

MINERAL POINT MIDDLE SCHOOL *Scoop*

April 2016 🐾 Education... That's the Point.

Google Expeditions

On Friday, April 8th, the 6th grade class was able to participate in a "Google Expeditions" program at the elementary school. Through the program students were able to swim with sharks, walk the Great Wall of China, and explore the Grand Canyon! This 3D experience was possible through the use of a phone and some glasses. Students were able to virtually attend new locations to learn about the world. The "Google Expeditions" is currently just a pilot, but hopefully in the future will be open to everyone. 5th grade teacher, Lifka Bennett, submitted a request for Google to come to Mineral Point and was selected. This was such a fun, learning experience that allowed students to view concepts taught by being taken to different locations. Hopefully, in the future students can attend more locations they are learning about through the use of this valuable resource! 🐾

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, April 18 – Friday, April 22

M.S. students and staff to hold various activities for "Earth Week".

Wednesday, April 20

M.S. Progress reports to be mailed.

Wednesday, April 20: Early Release

Thursday, April 21

M.S. Track meet @ Dodgeville, 4:00 p.m.

Friday, April 22

M.S. students and staff to wear "green" for Earth week.

Tuesday, April 26

M.S. Track meet @ Cuba City, 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 27: Early Release

Thursday, April 28

M.S. Track meet @ Dodgeville, 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 3

M.S. Track meet @ Darlington, 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 3

M.S./H.S. Spring Choir concert, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 4: Early Release

Thursday, May 5

M.S./H.S. Spring Band concert, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 7

M.S. Band to perform at Grayslake Middle School in the a.m. and will spend the remainder of the day at Six Flags Great America.

Wednesday, May 11: Early Release

Wednesday, May 11

M.S. Progress reports to be mailed.

Thursday, May 12

M.S. Track @ Lancaster Invitational, 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 17

M.S. Track @ Darlington Invitational, 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 18

Early Release

Wednesday, May 25: Early Release

Monday, May 30

M.S. Band to march in Memorial Day parade.

Tuesday, May 31

M.S. Awards program, large gym, 1:00 p.m., followed by Grade 8 Graduation.

Wednesday, June 1

M.S. fieldtrips:

Grade 6 - Black Hawk Lake

Grade 7 - Governor Dodge Park

Grade 8 - Mount Olympus @ Wisconsin Dells

Wednesday, June 1: Last day of school

From the Desk of Ms. Dahl, Middle School Principal

Spring has finally arrived! With the arrival of spring it is time to once again plan for the end of the school year reward activities. The following field trips will take place on June 1st:

The sixth graders will travel to Blackhawk Lake.

Seventh graders will travel to Governor Dodge State Park.

The eighth graders will spend the day at Mount Olympus in Wisconsin Dells.

Information on field trips will be mailed out to parents the first week of May.

There is criteria set in order to participate in the end of the year field trips. Students meeting the following requirements will be eligible for the end of the 4th quarter field trip:

1. Assignment completion according to classroom policy.
2. Absences (maximum of 4 days for any reason except unexcused absences). If students have a doctor or dentist appointment during the school day, please bring an excuse from the doctor or dentist office to the Middle School office.
3. Tardiness (maximum of 4 unexcused tardies).
4. Citizenship:
 - A. Is respectful to all staff members (does not have any discipline referrals).
 - B. Is respectful to peers.
 - C. Is prepared for class (has all required materials).
 - D. Follows classroom rules and procedures.

****All assigned homework clubs must be completed or made up to be eligible for the field trip. 🐾***

Just for fun:

Q: Why did the banana go to the hospital?

A: Because he was not peeling well!

Worth quoting:

"Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud."

Maya Angelou

Hello Down There!!!! Sixth Grade Pen Pals from Texas

As part of the sixth grade Language Arts curriculum, students have been using technology to correspond with a penpal located in Texas. Students first began communicating with their penpal through email. Recently, students had the opportunity to "chat" with their penpal in a realtime setting using google docs. Students enjoyed chatting to find out information about their penpal, which they then used to write a biography. Once real time chatting began, you could feel and see the excitement in the classroom! Be sure to ask your child what interesting information they learned about their penpal! 🐾



Something's fishy in Life Science

Life science students are in the process of completing their individual fish research projects using Google Slides. Each student is becoming an "expert" on their particular fish. We will have examples from all three classes of fish including jawless, cartilaginous, and bony. In class, we are doing various activities to study and compare each of these classes. The culmination of the fish unit will be the annual perch dissection. Students will not only get to handle real specimens but they will also perfect their surgical skills while applying what they have learned in class. So far this year, we have many good "surgeons," while some are excellent! Doing dissections are a great way to mesh visual, auditory, and physical skills in a scientific setting. Students really get hooked into the fish unit!

