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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Season's Greetings!

As we prepare for our winter break, I want to take a moment to wish each of our families a joyous holiday season. I hope that this will be a time for us all to reconnect with our loved ones and to spend quality time with our children. It's also a perfect opportunity for students and teachers alike to get some well-deserved rest.

I invite your continued participation as a member of the Teague Middle School family. We hope that you will find your niche as a supporting member of School Advisory Council, PTSA, Boosters, or as a Dividend. We can use some support with our Winter Book Fair, and invite you to participate if you have the time and desire to do so. You can email me at connie_collins@scps.k12.fl.us fi you are available.

We also remind you that many resources are in place to support your student. Talk to them about good attendance, homework completion, and doing their best. Ask if they are taking advantage of after school tutoring. Encourage their participation in extracurricular activities. All of these things are likely to improve your student's grades and motivation. shows that parental involvement is a key component in student success.

We encourage you to check our website often. Please help us by ensuring that your contact information is up to date in Skyward. If it is not, please contact the guidance office. This will allow us to contact you immediately in the case of an emergency, or to facilitate scheduling a parent conference. The school calendar is updated frequently to represent school activities that support student interest. We frequently sent out Skyward Blasts, which come via the parent email accounts. We also employ our School Messenger system, which is automated calling to the phone numbers you have provided.

As always, if there are concerns regarding your student, don't hesitate to contact us. Finally, let us know if we can do more to support you and your student's achievement.

Thank you for the privilege of educating your child. It's our pleasure.

Respectfully, Connie E. Collins, Ed.D. Principal



Positive Behavior Support Mission Statement: To institutionalize a consistent positive culture supported by the school community where expectations are clearly identified, communicated, and understood for positive behavior and mutual respect.

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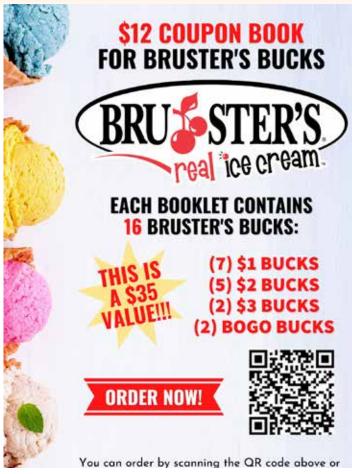
PTSA

Teague PTSA Outreach Committee is a new committee for Teague PTSA. Our goal is to work alongside our Faculty and Staff to assist all students at Teague. This fall we held a Drive Thru Hoodie Drive where we collected 60 hoodies from our community. Our faculty and staff have easy access to them for any student who may need one during the chilly months. Please visit the front office for more information or reach out to your school counselor. Next up for Outreach is our "Stock The Pantry" Food Drive in February. More information to come after winter break!

The Teague PTSA Outreach Committee is so excited to bring our community together through efforts to support our Teague students!

Tigers Care is a new program brought to Teague this year and a wonderful opportunity to give back. Tigers Care is a program geared toward understanding the needs of students, and their families who are in need of assistance. The Tigers Care volunteers work with the school social worker, counselors, and teachers to understand these needs, gather a wish list, and send that information out to others who are able to donate items to the wish list. If you are a family who can contribute to the needs of others or if you are a family in need of assistance, please scan the QR Code and it will take you to the google form to fill out. Contributors will be contacted by our Tigers Care Team via a welcome email with more information on how you can help.

- Families who need assistance will remain anonymous to the Tigers Care committee and to our contributors. Your personal information will only be shared with the school counselors.
- Tigers Care is run by Teague Community of Parent Volunteers; we are NOT a nonprofit organization.



PTSA has Bruster's coupon books for sale on memberhub for only \$12 / book which has a \$35 value. These would be great stocking stuffers!





PTSA Spirit Nights:

- January 12, 5-9 pm- Huey Magoo's
- February 9, 5-8 pm Fuzzy's Taco Shop
- March 9, 6-8 pm Bruster's



PTSA Fundraising:

- Bruster's Coupon Books- Purchase through Memberhub
- Papa John's Nifty Fifty Bucks-Mid-January purchase through Memberhub







ATTENDANCE AND TRUANCY

Consistently attending school is a key component to your student's educational success. When students regularly attend school, they are more engaged in learning and the campus' community.

