



# Hazelwood West Middle School *Paw Prints*

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is hard to believe that another year has nearly passed. The end of the year brings with it many events at Hazelwood West Middle School. We have completed our fifth-grade parent night and fifth-grade visits, and are looking forward to our eighth-grade outings and dance, final band, orchestra and choir concerts, the spring play, yearbook parties and our student academic achievement awards ceremony.

MAP/GLA testing finished last month and all of our students stayed focused during their testing periods. We appreciate your support in ensuring your child attended school on testing days, received plenty of sleep and ate a good breakfast each morning. We look forward to receiving our results from the state in early October, so we can celebrate the gains we have made this school year.

I have enclosed the registration dates for the 2011-2012 school year and our open house for all three grade levels. Hopefully, this will assist with your plans for summer vacations and "items on sale" for school supplies. It is with a heavy heart that we will say goodbye to Mrs. Kate Sievers, 6A and seventh-grade assistant principal. She has accepted a building principal position elsewhere.

I appreciate all of your support to your children and our staff as we continue work together to build their academic, social, emotional and physical skills throughout their middle school years. It continues to be a pleasure to serve your students each day and I look forward to many years together. I am proud of the maturity in our eighth-grade students and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Allison Klouse, Ed.D.  
Principal,  
Hazelwood West Middle School



Dr. Allison Klouse

## Important Dates

### *Registration*

- Tuesday, August 2 from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, August 3 from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, August 4 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Thursday, August 11 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Monday, August 15, First Day of School
- Wednesday, August 31, Sixth-grade Open House, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, September 1, Seventh- and Eighth-grade Open House, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

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**Science**

*Mrs. Catlow and Mrs. Cook*

Eighth-grade science looks toward the stars as we investigate the universe and the complexities of our own solar system. Students are busy learning about the interactions between celestial bodies and human exploration of space. Our eighth-graders are applying their knowledge as they plan a "Mission to Mars." The mission requires students to research and apply information for the development of spacecraft, maintaining conditions necessary for humans to survive during prolonged missions in space and on Mars and the continuing the scientific exploration of Mars.

**Pre-algebra**

*Ms. Meyer, Ms. Sager, Mr. Henson and Mr. Frankenberger*

We are wrapping up *Samples and Populations* and our work with data and statistics. We will spend the time working on *Frogs, Fleas and Painted Cubes*, which deals with quadratic equations and their graphs. The end of the year will review linear equations in the book, *Say It With Symbols*. The algebra classes in high school will most likely start with linear equations, so we want to end strong in that area. Please continue checking your child's planner as we will continue giving homework on a regular basis. As always, thanks for your support.

**Algebra**

*Ms. Sager and Mr. Henson*

The algebra students will be starting *Frogs, Fleas and Painted Cubes*. The new book looks at the three representations of quadratics - the table, the graph and the equation. We compare and contrast the quadratic and the linear equations, a method used to reinforce what has been learned about the linear equation. Of course, we will teach them the song that goes with the quadratic formula:  $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$ . The final book is *Say It with Symbols*. We pull together everything we have learned - modeling situations with symbolic statements, equivalent expressions, linear equations, quadratic equations and making predictions and decisions. We will be ready for the end-of-course exams.

**Communication Skills**

*Mr. Kessler, Ms. Schuering, Ms. Waldrop and Ms. Heyen*

As we wrap up the year, students are working on a review project, a take-home final that covers all that we have done so far this year. After MAP testing, students worked on a comprehensive research project on the Holocaust. To tie into this, students will read either "The Cage," by Ruth Minsky Sender or "The Diary of Anne Frank," a play. This unit will incorporate many of the skills and concepts that students have learned this year. Although we are not going on a field trip this year, we encourage parents and students to visit the St. Louis Holocaust Memorial Museum as an enrichment activity.

**Social Studies**

*Ms. Sansone and Mr. Wallis*

Moving into third trimester, we will continue to discuss the expansion of the U.S. through westward movement. Other topics we will address through the remainder of the year include - war with Mexico, reformation, industrialization, sectionalism, pre-Civil War and we will finish the year with Civil War. The students will continue with the History Alive book in ninth-grade and review the Civil War chapter with which we end the year. We need students to continue 100 percent effort on participation, behavior and responsibility for the rest of the year. Please help to support, encourage and check on your child's progress daily. You may e-mail us any time with questions and/or concerns.

