



FCMS NEWSLETTER

February 21, 2018

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2/27 - Reward a Rebel (popcorn /snowcones during lunch)
- 2/27 - Maker Meeting 315-4:30 (permission slips in Media Center)
- 2/27 - 8th Grade Parent Night 6:00pm @ PAC
- 2/28 - Parent Advisory 8:00am
- 3/9 - Reward Day
- 3/16 - Miss FCMS Pageant 6:00pm @ PAC

Miss FCMS Pageant !!!

The Miss FCMS will be Friday, March 16th beginning at 6:00 in the Performing Arts Center. Anyone interested in participating can call FCMS at 706-632-6100 for details.



Exciting Tech News!

FCSS has received a grant from the Governor's Office of Student Achievement that will allow us to begin a 1:1 computer initiative in grades 8-12 next year. 8th grade students at FCMS and all students at FCHS will receive a Chromebook to use at school and home during the 2018-2019 school year. We will have informational meetings and trainings offered to teachers, parents, and students in the coming months.

Questions? Contact the Technology Department by phone at 706-258-2791 or email us at technologyhub@fannin.k12.ga.us

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6th Grade News

6th grade is still planning on taking their Lake Winnie PBIS field trip on May 10th. The money for the trip, \$32, is due on or before April 25th.

Social Studies: We have just completed our unit covering Latin American geography and history, and are beginning our unit on the geography and history of Canada. It is very important that the students continue to study vocabulary and graphic organizers throughout the duration of the unit. Students should also continue to study the topics of government and economic systems on their own throughout the year, as they will be necessary for each unit that is covered in the sixth grade.

1793. We are also working on Reading Counts points through library books. Points for Reading Counts are due on March 10th for the third nine weeks. The due date for Reading Counts for the 4th nine weeks is May 18th.

Language Arts: We will continue routine writing and grammar practice in preparation for the Georgia Milestones. Additionally, both A and B Sides have completed narrative, compare/contrast, and argumentative essays. We plan to discuss research more in-depth, as well as the writing process. Also, students will continue weekly spelling tests.

pleted mineral projects from wanted posters to google doc presentations and did a fantastic job on them. They also created comic strips and stories about the different types of rocks.

We are now getting to the heart of inside earth and plate tectonics and learning how these forces contribute to major geological events on the earth's surface.

Math:

Reading: In 6th grade Reading we are completing a novel study over the novel, Fever

Science: For the current nine weeks, we have been studying Rocks and Minerals. Science classes com-

7th Grade News

Reading: For the remainder of the third nine weeks grading period, seventh grade reading students will continue their novel studies, along with completing assignments in USA Test Prep and Newsela. USA Test Prep assignments mainly cover standards that the students are struggling with, and the assigned articles in Newsela are related to the novels that are being read in class. Students must have earned the required number of RC Points (20 for regular/25 for advanced) for this nine weeks grading period by March 7.

Math: In 7th grade math we are working on finishing up our geometry unit. We have been finding area, surface area, and volume. After geometry, we will have two more units to study (Statistics and Probability) before we begin a large review of all we have learned this year in 7th grade math. To help better prepare your child for the milestones test, www.usatestprep.com is a great tool with plenty of assessment questions to practice. They have their own individual log in to access this tool. Please remind your child that it is important to keep up in math class with assignments and get them turned in on time.

ing is definitely a "real world" skill. We have been practicing how to clearly introduce a topic and support it with details. Soon, students will be beginning biography projects about famous people who have overcome obstacles in their paths to success. What a great theme to remind us of the roles persistence and determination have in being successful! We will continue daily skills practice in No Red Ink and USA Test Prep. Also, students will continue to add work to their writing portfolio. This will become a showcase of their best writing that will be available to parents and future teachers.

Science: 7th grade science class will be continuing their study on the human body. We are now on the circulatory and respiratory system, blood, and lymphatic system. After we complete the circulatory system we will dissect worm so the students can see the earthworm's rudimentary circulatory system. The next system that we will study will be the immune system. After the immune system we will continue to study the nervous system. When all systems have been covered we will dissect frogs so the students can see all the organs studied previously and understand the location of

organs and how similar we are to other animals on the inside. J.Weaver/J.O'Neal 7th grade science teachers.

Social Studies: The 7th graders are deep into a study regarding the peoples of East Asia. Our cultural learning journey will wind through religions, governments, economic situations, and rich history that makes Asia a deeply fascinating world region. From Nepal to the Philippines, and from Mongolia to Japan, we will leave no stone unturned in our quest to understand the world beyond our front door.