Unchecked absences can lead to:

- Lower achievement levels and gaps in knowledge that may prove challenging to overcome.
- Lack of confidence and poor social/ emotional skills
- Lack of healthy relationships in the school setting

Be mindful that 5-, 10-, and 15-day letters are sent home as a student accumulates absences. The student's counselor as well as the school social worker will also email and call parent/guardian to address excessive absences. If a student has 15 or more unexcused absences in a 90-day period they are considered truant and interventions such as a referral to truancy court may be implemented. The student support team here at Teague would rather be proactive and engage with students and their families before a referral to truancy court is needed.

The following are examples of excusable absences: illness of the student with a doctor's note, medical appointment with a doctor's note, court appearance of the student, or death in the immediate family. Please provide documentation for absences the day your student returns to school. Excuse notes can be submitted to the front office. Please make every effort to communicate with school staff any time your student is absent.

Thank you for your part in your student's educational success!









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6TH GRADE SCIENCE

Happy New Year from the 6th grade Science team and welcome to the second semester! 6th grade students will now study the following units: 4- Earth's Interior, 5- Interaction of Spheres, 6- Beyond our World, and 7-Physics Box for the second semester. Upcoming labs include a candy bar geology lab, plate tectonics, gravity exploration activities, and two weeks of hands-on physics lab experiences.

Parents and guardians, please be sure your child has a pencil and their interactive science notebook daily. The pencil supply is running low and we may run out soon. Please ensure that your student is studying their unit vocabulary every night for at least 5 minutes. The continuous practice will help prepare them for their weekly vocab quizzes, unit assessments, and the last Quarterly Benchmark Assessment. There are links to premade Quizlets, which are a free resource, where students can study online. The links are posted on each teacher's eCampus.

A very fun field trip is coming up for all 6th grade students at Teague! We will be going to The Orlando Science Center! The field trip is not finalized, however, expect it to be in April. Please keep an eye out for more information to be sent home with your student.

7TH GRADE SCIENCE

Happy New Year from the 7th grade Science Team! As a quick recap, 7th graders spent the first semester digging deeper on concepts introduced in 6th grade, such as weathering and erosion, layers of the Earth, and how heat from the Sun interacts with water in our oceans and air molecules in the atmosphere to create our daily weather and long-term climate on Earth. For most students, semester two will be filled with brand new content covering the major structures and functions of plant and animal cells, cellular processes such as photosynthesis and cellular respiration, the structure of DNA and the inheritance of genetic information, an introduction to optics (Physics In A Box: Year 2), and wrapping up the year with a brief, but highly informative unit on Health (a letter with detailed information will be sent home after Spring Break).

Students can look forward to a wide variety of labs, including looking at plant and animal cells underneath a microscope, observing cellular processes in real time, extracting DNA from strawberries, and experimenting with different lenses to create their own telescopes and microscopes

Finally, keep an eye out for information regarding the 7th grade field trip to the Brevard Zoo taking place this coming February. It sure to be a great experience during one of the nicest months of the year.

8TH GRADE SCIENCE

Happy New Year from the 8th grade Science team! With the first semester behind us, 8th grade students will now study the following units: 4- Variation and Fossil Evidence, 5- Hierarchy of Organisms & 6- Homeostasis for the second semester. The focus will also be on preparing students for the Statewide Science Assessment (SSA) in May. Upcoming labs include a chocolate chip cookie fossil dig, bird beak adaptation lab and frog dissection.

Parents and guardians, please be sure your child has a pencil and their materials daily. The pencil supply is running low and we may run out soon. Please continue to check your child's Science notebook and discuss with them what they are learning in their class daily. 20 minutes of looking over/reviewing content daily will help your child with retaining the information they learned each week and prepare them for their weekly quiz on Fridays.

A very exciting field trip is coming up for all 8th grade students at Teague! On Friday, April 21,we will be going to SeaWorld! The cost will be \$57.00 per student (\$23 if the child has a SeaWorld Pass). More information will be sent out from your child's Science teacher this month. The cost for chaperones will be \$23.00 to cover the cost for transportation. Each chaperone will be responsible for a group of 10 students. If you are interested in being a chaperone on this trip, email Mrs. Holloway at dicecl@myscps.us and request information. It is sure to be a wonderful experience for everyone!