Mr. Van Galen 🐾

Middle School Math Team Results

On Wednesday, March 9, Mineral Point Middles School traveled to Darlington for the annual SWAL Lath Team Contest. Each school was allowed to bring ten participants with at least four of them being seventh graders. The schools participating this year were Boscobel, Cuba City, Darlington, Fennimore, Iowa Grant, Mineral Point, Riverdale, and Southwestern.

Each participant worked individually and had to complete several challenging problems covering a variety of math concepts. Each problem was assigned a point value based on the level of difficulty. Students earned points by answering the problems correctly. These problems were divided into four sections. Each section had to be completed in 15 minutes.

Two eighth graders, Nick DuBois and Lily Wong, along with seventh grader, Will Straka, all tied for 5th place out of 80 participants; Owen Stephenson, Morgan Vondra, Wes Berget, Grant Bossert, and seventh grader, Cameron Wiegman, brought home gold also.

Earning silver medals at the contest were seventh graders Rita Wilson and Brayden Dailey.

Students deserving recognition, but not participating, were alternates Cody Pierce (8th grade) and Ian Keyes (7th grade).

The team was coached by Middle School math teachers Mike Chambers and Deb Soper. 🐾



Middle School Math Team: (front row, left to right) Cody Pierce (alternate), Cameron Wiegman, Grant Bossert, Nick DuBois, and Rita Wilson. Back: Owen Stephenson, Brayden Dailey, Wes Berget, Will Straka, Lily Wong, and Morgan Vondra. Missing: Ian Keyes (alternate) and coaches Mrs. Soper and Mr. Chambers.



Meteorologist Visit

What does a meteorologist do? To answer that question, students in the 6th grade were recently surprised when Haddie McLean (from Channel 3, out of Madison) stopped by to tell them exactly what her job entails. Students are currently studying weather in science, so Haddie came at the perfect time! She educated students on what weather means and what causes it. The students were also amazed by a few experiments Haddie showed them, which further proved her facts on weather. The students were shown, through pictures, what the Channel 3 studio looks like and how Haddie records her weather segment, tools she uses to make forecasts, and other jobs and responsibilities she has as a meteorologist. There was a bit of humor thrown into the mix, when Haddie showed the students some hilarious bloopers that happened to her while live on TV! It was a great experience for all students and staff involved. We might even have a few aspiring meteorologists in the class now! 🐾



Accelerated Reader Goals Reached

Congrats to the following students who met their third quarter Accelerated Reader goals in both comprehension and points! As a group, our middle school students have read an impressive 118,913,980 words since the beginning of the school year. Keep up the good work and continue to explore the world through books! In the words of George R. R. Martin, "A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies... the man who never reads lives only one."

Mrs. McCoy

6th Grade

BBryce Acherman
Colbi Carey
Eloise Chambers
Tanner Goninen
Estelle Janetka x3
Haylee Kearns
Mallory Lindsey
Ollie Mitchell
Trapper Nafzger
Callie Pierce x2
Blake Radtke
Chloe Thomas
Rylee Thompson x9
Kelsie Wilson x2
Lane Edge
Payton Hamilton
Ross Lindsey
Cory Luedtke x6
Haydn Marr x3
Brett Roberts
Alyssa Roelli x4
Delaney Ross
Kennedy Smith
Jadyn Thompson x3
Kelsie Toay x5
Treven Trace
Jared Wedig
Hope Wilson
Keigan Yager
Hayden Bakken
Grace Engels x3
Bo Hanson
Drew Hottenstein x7
Miles Houtakker
Lexi Kinch
Faith Pilling
Emma Steffes

7th Grade

Donavin Botsford x2
Rylee Calvert
Emily Cody
Henry Dailey
Jerra Federman
Gunnar Gorgan
Emma Hanson
Ian Keyes
Ivy Lawinger
Skylar Martin
Daniel Nordstrom
Tatum Novak x4
Sadie Owens
Jacob Perez
Cloe Rule
Taylor Schmidt
Nolan Springer
Cecilia Stanton
Carson Thomas
Megan Toay
Cameron Wiegman
Chandler Workman
Macy Aschliman
Alexis Berget
Bryann Cody x5
Brayden Dailey
Natalie Finley x4
Mason Hughes
Sira James
Grant Lee
Haily Murphy
Matthew Nordstrom
Chloe Oberhauser
Emma Olson
Bode Schmitz
Keira Schrank x2
Gabriel Sporle

8th Grade

Justin Baehler
Ben Basting x6
Wes Berget
McKenna Bowers
Nick Dubois x2
Ryver Galle
Sara Heisner
Payton Lawinger
Simon Mitchell
Dalton Schrank x2
Owen Stephenson
Kylie Sullivan
Morgan Vondra
Blaise Watters
Annie Wilbanks
Lily Wong
Natalie Chitwood x6
Wyatt Evans
Laney Finkelmeyer
Tessa Hanson
Cody Lindholm
Isaac Lindsey
Cody Pierce
Larry Steffes
Flo Torres x7
Blake Wendhausen
Madeline Williams

(number)X = how many times a student exceeded their goal