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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Parents, Friends, and Students of Teague Middle School,

Happy 2021! It is officially here! We are excited to begin the second semester of this unusual school year, and are thankful that despite a myriad of challenges, Teague Middle School still stands strong.

I want to welcome four of Teague's veteran teachers back to campus from our Save My Seat program. Please join me in cheering the return of: Mrs. Julie Kohler, ELA; Mr. Michael Bastian, Social Studies, Mrs. Kariann Rice, Science, and Ms. Tiffany Tsui, iSeries/Electives. We are thrilled that they are back on campus.

Also joining our staff this semester are: Ms. Zuraima Bravo, Math, from Winter Springs High School, Ms. Alicia Dowdy, Math, and Ms. Jessica Rosenfeld, Math Intervention Support.

One of our most important lessons learned first semester is that with Covid 19, we can never be sure when we are going to have students, teachers, or administration out for quarantine. So, with that awareness, I urge that we work closely to maintain careful communication so that our students can be successful.

Some good resolutions that our students might consider are:

1. Complete daily assignments on the day they are assigned.
2. Create a plan for working on major projects so that they are completed on time.
3. Ask for help.
 - a. If you don't understand something, *ASK for help!*
 - b. If you need additional resources, *ASK for help!*
 - c. If you need additional time, *ASK for help!*
4. If you are going to be absent due to illness, let your teachers know.
5. Be sure to get enough sleep every night.
6. Get moving! This Covid thing has left a lot of us sitting around on the couch. Get moving, and you'll feel better.

Parents, we are also learning that our students are not always logging in or paying attention while on their computers when we think they are. It is pretty easy to be distracted in the comfort of our own homes, with a computer in front of us. Ask your student to show you each day what he/she has completed. If you don't see what looks like a reasonable amount of work, **ASK QUESTIONS**. Email the teachers, or email me. We don't want to get to the end of a grading period and learn that students are too far behind to catch up. Please take have your student also take advantage of our tutorial programs if needed.

We're honored to serve, and look forward to a great rest of the year!

Respectfully,

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

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COUNSELOR CORNER

It's hard to believe that we are already planning for the 2021-2022 school year. Starting in mid-January we will be working with our current Teague students to select courses for the following academic year. Your student should be bringing home a registration card to review with you. Connect students will have access to a google doc where their selections can be made. Please carefully review the selections with your student. Any student who is at or above grade level should be taking advanced courses in order to help them reach their full potential. If your student is showing the need for supports, those intervention classes will be added for them. Please know that we do our best to accommodate student requests for electives, however, based on space availability we cannot guarantee placement. Lake Brantley High School will be scheduling time to visit with our current 8th graders about articulation around this time as well.

We also wanted to take this opportunity to give a shout out to all of our students, parents and staff for your cooperation, patience and understanding during this first semester of unprecedented times. Please know that you are appreciated and TOGETHER we can accomplish great things!

Ms. Butler, Ms. Kraft and Mrs. Halsey
School Counselors
English/Language Arts

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (ELA)

Grades 6 & 7

We are all looking forward to a new year full of hopefulness and optimism. As 2021 begins, Teague will receive more returning 'Save My Seat' students to campus in time to review the results of the second quarter nine-weeks exams. Students will review their results across the standards covered in the first semester, set academic as well as personal goals for second semester. At this time, it is important for students to identify specific skills to focus on to make concentrated improvements for the expected end of year standardized exams.

In addition, January will prove to be a very busy month as the second round of Write Score writing assessments will be taking place. Prior to testing the third week of the month, students will review their scores from the previous assessment and participate in a rotational writer's workshop. Ultimately, students will produce a final revision to their original essay to demonstrate the advancements to their writing.

Spring is a very busy time for instruction with the data generated in the first semester. Please encourage your student to perform the recommended remediation set forth by their teacher. At-home practice is vital for student progression. Teachers intentionally load their eCampus course page with standard-based practice materials in different mediums: online games, tutorials, videos, etc. Please partner with your student's teacher to use additional time at home to reinforce the skills being addressed in class. We want to produce confident and successful learners!

