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Little Chute Intermediate/Middle School

Nov. 2018

WELCOME TO DECEMBER!!

Thank you for your patience as we worked through some reporting issues for standards based grading and Infinite Campus. The parent portal is now turned back on so you can check 1st term grades and monitor your child's progress throughout 2nd term. As you look at the different standards in classes, please remind your child that they should talk to teachers about reassessing a standard if they did not score a 3 in that standard. On December 12, we have 7th and 8th grade parent teacher conferences and at 6:00 that evening we will have a parent information session to talk more about SBG. The meeting will be held in the auditorium.

Recently an email message was sent to parents to remind them to check preferences in Infinite Campus to receive winter weather closing/delay messages. Parents, please make sure you look at this information soon as winter weather is coming, whether we want it to or not. At the middle school level, if school is cancelled, so are all after school activities, even if the weather improves.

8th grade parents, please put January 7th on your calendar for Preview Night. That day 8th grade students will be learning more about LCHS and LCCPA that day and important information will be shared with parents that evening. More details will be sent to 8th grade parents in the next couple of weeks so please watch for that information.

The month of December is always busy and seems to go by quickly. I hope all of you enjoy the time you share with your family and friends during this holiday season.

Lori VanHandel

Science: 5th graders are continuing our weather unit by exploring the four elements of weather; temperature, pressure, wind and air moisture. We will soon be tackling the culminating activity by pulling together everything we've learned, to research storms.

Social Studies: We began studying the different European explorers who traveled the world in search of a sea route to Asia. We are learning about their reasons for travel, the dangers they encountered along the way, and their many discoveries, both planned and unplanned. We just finished researching the different spices from around the world with many of the students bringing in food made with the spice they researched.

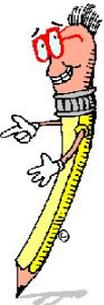
Reading: We recently finished our fiction book partnerships and they were awesome! The students did a great job reading their fiction books and working with their partners to discuss the characters' traits and motivations. Our next reading unit focuses on writing about reading. Students will be asked to respond to the books they are reading through written responses. Soon, the students will also start book clubs!



Grade 5 News

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Writing: We have officially started our argumentative writing unit! In this unit, students will research both sides of an issue, decide which side they want to support, and write an essay including evidence that proves their thinking. We can't wait to read the students' final arguments!



Math: 5th graders are finishing Unit 2 and learning how to add and subtract decimals and will soon start multiplying fractions. We continue to practice word problems and explaining our thinking, which is challenging for most students. Mastering the basic math facts is a must and nightly practicing does help!



Grade 6 News

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ELA-

We are currently in the middle of our deep study of character unit. We have been working on analyzing how a character's choices impact the plot of a story. In the next few weeks, we will be looking at how the setting and theme of a story impact the characters.

Homework - Read 30 minutes a night.

Social Studies - 6th graders are continuing a unit on World War I. Learners will begin to study the causes of World War I and the key leaders during this time using QR codes. As we move through the unit, learners will study the use of propaganda during wartime, trench warfare, and how life at home was affected by the war. Learners will also partake in a virtual reality experience to see the technology used during World War I.

Science - Learners have completed our introduction to Earth Science unit. Next, we will be learning all about rocks and minerals. Can your child tell you the three main types of rocks and how they are formed?

During this unit, everyone will have the opportunity to participate in a virtual field trip to see amazing rocks and gems too!

Math - Sixth graders recently completed chapter three in our curriculum and have now been assessed on three essential standards. Our next unit covers variables and expressions. During this unit, learners will participate in a fun activity where they complete an enlargement drawing as a class. Ask your child about the "mystery mascot" after we complete this section! Make sure your child is checking their work on the independent practice (homework) regularly.

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!

Grade 7 News

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Math - Students are starting a unit on proportional relationships and will be using indirect measurement to find corresponding parts. They will be designing their own lot given dimensions of their home, creating a scale drawing and drafting their backyard. Please be sure that your child has a scientific calculator, a graphing notebook and other supplies needed for math class.

