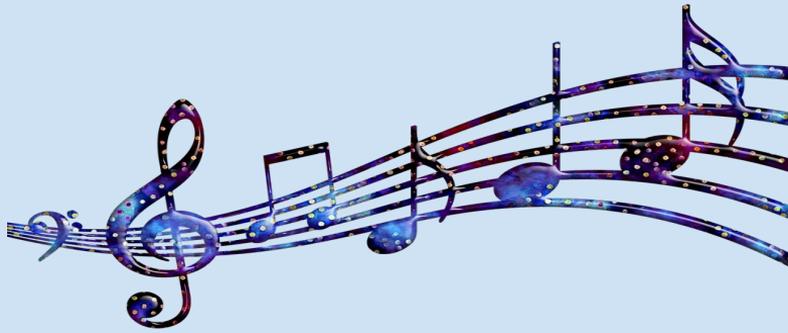
[It is time to schedule your 8th Grader's ACP Conference with the School Counselor, Mrs. Schmidt!](#)

Ms. Schmidt  
School Counselor  
Grades 5-8



- These conferences are **unlike traditional parent/teacher conferences**. Along with parents, the school counselor and the student will focus on the student's personal and social growth, his or her educational and career development, and school transition plan. Emphasis is placed on talents, abilities, interests, career exploration, training/college, and life as a **9<sup>th</sup> grader**. ACP Conferences are specifically designed for parents/guardians to gain insight into their child's development, and to collaboratively create positive goals for their future. Academic and Career Planning Conferences typically last about 30 minutes and take place during various times throughout the school day.
- Please call Lynn VanderPas in Pupil Services (920)788-7613 to schedule your conference or to ask any questions you might have.

**Builders Club Members** - we will be making blankets from 3:30-4:30pm on Monday, Feb. 25th. Blankets will be donated to Children's Hospital, Harbor House and Homeless Shelters.



# Music Department News

7/8th grade Band:

Solo Ensemble at Wrightstown on Saturday, March 2nd. The Woodwinds, Brass and Percussion have been working on an ensemble for the day. LCMS Jazz Band will also be performing. Stay tuned for more information in the upcoming weeks.

# Academic Excellence winners

# Positive Student winners

## 5th Grade

Mady Smith  
Addie Hoefler  
Ian Keiler  
Elijah Driessen

## 6th Grade

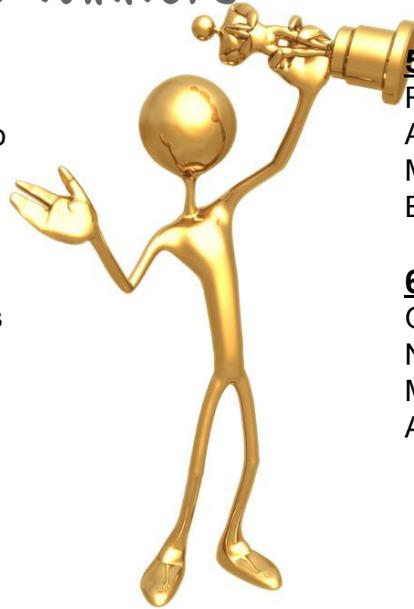
Adelle Rezabeck  
Ethan Lendved  
  
Dane Kruckeberg

## 7th Grade

Taya Hietpas  
Giselle Delgado  
Elliot Smocke  
Kailee Sokol

## 8th Grade

Connor Hietpas  
Will Habeck  
Lexie Hermsen  
Will Bakken



## 5th Grade

Renee Jimenez  
Anna Zuege  
Miranda Kirchner  
Elliana Martin

## 6th Grade

Gloria Braeger  
Natilie Purdy  
Maya VanSchyndel  
Alivyah Rollins

## 7th Grade

Angie Rodriguez  
Cali Stern  
Brooke Gloudemans  
Addi Daelke  
Poeta Seefeldt  
Charli Meixl  
McKenzie Schmieder

## 8th Grade

Riley Schultz  
Abby Robbins  
Caleb Kliner  
Arri Kehl

# what's Coming Up at LCIMS??

## February

- 1 Ski Club
- 2 Wrestling Invitational @ Pulaski  
Honors Band/Choir
- 3 Speed Training
- 5 Wrestling @ Peshtigo
- 6 Group Photo day for IS/MS yearbook
- 7 GBB @ Seymour
- 9 Forensics Meet @ Kimberly
- 10 Speed Training
- 12 Intermediate School Parent Teacher Conferences (Day 1)  
GBB @ Freedom  
Wrestling @ Greenville MS (vs Hortonville)
- 14 Ski Club
- 15 No School
- 18 Wrestling @ Riverside Elem. (FDL)+
- 21 Intermediate School Parent Teacher Conferences (Day 2)
- 25 Wrestling Conference Tournament @ Freedom HS  
Builders Club Making Tie Blankets
- 27 7-12 Parent Teacher Conferences 4-7:30pm  
Sex Trafficking Parent Presentation
- 28 Wrestling @ Gillett