Grade 8: AMPLIFY Advanced/Gifted

The second half of the year will be filled with the wonders of Benjamin Franklin, the narrative of Frederick Douglas, the great Space Race era and the life and times of Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera. Students will be engaged in a variety of activities that will stretch their knowledge and expand their curiosities. The students will also continue to practice their writing skills addressing both argumentative and informative writing. The Write Score results in November were very promising, so I look forward to the second writing practice for students on January 19th. I am sure that they will "knock it out of the park"! Here's to a wonderful second semester as the 8th graders round the bend toward their high school adventure.



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SCIENCE

6th Grade

This quarter we will complete our unit on atoms and molecules by discussing mixtures, solutions, suspensions, and colloids as well as the physical properties (e.g. density and acidity) and states of matter. The rest of the quarter will be spent exploring the layers of the Earth and how the movement of the Earth's crust, tectonic plates, are responsible for the formation of volcanoes and mountain ranges as well as cause the movement of continents.

7th Grade

We spent the first semester refining and adding to the fundamentals taught in 6th grade. This quarter, on the other hand, will be brand new. We will begin by discussing the development of the cell theory and the components of today's cell theory, then moving on to the structure of animal and plant cell organelles, and right before spring break, we will discuss some fundamental tasks that our cells perform to keep us alive. The most exciting part about this quarter is having students look at cells underneath microscopes. For many students, this will be the first time using a real microscope.

8th Grade

Upon completion of the 2nd quarter, 8th grade Science students concluded Unit 3 on the interaction of spheres on Earth and in Earth's atmosphere. Topics for the next quarter involve radioactive dating, variation in species and the Theory of Evolution. Moby Max is a tutorial and enrichment program we are now using weekly to help individualize student learning needs and to allow teachers to assign content to support mastery. Students are logging in and doing well! Ask your child to show you what he/she has been learning on Moby Max! Teachers assigned log in information at the beginning of Quarter 2.

We would like to encourage parents to check skyward and student notebooks regularly to stay up to date and to contact teachers with questions as they arise. Communication is key! We are pleased to see students in online and in face-to-face classes develop their own communication skills by emailing their teachers regularly about grades and assignments. All class content for 8th grade Science is on eCampus and all students should be able to access content through their Science eCampus course. If you have any problems with content or eCampus, please email your child's Science teacher. Thank you, parents and guardians, for your continued support and efforts at home!

Ecology

Ecology students were hard at work for the 2nd Quarter of the year. We studied the effects of various populations living together in a community, looking at Florida Native Species more in depth and continuing work on our school gardens.

Students used milk and juice containers from lunches to create a container garden for the Carton 2 Garden contest. 8th grade student, Elaina Morrow, visualized a tree coming to life which was the inspiration for our design. Various students in the class took charge of creating the design and connecting it to STEM, environmental stewardship, art and healthy ways of living!

We had some flowers that were donated so we planted those outside of our Student Success Center and butterfly garden. Word of Mouth Tree Service donated mulch for the gardens as well.

Monetary donations can be made through the school garden MY SCHOOL BUCKS account.

Science Fair News

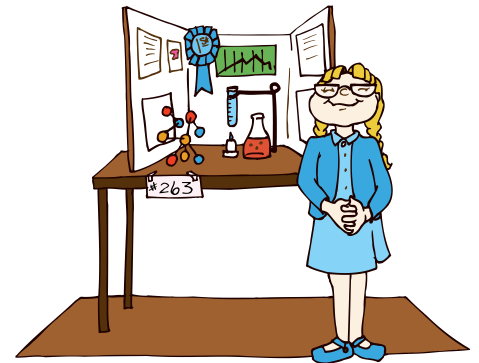
Teague will be sending up to 30 projects to our regional science fair this February. Because of the ongoing pandemic, the fair will be completely virtual. Participating students will record a short video presenting their project for real scientists in our community to judge and provide feedback that is encouraging and insightful. The science department is looking forward to showcasing our students' hard work to members of our community.