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7TH ACCELERATED MATH FOR 6TH GRADERS (PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS GEMS)

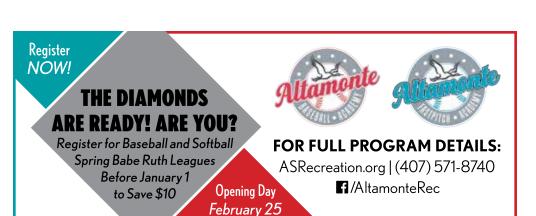
Happy Holidays families! The second quarter flew by! Students have mastered units covering benchmarks from 6th, 7th, and 8th grade material. We are finishing up units on Solving Multi-Step Problems with Proportional Relationships and will continue with proportional relationships into the second semester. Students collaborated with their peers and created an Integer Project using various display methods such as writing songs, making PowerPoint presentations, posters, etc. We will continue to progress through the benchmarks as we prepare for the 7th Accelerated FAST examination at the end of the year and prepare for Algebra Honors next school year. Stay up to date by checking the course calendar that is located on your student's eCampus page! If you have any questions, please reach out to Ms. Denslow via email denslosd@myscps.us.

6TH ACCELERATED/GIFTED MATH

Happy Holidays 6th Accelerated Families! We just finished Unit 5 on Ratios and Rates and will be introducing lessons on operations with Integers (negative numbers) before break. Beginning the second semester, we will begin Units 7 and 8 on Area, Surface Area, and Volume. Students in Ms. Denslow's Gifted/Accelerated sections collaborated with their peers and created a Rational Numbers project using various display methods such as writing songs, making PowerPoint presentations, posters, etc. We will continue to progress through the benchmarks as we prepare for the 6th Accelerated FAST examination at the end of the year and prepare for 7th Accelerated math next school year. Stay up to date by checking the course calendar located on your student's eCampus page. If you have any questions, please reach out to Ms. Denslow denslosd@myscps.us or Mr. Hester hestersr@myscps.us.

ALGEBRA

Students are doing well and progressing through the content. In the third quarter, we will concentrate on Quadratic, Expression, Equations and Functions. Please encourage your child to stay focused on their learning and to complete all assignments on time. Additional practice, such as homework, can bring stability to students' academic achievement. Additionally, please refer to Skyward and eCampus regularly to obtain information regarding grades, assignments, announcements, additional resources, and other important information about your child's Algebra I Honors class.



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ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Grade levels 6-8 ELA classes are diligently engaged in argumentative writing practice in preparation for the January Write Score writing assessment. Students will be practicing the art of arguing by analyzing a writing prompt, choosing a debatable position by supporting and defending claims with the inclusion of cited text evidence from sources. Furthermore, students will be prepared to defend their position by addressing alternate viewpoints by refuting these opposing stances in formal writing. All in all, it is the expectation for all students to craft a five-paragraph argumentative essay presented in a logical progression filled with an evidence-supported claim and the acknowledgement of an opposing opinion to fulfill the goal of persuading their reading to adopt their beliefs. Students will be well prepared for the upcoming assessment in January.

In addition to the January Write Score assessment, students will also be participating in the second of three Progress Monitoring assessments to gauge their grade-level proficiency of the benchmark skills in the areas of Reading, Vocabulary and Communication.

Please reinforce to students that homework is not the time for learning new material, but an opportunity to practice skills taught and reviewed in class. Change your perception of homework from being considered busy work, but rather, essential preparation toward student mastery of skills. Encourage your student to take homework seriously by setting aside ample time and the proper resources in order to complete.

STUDENT DISCOUNTS 10 to 30-minute Chair Massage Sessions! Prices Range \$15 - \$45 Same Bay appts! - Book online, call ahead, or just walk-in! We do Workplace & Events Too! Relax CHAIR RASSAGE SPOT www.relassirknet.com 407-790-7476 1897 Wekiva Spring Rd Longwood

INNOVATION

Innovation -The banners are finally up around the car rider line thanks to the Innovation 3 students. The banners are winners from last school year to educate the community on the importance of using water responsibly. The banners were created by Innovation 2 students last school year. Yes, students designed and created those amazing banners!

Innovation 1 is wrapping up their semester by learning about homelessness and poverty. Students are designing Tiny Home Communities as a way to combat homelessness and building models.

Innovation 2 just finished a unit on Energy of the Future and made s'mores with their class built solar ovens. Students faced the challenge by problem solving locations and angles of the oven lid to get the best angle to melt their chocolate and marshmallow. Now we move to designing and building our Future Cities.

Innovation 3 just finished a unit on structural engineering and bridge designs with coding of a robotic Sphero to drive over their bridge in the fictional town of Bridgeville. Students now move onto their final capstone: Passion Projects. Come join us Wednesday, December 14 afterschool in the Media Center to hear presentations of their projects. Stay tuned for more information.