Social Studies-

In Social Studies we are finishing up our unit on the Constitution and next we will be exploring the exciting world of the amendments to the Constitution. We will spend a lot of time covering the Bill of Rights with a strong focus on the first amendment. We will also explore some of the other key amendments that were ratified after the Bill of Rights.

ELA - Our 7th graders are in full argumentative writing mode. We have spent some time researching, debating, and writing about youth competitive sports and now are shifting gears to choosing our own topics. The students have been learning the important life skills of weighing both sides of an issue before taking a stance, defending claims with evidence, and actively and respectfully listening to opposing views.



Science- Mrs. Koehnke

Atoms, molecules and the periodic table are the focus of our studies in science this term. Students will be making 3D models of an atom and researching elements from the periodic table. Students may need to bring some materials from home to make their models creative and unique! I am starting to see some missing school supplies so please check in with your student to see if they need anything. As always, contact me with any questions. Happy Holidays!

Social Studies - As we continue to learn in our political science unit, students are focusing on political parties and the political spectrum. Students are exploring their own personal beliefs and learning about the process for voting. We are creating conscious citizens in 8th grade! Upon the conclusion of our poli sci unit, we will be researching cultural celebrations for countries of the world during the holiday season. Students will select a country, conduct research and present on the differences in our holiday celebrations during this season. Awesome things happening in 8th grade!

Science: Learners have just about wrapped up the Cell Unit. Towards the end of the month, students created cell models. Overall this was a fun and creative way for students to display their understanding of cell structures and functions. In the upcoming month, students will build upon their understanding of cells and learn about tissues, organs, and organ systems. We will be looking at the Integumentary, Skeletal, and Muscular System all before winter break.

Any questions? Email me at:
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Grade 8 News

HOME

Math: We have started working with the 3rd standard this quarter dealing with functions. We are also solving some multi-step equations. Students started solving them with algebra tiles and have used those strategies to solve them without the tiles. In the next unit, we will continue to look for connections between patterns, tables, graphs, and rules. (multiple representations).

English Language Arts- I must apologize in advance, as our next unit is all about the art of Argument! Students will learn about the different parts of an argument and apply those skills to crime scenes, town hall meetings, and courtrooms. The 1960 Pulitzer Prize winning novel, *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee, will also be examined and analyzed. *"Remember it's a sin to kill a mockingbird." That was the only time I ever heard Atticus say it was a sin to do something, and I asked Miss Maudie about it. "Your father's right," she said. "Mockingbirds don't do one thing but make music for us to enjoy . . . but sing their hearts out for us. That's why it's a sin to kill a mockingbird."*

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%2Febooks.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%2Febooks.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%2Febooks.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

Twitter: @LCMustangs

Instagram: LCMustangs

Guidance Lessons:

6th Grade - The Gift of Giving - This lesson focused on how the cost of something is far less important than the thought and effort put into a gift.

7th Grade - Manners Matter - This lesson focused on The Top 10 Rules of Common Courtesy and why good manners are so important.

1. Show respect with words and actions
2. Apologize - own up to your mistakes
3. Respect others' property
4. If you change plans, let others know
5. If you refuse an invite - be kind about it
6. Never say "shut up"
7. Table Manners
8. Never interrupt a conversation
9. Respect others' needs while in public
10. Be Polite to Adults-especially elders

8th Grade - It's time to start talking "ACP" - Academic and Career Planning. In January, we will start holding 8th grade ACP conferences. These conferences are the perfect way to transition your child into high school and get them thinking about their future. Please watch for a [letter coming home](#) giving you information on how to sign up for these required conferences. (These are different from normal parent/teacher conferences.)



6th Grade Winners of the Natural High Contest were.....Isabel Lamia, Emily Jack, Addisen Harper, and Aubrey Knutson.

These amazing young ladies created either a poster, essay or video demonstrating what their natural high is. When we follow our passion in life, it creates a "high on life" feeling that we hope all will discover for themselves.