Sincerely,
Science Department

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MATH



6th Grade Standard Math

During the 3rd quarter of the curriculum, our students will be learning Proportional Reasoning, Comparing Rational Numbers, Graphing Rational Numbers, and they will be introduced to Equations and Inequalities.

It is important that students complete and turn in assignments, test/quiz corrections, and homework. Homework is assigned through Khan Academy, which is an online tutorial program that provide video instruction of all 6th grade mathematical standards. In addition, students are provided with practice problems and tests/quizzes to show their level of mastery. As parents or guardians, you can actively engage in your child's education by following the teacher's weekly lesson plans that include the goals, activities, assignments, and homework. The lesson plans are posted on each teacher's E-Campus math course. Skyward is another great resource for parents to monitor their child's grades and outstanding assignments. We welcome parents continued support in making sure students are prepared each day for learning!

On an exciting note, the District will have a virtual Math competition this year. It will include collaboration, interpersonal skills, problem solving, responsibility, and perseverance. Information and details will be provided at a later date.

6th Grade Advanced Math

Students have transition well from elementary school to middle school. This transition was made easy by clear communication of and repeated reference to the routines, expectations, and goals of Teague Middle School. We have begun the 3rd quarter of the curriculum, which consists of: Solving Equations & Inequalities, Applications of Equations, and Proportional Relationships.

We welcome parents continued support in making sure that homework and bellwork are completed daily and that students study for their tests/quizzes. We strongly encourage students to use Khan Academy, Anywhere Math, Math Antics, Virtual Nerd, and the online book to reinforce math skills with which they struggle. Skyward is a great resource for parents to monitor their children's grades and outstanding assignments.

GEMs

During the 3rd quarter, the GEMs students will continue to work on the virtual bridge assignment. This included studying understanding and interpreting functions, geometric concepts including volume and surface area of cones, cylinders, and spheres. We also studied angle measures and relationships within a triangle. These skill sets have set students up for success in the 4th and final quarter of the year.

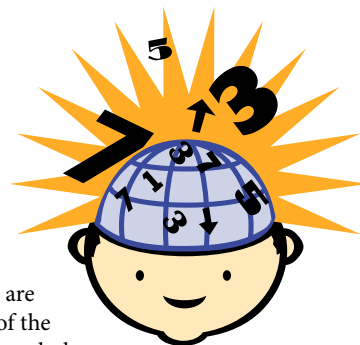
GEMs students will need to prepare for the next step in their mathematical schooling, we are studying linear functions. We will explore the slope of a line, learn to write, and graph linear functions, and relate this knowledge to statistics and data measurement. Then we will delve into number concepts including square and cube roots, scientific notation, and negative exponents. Students will also study the Pythagorean Theorem as it relates to triangle side length.

It is important that students remain focused and diligent during the 3rd quarter school year. I encourage support from parents to make sure students are studying, completing classwork, and participating in class and especially for online connect students.

As we move into quarter 3, GEMs students must be diligent in their study and make sure to focus, work hard, and continue to grow. I know we are capable of an even higher increase on the next 9 weeks exam!

7th Grade Standard Math

The year is going well! For the third quarter, we are concentrating on Modeling Geometric Figures, Expressions, Equations, and Inequalities, as well as Circumference, Area, and Volume. As we progress this quarter it is crucial that students remain focused and complete all of their assignments as they are assigned to keep up with the progression of the class. Please check Skyward and eCampus regularly to gain information regarding grades, assignments, announcements and other important information about your child's classes.



7th Grade Advanced Math

The year is going well. Students are improving in advanced math. For the third quarter, we are concentrating on interpreting functions, modeling geometric concepts, circumference, area and volume. Students will be completing some exciting activities this quarter. Please encourage your child to stay focused on their learning and to complete all assignments. Problem solving is a complex task but with lots practice it becomes a lot easier. Khan Academy is a great resource for students to use to gain additional practice. Please check Skyward or eCampus for valuable information regarding assignments, online textbooks and other important information in your child's classes.