Language Arts: Communicating in writ-

8th Grade News

Science: In physical science, students will continue learning about energy and magnetism during the third nine weeks. We will then turn our attention to obtaining, evaluating, and communicating science concepts and actions. All of our classroom efforts will be concentrated on preparing students for the Milestone in April/May.

The Milestone content weights for 8th grad physical science are: matter 28%, energy 18%, math 15%, waves 24%, and force 15%. The Milestone content weights for high school honors physical science are: chemistry – atomic and nuclear theory and the periodic table 28%, chemistry – chemical reactions and properties of matter 22%, physics – energy, force, and motion 28%, and physics – waves, electricity, and magnetism 22%.

Language Arts: We will continue to work on vocabulary instruction using Google Classroom. Students will be tested on a new list of vocabulary

words every two weeks. We are focusing on all genres of writing in preparation for the Milestones. In addition to writing and vocabulary, students will continue to use Moby Max for grammar review and instruction.

Math: We have wrapped up our unit of study which covered the area of circles and volume of cylinders, cones, and spheres. Next, students will begin to learn about slope. They will be taught the different types of slope, how to find slope from a graph, and how to use the formula to find slope from ordered pairs. They will then work with extensively with equations that are in slope-intercept form ($y=mx + b$).

Social Studies: In Social Studies, we are currently finishing our unit on the Great Depression and WWII. We have also been analyzing some im-

portant people in our state's history such as Governor Eugene Talmadge and President Franklin Roosevelt. Next, we will begin our unit on the Civil Rights Movement, which will focus on the desegregation of the South and the contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Reading: In eight grade reading we are finishing up the unit on the 1960s and the novel The Outsiders. Our upcoming unit will focus on poetry and figurative language. To wrap up the year, we will study Greek mythology and read Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief. You may monitor assignments on Google Classroom, edpuzzle.com, and Commonlit.com

Connections News

Business and Computer Science: 6th Graders have just finished with their study of basic keyboarding skills. They are beginning a study of Cyber Safety and Internet Safety along with multimedia presentation skills.

7th Graders have been busy working on basic word processing skills. They are also completing a unit on entrepreneurship and will begin research on careers using the Occupational Outlook Handbook Online soon.

8th Grade's Intro to Digital Technology Classes have completed study on the topics of computer programming languages as well as problem solving and flowcharting. They are starting to work on a unit involving the Scratch programming language.

PE: Physical Education is going great. We are approaching the end of the 3rd nine weeks. This nine weeks we have had a pretest 1/4 mile run and will have a post test the last week of the grading period. Our students have been working hard to make that better!! Each nine weeks is different so we will test them on a different run for the 4th nine weeks.

Art: See YAM Info on Page 4.

MEDIA CENTER NEWS

Check out our latest newsletter:

<http://inewsletter.co/1j91NY/latest/>

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Students have been working on their Bridge Bill Activities on the Georgia Career Information System web site. These activities include Career Inventories, selecting and saving career clusters and occupations, and completing four year high school plans. Please contact Tami Summers at the school if you would like your child's user name and password for the Georgia Career Information System web site.

There will be an 8th grade parent meeting on February 27th at 6pm at the Fannin County High School Performing Arts Center. This is a very important informative meeting. All 8th grade parents are encouraged to attend.

Snack in a Backpacks are still available. Please call Tami Summers at FCMS if you would like for your child to receive one every Friday. They are filled with snacks along with several meal items for the weekend.

FCMS Anti-Bullying Club has begun a new program called "Caught Being Kind". Faculty members as well as students can nominate each other for this program. We will have a drawing weekly for candy bars and "Caught Being Good" cards. Names will be put on the morning announcements and in the cafeteria. A kindness chain will be created with all nominations. Please call Tami Summers if you have questions.

PBIS NEWS

The PBIS Team is sponsoring a drawing at the end of each 9 weeks grading period for students who have missed less than 3 days of school. Every day counts. Missing school even 1 day a month can have a negative impact on student achievement. There will be drawings at the end of each grading period for the following levels: \$40 drawing for each grade level for zero absences, \$20 drawing for each grade level for 1 absence, \$15 drawing for each grade level for 2 absences. At the end of the year there will be a single \$75 drawing for any student who has zero absences.

REACH INFO

The FCMS REACH scholars are preparing for fieldtrips to four nearby colleges and several local municipal locations. This is an exciting time of year as 8th graders begin the process of registering for their high school classes.