Mrs. Schmidt
School Counselor
Grades 5-8



For the first time ever....Little Chute Middle School has created a Sources of Strength Group in LC. I'm very proud to introduce you to the 2018-2019 student members:

Allen, Emily

Baumgart, Jacob

Beahm, Brooke

Blackmer, Damien

Burns, Kylah

Dawley, Trevor

Dorsey, Nadia

Fink, Tyler

Guerden, Jake

Harke, Lily

Hoppe, Autumn

Keiler, Rory

Kilgas, Wyatt

Maass, Logan

Muniz, Enrique

Retchko, Aundrea

Rollins, Madison

Schneider, McKenzie

Schultz, Riley

Theobald, Hailey

Verbeten, Mitchell

Wilber, Zak

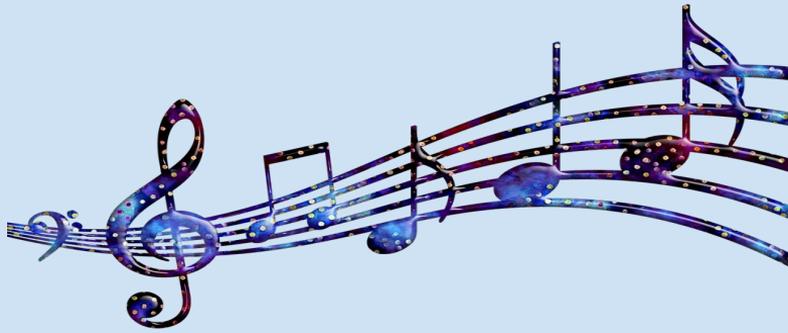
Wildenberg, Liam

Zwiers, Jacob

Sources of Strength is a group that helps each of us discover our own strengths. It is an empowering approach to develop resilient youth by focusing on what we do have vs. what we don't have. Our first big theme was: **GRATITUDE**. Every student wrote down what they are grateful for and then posted it up in the shape of a turkey. What a great representation of how much we are all blessed with.

Ms. Schmidt
School Counselor
Grades 5-8





Music Department News

December 10th- 5-8 Choir Concert, 6:00 pm in the Auditorium
Meet in the choir room to warm up at 5:30 pm

December 17th- 6-8 Band Concert, 6:00 pm in the Auditorium
Meet in the band room to warm up at 5:30 pm

Concert Attire for Band and Choir concerts: Band shirt, black dress pants, black socks and black shoes. Girls are allowed to wear black flats.

Academic Excellence winners

Positive Student winners

5th Grade

Aron Obannon
Cameron Van Rossum
Gavin Mcinnis
Jaiden Knapp

6th Grade

Dawson Roseman
Danica Pfrang
Silas Alcalá
Hadley Rettke

7th Grade

Gracie Hank
Ryann Pomeroy
Griffin VandenHeuvel
Cory Stancer

8th Grade

Rosie Ebben
Ethan O'Bannon
Jack Schroeder
Riley Schultz



5th Grade

Cal Van Rossum
Madisen Job
Addison Gast
Edward Blajeski

6th Grade

Mateo Ruiz
Emily Jack
Andi Manschot
Owen Doxtater

7th Grade

Jake Zwiars
Olivia Miller
Taya Hietpas
Cali Stern
Rory Keiler

Jakob Geurden
Brooke Gloudemans

8th Grade

Logan Archambault
Hillary Hietpas
Taylor Mars
Autumn Hoppe

what's Coming Up at LCIMS??

December

- 3 Ski Club money/permission slip due
- 4 7th BBB vs Seymour 4:15/5:15
8th BBB @ Seymour 4:15/5:15
- 5 MSAA meeting
- 6 7th BBB @ Freedom 4:15/5:15
8th BBB vs Freedom 4:15/5:15
- 10 LCIMS Band and Choir Concert
- 12 7-12 grade Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:30pm
- 16 BBB tournament @ Little Chute
- 17 GBB/Wrestling Parent meeting 5:30pm
- 21 7th/8th grade Holiday Dinner
- 24-28 No School
- 31 No School

January

- 1 No School
- 2 School resumes
MSAA meeting
- 7 8th grade shadow day at LCHS/LCCPA
8th grade parent preview night for LCHS/LCCPA