Pre-Algebra

In Quarter 2 we finished units on Functions and Systems of Linear Equations. We will continue to review previously covered content and learn new material as we prepare for the Grade 8 FSA at the end of the year. This will also ready your student for High School Algebra next year. We will begin the third quarter with units on Exponents and Scientific Notation, Volume, and Pythagorean Theorem. To be successful in Pre-Algebra, students must actively participate in class and complete all their assignments. Both Khan Academy and the 'Pre-Algebra Standard-Based Support' Course in eCampus are resources used consistently throughout class that should help boost your student's math skills. Please continue to check Skyward and eCampus regularly to obtain information regarding grades, assignments, announcements, and other important information about your child's classes.

Algebra I Honors

Students are doing well and progressing through the content. In the third quarter, we will concentrate on Quadratic 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.

Geometry Honors

Students in geometry have been learning about the special properties of quadrilaterals. Upcoming topics will include similarity, trigonometry, right triangles, polygons and quadrilaterals. As we progress this quarter it is crucial that students remain focused and complete all their assignments. Exciting activities that students will be doing this quarter will be learning how to find missing dimensions using trigonometry. Khan Academy is a great resource for students to use to gain additional practice. Please check Skyward or eCampus for valuable information regarding assignments, online textbooks, and other important information in your child's classes.



SOCIAL STUDIES

Happy New Year 2021 wishes to all parents and students from the Social Studies Department teachers! We certainly hope that you and your family have a prosperous and memorable year. Please stay healthy, happy, and safe.

6th Grade World History

Our 6th grade students will be traveling across to Ancient Israel and into Europe to Greece and Rome. We will explore how these ancient people have helped to shape one of the greatest ancient civilizations, their economies and relationships with other ancient civilizations.

Afterwards we travel to Ancient Greece where we learn about the principles that have influenced many governments for centuries including America. Their 3rd DBQ for the year will expose students to the different citizenship opportunities in ancient Greece and Rome and allow students to make their own determination of which system was better through their student gathered evidence and hypothesis.

Finally we will finish off the quarter in Rome, where we will analyze the nearly 500 year foundation of their republic. Featuring their great figures, technological advancements, and philosophical thoughts. These ancient civilizations will help students lay the ground work for their upcoming civics course in 7th grade.

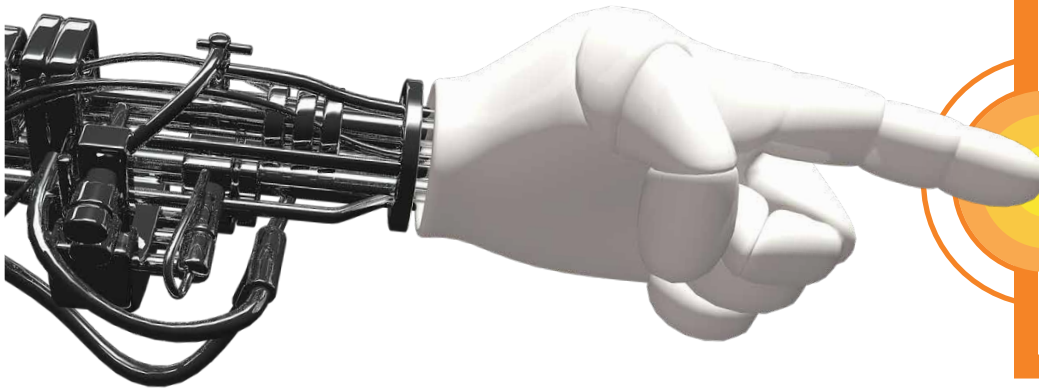
7th Grade Civics

The 3rd quarter of this school year is going to be jammed packed with excitement! Now that the American Revolution is over and we have defeated the British, what do the colonists do now? Create a new government, of course! We will be going over how the United States sets up their new government with the U.S Constitution, the Bill of Rights and other important amendments.