INNOVATION 3 BRIDGE DESIGNS

THEATRE

Top Honor Team Pantomime

Teague's Jr. Thespian Troupe, 89527, took a total of 15 events (ranging from solo musical numbers, duet acting scenes, to improvisation and many more) to the District



2 Jr. Thespian Festival and earned 10 excellents, 5 superiors and one Top Honor Award for Small Group Pantomime (out of 14 schools, Troupe 89527 was chosen as the best from District 2). Many of these events qualified to move on to the State Festival!





8TH GRADE U.S. HISTORY

Happy New Year 2023 wishes to all students and their families from the 8th grade U.S. History teachers! We certainly hope that you and your family have a prosperous and memorable new year. Please stay healthy, happy, and safe.

During the 3rd Nine Weeks Grading Period, the students will be learning about the following topics: Starting A New Nation, Westward Expansion, Jacksonian Democracy, North and South, and Reform Movements. *All students will take the U.S. History Benchmark Standards Assessment at the end of the 3rd Nine Weeks grading period.*

Please note: Students can find the textbook online in the "CLEVER" Portal. <u>Students</u>, <u>please click on the purple "TCI" tile to access the online textbook</u> *because TCI is the name of the textbook publisher*.

ALL PRE-AP U.S. History students will be working on the "National History Day" project, which will be due early February 2023. This year's NHD theme is "FRONTIERS IN HISTORY." The website for students to use is www.nhd.org

ALL NHD PROJECTS WILL BE DUE EARLY FEBRUARY 2023 FOR PRE-AP U.S. HISTORY STUDENTS. Students have been given options by their teacher regarding which NHD project category they wish to complete. Most of the NHD project is to be completed at home whether you are working individually or working in a group. Please refer to the NHD website for the rules and rubrics for each project category. The website for students to use is www.nhd.org.

Most importantly, all 8th grade students will be registering for their high school schedule sometime in January 2023. **Parents—please review the schedule that your child creates for LBHS next year and please sign it! Students should turn in their LBHS Registration Forms in a timely manner. Thank you! ** IF your child will be attending another high school besides LBHS, the guidance counselors will be sure to help him or her register. The Teague Guidance Department can be reached at 407-320-1554.**

- JANUARY 16, 2023: MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY (NO SCHOOL)
- FEBRUARY 20, 2023: PRESIDENT'S DAY (NO SCHOOL)
- MARCH 13-17, 2023: SPRING BREAK (NO SCHOOL)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND SUPPORT! Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns: Mr. Klump (tom_klump@scps.k12.fl.us), Mr. King (dave_king @scps.k12.fl.us) and Ms. Manuel (melissa_manuel@scps.k12.fl.us)

WORLD HISTORY

We would like to welcome our newest teacher to the World History Department Mr. Bailes who joined us from Orange County Public Schools. Mr. Bailes is an experienced history teacher, a graduate of the University of Florida, and Lyman High School in Seminole County. Welcome Mr. Bailes, we are glad you have joined us!!!!

In our World History classes this past month we worked on our Document Based Question on Ancient China and the Great Wall of China. Students worked together on serval documents to determine if the building of the great wall was worth the cost. Students focused on using the BEST ELA standards that related to making inferences and selecting appropriate evidence from reading passages. Students used the skills they have learned in the or ELA class to produce their final product for the Document Based Questions. In the 3rd quarter we will complete another DBQ on the fall of the Roman Empire. During the 4th quarter we will continue to practice our students' writing skills by completing another DBQ on the fall of the Roman Empire.





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ATHLETICS

Congrats to the 2022 Varsity Boys Volleyball team for winning the Seminole County Middle School championships and going undefeated this season.



2023 SCPS TEAGUE TRACK AND FIELD

Track and Field is starting now. See Coach Moss, Coach Kennedy or Coach Lovitt for more information. You need a sports physical, \$50 sports fee and a 2.0 to join.

Track Schedule- Start time is approx 4:30

- January 18th Millenium at Teague
- January 25th Greenwood Lakes at Teague
- February 1st Teague at Sanford
- February 8th Markham Woods at Teague
- February 25th County Meet at Lake Mary High School 8am

CHORUS

ALL-STATE and ALL-COUNTY students.

ALL-STATE STUDENT LIST:

- Brice Bethea (All-State Mixed Choir)
- Anabella Cardwell (All-State Treble Choir)
- Jeremiah Camilo-Cruz (2nd Audition)
- Mattison Brennan (1st Audition)

ALL-COUNTY STUDENT LIST:

- Jillian Crenshaw
- Faye Elduff
- Chloe O'Connor
- Jillian Spitler
- Brice Bethea
- Jeremiah Camilo-Cruz
- Aaron Bentulan
- Brandon Lincoln