

Hiawatha College Prep Kingfield

May 11-15



A Message from the Principal

The work our scholars are doing is so exciting to see. Your support and partnership in that education is vital. Thank you for all you do. This week's newsletter is focused on ways you can really be a part of your child's learning. Here are 4 key strategies to get involved.

- 1) Have students show you their work on google classroom every day for every class. Look to make sure they completed all the problems. Praise them when they finish all their assignments! Need help seeing what google classroom looks like - click here.
- 2) Call their teachers - set up weekly or daily times to talk with teachers and students together to discuss how your student is doing. Set goals, incentives and consequence systems to help students reach the goals.
- 3) Check their grades on infinite campus every week. Here is a video to walk you through it.
- 4) Focus on reading! Make sure they have a book they like and will actually read. Sit down with them and listen to them read. Celebrate them when they finish a book.

Thanks for all you do!

Mr. Toppin

5th Grade Updates

Math: 5th grade math is moving into coordinate planes! These graphs allow us to plot specific locations. Ask your student how to plot a point using the x and y axis!

Reading: 5th ELA: This week, students began studying the effect that natural disasters can have on people and communities. We read the book Eight Days which is about how the children responded to the devastating earthquake in Haiti in 2010. Students are analyzing the point of view, tone, and theme of these texts. In the next two weeks, we will be reading poetry, short stories, articles, and looking at art and images that show how natural disasters affect people and places. On Thursdays, the students will have the option to create their own writing, art, or other project that speaks to their own experience in this pandemic. Be sure to ask them about it!

Science: In 5th grade science we started our new unit and are focusing on how animals use their five senses to find food and avoid predators in order to survive. We are focusing more specifically on vision because we think the animal we are trying to conserve, tokay gecko, uses vision to find its food.

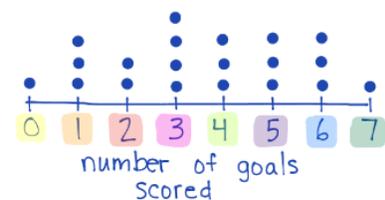
6th Grade Updates

Reading: Students are continuing to read "Wonder" and using text evidence to understand characterization.

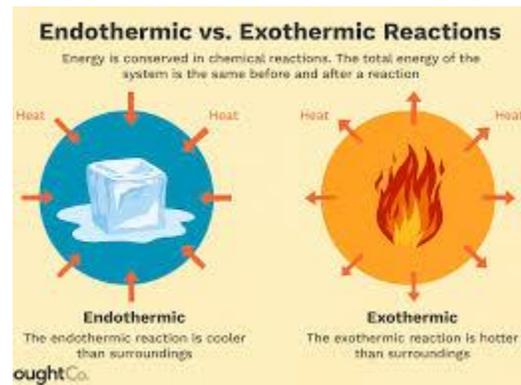
Math: Students are learning about statistical questions, numerical versus categorical data, and how to use dot plots to organize data.

data set:

6, 3, 6, 3, 5,
7, 4, 6, 5, 3
4, 4, 5, 1, 0,
3, 2, 2, 1, 1



Science: Students are learning about chemical reactions, including the difference between endothermic and exothermic reactions.



7th Grade Updates

Social Studies: Scholars are learning about the Vietnam War.

Science: In 7th grade science, students will be analyzing a mystery fossil and comparing different body structures across lots of different species. We will explain how body structures are connected to their function, and make our first educated guess on where to place the mystery fossil on an evolutionary tree.

ELA: This week we read a couple of articles and watched a video about the benefits and drawbacks of social media. Students identified the claims that the authors made and the evidence that best supported these claims. Next week we will start our final research project!

8th Grade Updates

Math: 8th graders have continued their study of scatter plots. This week we focused on creating linear models to describe a scatter plot's trend.

Science: In 8th grade, we're wrapping up our unit on Climate Change and partner with Mrs. Hardy in Social Studies by talking about solutions to climate change and using clean energy. Students are preparing for their end of year final project on climate change in both classes!

Social Studies: 8th graders will be synthesizing what they've learned about globalization by weighing the positive and negative impacts.

Enrichment Courses

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English Language Development: The English Language Development students have been practicing speaking using Flipgrid. They have been discussing their favorite superheroes, preferred hobbies and if they would rather be an [amazing painter](#) or a [brilliant mathematician](#). They have also been developing their creative writing by looking at fantastical pictures and writing stories.

Physical Education: In PE students are expected to continue working out daily. Middle school students should be getting 3-4 hours of exercise per week. Try working out as a family.

Go Lions 🦁

Art: Zentangle Challenge

Students will be using the element of line to create artwork. In addition, the principle of pattern and contrast is used to emphasize the artwork. Zentangles will be incorporated to give the drawn image a new look! The use of mixed mediums is encouraged.

Visit the art gallery: [Art Enrichment Gallery](#)

members are invited to join the Tangram challenge. Ask students for details.

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All School

Lion's Den: In this google classroom students have the opportunity to participate in trivia Tuesday/Thursday and go on virtual college visits!

College Virtual Tours

This week we are traveling to Washington, DC. From the list, you can select the college of your choice, complete the virtual tour and fill out the survey to be entered in the weekly drawing. Once the tour is complete remind your students to fill out the survey to be entered in the weekly drawing. The survey should take 3 to 5 minutes. All submissions must be completed by Friday at 5 pm.

Congratulations to following students on being selected in last week's College Tour:

Fanny Chuma Velasquez (7th Grade)

David Rodriguez Gines (7th Grade)

Your prizes will be in the mail soon!!!!

Chat and Chill: Every Wednesday, the Culture team will host time for students to hangout.

Lower School: 12:30 pm - 12:55 pm

Upper School: 1:00 pm - 1:30 pm

Trivia Tuesdays/Thursdays

Congrats to our Trivia Prize Winners!

1. Eric P.
2. Nicholas P.
3. Hector H.
4. Lineibi N.

Message from our Social Workers:

If you are in need of resources at this time, please take a look at [Hiawatha's list](#) for ideas on food, legal, financial, safety, and other supports

Friendly attendance reminder: During our distance learning season, attendance is being taken and monitored daily, please remind your students that they need to log in daily and connect with their teachers once a week. If you have any questions or concerns in regards to attendance please do not hesitate in reaching out to our office at 612-353-4324, we understand distance learning may bring some challenges and we are here to support you and our students.