We will be doing our final DBQ of this school year by analyzing how the Constitution safeguards against tyranny. Students will evaluate primary sources to collect evidence to prove their theories and answer their essential question by compiling a short essay to show their understanding.

Along with our judicial branch unit, we have several Landmark Supreme Court cases we will be analyzing and discussing and how their rulings have impacted our judicial system today.

Students will be continuously preparing for their EOC (End of Course Exam) that will be taken in May. This computer-based assessment is administered by the state of Florida and will be comprised on multiple choice questions that are directly tied to the standards taught in the classroom. Boost camp will be offered in the weeks leading to the exam and the dates will be forthcoming via TNN (announcements) and the Teague website.



8th Grade U.S. History

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 Common Assessment at the end of the 3rd Nine Weeks grading period.*

Please note: Students can find the textbook online in the "CLEVER" Portal. Students, please click on the purple "TCI" tile to access the online textbook because TCI is the name of the textbook publisher. Also, ALL 8th grade students should have accepted the invitation to their teacher's eCampus US History course. Students should be completing assignments in their teacher's eCampus US History course.

Ms. Manuel's PRE-AP U.S. History students will be working on the "National History Day" project in January 2021. This year's NHD theme is "COMMUNICATION IN HISTORY: The Key to Understanding." The website for students to use is www.nhd.org

ALL NHD PROJECTS WILL BE DUE AT THE BEGINNING OF FEBRUARY 2021. *Students will have two options: complete an NHD WEBSITE or an NHD HISTORICAL PAPER on a topic that is related to this year's theme.*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND SUPPORT!
Please do not hesitate to contact any one your Social Studies teachers!

ROBOTICS

What can you look forward to in Robotics? Robotics 1 students will learn how to program simple tasks using a farm course in Mrs. Hanstein's classroom.

Robotics 2 students will study flight and program their robots to navigate the "airport" course.

Robotics 3 students are still preparing for competition and working hard to master the field.

If you are interested in building, designing, or programming, check out a robotics course or two!

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent-Teacher Conferences take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:35 – 9:00. The schedule a conference with your child's teachers, please reach out to Ms. Ruth-Consalato at 407-320-1554 or at Ruth_Consalato-Landress@scps.k12.fl.us.



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January 4, 2021 Start of the 3rd 9 Weeks
January 18, 2021 No School Martin Luther King Holiday
February 15, 2021 No School Presidents Day Holiday
March 12, 2021 End of the 3rd Quarter
March 15-19, 2021 No School Spring Break
March 22, 2021 Start of the 4th Quarter
May 24-26, 2021 Early Release Days
May 26, 2021 End of 4th Quarter- Last Day of School

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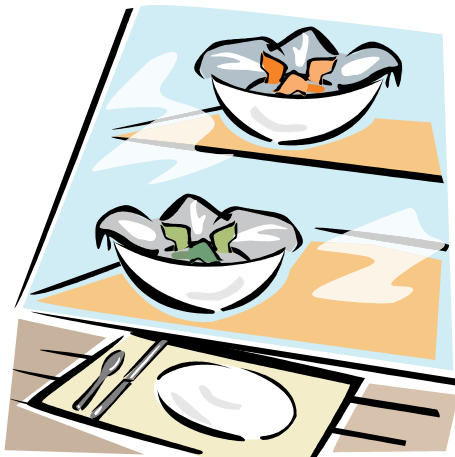


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Face to face student guests, please visit RedAppleDining.com for menus and additional information about our campus restaurants.



For remote learners and guests 18 & under, free breakfast and lunch meals are available via our drive thru service. For additional information including drive-thru locations, pickup times and menus, visit RedAppleDining.com/RemoteMeals. We encourage SCPS families needing continued support during these challenging times to apply for meal benefits. Completing the meal benefits application may make additional resources available to your school. Families may also qualify for benefits such as discounted internet services, after-school programs, and more. To complete your application, visit SCPSMealApp.com.

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