**Science**

*Mrs. Mann and Mr. Link*

Science students continue their investigation of the physical properties of substances. Density is a relationship between the mass of an object and the object's volume. But, what does that mean? Students designed lab investigations so that they can answer that very question. Students prepared for an exam on this topic by using their review guides, notes and experience from lab investigations.

**Communication Skills**

*Mr. Mintman, Ms. Weber, Ms. Burger, Mr. Melaski, Mr. Minney*

In communication arts, students are currently learning about propaganda techniques. We want students to learn about the ways that advertisers attempt to persuade us. To culminate the unit, students will work in teams to come up with an original product and then design an advertising campaign to support their product.

**Math**

*Mr. Patterson, Ms. Klepac, Ms. Buckner, Mr. Hamilton*

In mathematics, we are currently studying probability. We are using various methods (tree diagrams, area models, organized list) to analyze probability in a given situation. Please be aware the expectations for math homework have changed. Homework is assigned at the beginning of each investigation and is due on the day students take the quiz. Student should work on homework every night. In our final unit, *Data Distributions*, we will study various methods of data analysis. We will use measures of center, variability and sample populations to make decisions.

**Social Studies**

*Mrs. Pursley and Mr. Clark*

In social studies, the students are finishing the civilization of Greece and seventh-graders will begin lessons covering the civilization of Rome. They will round this trimester out with the civilizations of the Mayas, Aztecs and Incas of the Americas.

**Seventh-grade third trimester incentive trip:** Students wishing to cash in 200 stamps may attend a field trip on Thursday, May 19 to Grant's Farm. Other requirements are that students pass all classes, have no office referrals from April 11 to May 19 and return their permission slip along with \$3. Students will need to bring a sack lunch on the day of the trip.

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Spring is an awakening and renewing change, much like the change or growth your children have made since August. We cannot believe it is already May and soon your children will be making the next transition to seventh-grade. Before we part ways and wish them farewell, we would like to enjoy a few more experiences together to wrap-up this school year.

First, we would like to congratulate all of our sixth-graders for a job well done during our MAP/GLA testing. They worked very hard and their efforts did not go unrecognized. Students were rewarded with tickets throughout MAP testing and were given the chance of having their name drawn, allowing them to be treated to a special lunch. All students will earn a chance to have their name drawn for the ultimate prize, a limousine lunch to Dairy Queen.

On May 9 and 10 (A team) and 11 and 12 (B team), our sixth-graders participated in "Gone Fishin!" We went on a fishing and nature exploration field trip to the Bellefontaine Conservation Area. Students fished in two different ponds, but conducted invertebrate sampling and water testing.

We thank you again for your continued support in all you do for "our children." Please help us continue to encourage your children in their efforts and let's have a great rest of the school year. As always, please do not hesitate to contact us with any concerns or questions.

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*I Never Saw  
Another Butterfly*



*A One-Act Play  
by Celeste Raspanti*

*Presented by*

*Hazelwood West Middle School*

*In the Library Media Center*

*May 25-26, 2011*

*Tickets available two weeks before.*

*Advanced ticket sales:*

*Adults \$3.00*

*Students \$2.00*

**Art***Mrs. Eversgerd*

As the year comes to an end, I want to thank you for a great school year. We've accomplished a lot this year. It was a great honor to be selected to represent the state of Missouri and decorate the National Christmas Tree at the White House. More than 100 of my students participated during first trimester. We displayed artwork around Florissant - at the James J. Eagan Civic Center, Dairy Queen, Pirrone's Pizzeria, at The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in Jefferson City and at the Prairie Commons branch of the St. Louis County Library. Students will have their artwork published in the upcoming months. Students in academic excellence class were invited on a trip to Chicago that incorporated a "hands-on" real-life experience by blending art and the gateway to technology curriculum. Mr. Weil, the gateway to technology teacher, and I took 17 students there for four days. They studied art, art history, architectural design, technology, engineering, physics and invention. A few of our students were interviewed by the local newspaper and had their picture taken for the article.

We are currently working on a project based on the play, "I NEVER SAW ANOTHER BUTTERFLY." We are working with our librarian, Ms. McMackin, to complete the projects for the St. Louis Holocaust Museum and Learning Center and an art and writing contest that it will sponsor. You can visit the Dairy Queen on Shackelford in Florissant to see summer art work. There are several places in the community that your student can take summer art classes - St. Louis Community College-Florissant Valley, Kids on Campus, You're Fired Pottery in Hazelwood, COCA, Craft Alliance and the Painted Zebra. Have a great end of the year and as always, if you need to talk about any concerns I can be reached at [eevrsgrd@hazelwoodschoools.org](mailto:eevrsgrd@hazelwoodschoools.org)

**Art***Mrs. Bajaj*

The year is flying past, it is hard to believe that we have already completed two trimesters of the school year. We started off this trimester by working on paintings. Currently, students are working on yarn projects. Throughout the trimester, students will work with variety of materials; gain an insight into our multicultural world, art history, technology and much more that will lead them to build critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Students will learn to describe, analyze and interpret visual images.

You can always find an assortment of artwork displayed throughout our school that spotlights our talented students. Congratulations to those students whose artwork was on display at the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in Jefferson City in the months of February and March. In May, the artwork of our students will be on display at the HSD Learning Center.

Our school is the member of Artsonia.com, the largest online art museum. Artsonia showcases artwork from thousands of schools around the world. It helps to develop students' pride and self-esteem, increase their multicultural understanding through art and involve parents and relatives in student education and accomplishments. Anyone can view the school gallery online at [www.artsonia.com/schools/Hazelwood14](http://www.artsonia.com/schools/Hazelwood14)

If you have any questions please contact me at [pbajaj@hazelwoodschoools.org](mailto:pbajaj@hazelwoodschoools.org) or (314) 953-7853.

**Spanish 7 and 8**

*Mrs. Newton and Ms. Carles*

¡Hola! In Spanish 8, we will continue to learn more about the culture, traditions and geography of Latin America. Also, we will learn family vocabulary and students will create a family tree which will enable them to tell who each person is, what that person's relation is to them and tell their age in Spanish.

In Spanish 7, we are adding to our vocabulary by learning numbers, months, days of the week, other conversation vocabulary, asking and telling the date and asking and telling your age. Students will create a calendar wheel. We will continue to learn more about the culture, traditions and geography of Latin America. For students in both classes who have turned in all of their homework, they will receive an invitation to join us after school one day at Pueblo Nuevo Mexican restaurant. It's a fun time and I hope many people are able to join us. Please feel free to contact me about any questions or concerns.

**Physical Education**

*Mrs. Hargrove, Mr. Penning, Mr. Williams*

Physical education classes continue the promotion of healthy lifestyle choices through physical activity and exercise. We are building cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength and flexibility through our calisthenics program. Classes are also taking advantage of the warmer weather by moving outdoors. Our lineup includes a number of team and individual activities to pique the interest of all young athletes.

All students are encouraged to come prepared and participate on a daily basis by bringing proper clothing, shoes and trying your best. Make the pledge with us, "Commit to be Fit."

## Computer Skills and FACS

*Mrs. Vasquez*

Eighth-grade Family and Consumer Science, FACS, students continued to work as a team collaboratively, exploring new modules assigned for the third rotation. This trimester will culminate with students learning about the variety of careers related to Family and Consumer Sciences. Students will contemplate his or her values, vision of his or her future, attitude, talent and personality aptitudes, work habits and ethics, as well as his or her training and education goals by completing a values survey to help them determine what is important to them when selecting a career. Students will use this information to create presentations about a career of interest to them, which they will present to his or her class.

Seventh-grade FACS students also worked on a research project with the topic of famous chefs. By completing this project, students met the goal of reading 25 pages outside the classroom which meets the District's Literacy Across the Curriculum requirements.

Sixth-grade Computer Technology classes finished creating a PowerPoint presentation about themselves. This activity highlights their computer expertise using clip art, transitions and the Internet. Currently, students are researching careers related to technology, which addressed the Literacy Across the Curriculum requirement as well as provided students with the opportunity to practice using the Internet for research. The trimester will end with students experiencing Microsoft® Word and Excel computer skills they will use in future educational, as well personal, situations. I can be reached at [mvasquez@hazelwoodschoools.org](mailto:mvasquez@hazelwoodschoools.org) or at (314) 953-7881.

## Sewing Club

Our last meeting of the year was May 4. Sewing projects are finished and plans were made for our end-of-year party on Wednesday, May 11. The members were creative in their projects by their fabric selections for making pillowcases. This showcased their abilities and prepared them for a more advanced sewing project such as a pillow or pair of boxer shorts. If you have not been to a meeting in a while, please come by Room 321 to pick up your project to finish at home. We will have the club next year and hope to see new members as well as returning members. Have a great summer.

Martha Vasquez, Hazelwood West Middle School, [mvasquez@hazelwoodschoools.org](mailto:mvasquez@hazelwoodschoools.org) - (314) 953-7881

## Eighth-grade, from page 2

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