



CHELAN MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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The holiday's allow us to spend time with our family and friends; it is also a time to reflect on the past year and begin to make plans for the upcoming year. At Chelan Middle School we all feel extremely fortunate to be able to work with such great kids and to have your continued support. As a staff we are continuing to look at what we do and how we might be able to do it better. As the new year approaches it is a time to reflect on previous goals and to begin making new ones. We will continue to work at finding ways to make your student's days at Chelan Middle School a positive learning experience. Best wishes and happy holidays!

Chris Anderson, Principal

CMS EVENT CALENDAR



- 12/15-12/19 Spirit Week
- 12/15 Boys Basketball @ Foothills
- 12/17 Boys Basketball vs. Cashmere
- 12/18 Middle School Music Concert
- 12/22 - 1/2 **Winter Break—No School**
- 1/5 School Resumes
- 1/6 Girls Basketball Begins
- 1/12 **Late Start**
- 1/19 Martin Luther King Day—No School
- 1/23 End of First Semester
- 1/26 Wrestling Begins
- 2/2 **Late Start**
- 2/9 District Spelling Bee
- 2/16 President's Day—No School
- 2/23 **Late Start**



PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The next MS Parent Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 26th, at 5:30 in the library. The purpose of this council is to give parents/guardians an opportunity to provide feedback and perspective relative to school decisions and provide an avenue to raise concerns and issues as they relate to Chelan Middle School. Topics that were discussed at the last meeting included: Setting norms for future meetings, Harassment, Bullying and Intimidation, and Communication between home and school.

Please email me if you would like to be added to the email list to receive meeting notes. Even if you can't attend, these notes should help you stay up to date with what we are discussing.

M.S. Activity Night!

On behalf of the student body, we would like to thank Ms. Taylor and the students of the Med Club for hosting a fantastic evening! It was an evening full of dancing, game playing and activities in the gym. Students also had the opportunity to get their pictures taken. The students had a fabulous time and have asked when we can have another one! We would also like to thank those parents/guardians and staff who attended helping to make the evening fun and safe. The Med Club met with Mr. Anderson a couple times prior to the event to provide updates. The students were well organized and had a great plan put together. Great work and thanks again for your efforts!



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Athletics Update



The Boys Basketball season is quickly coming to a close. About 35 young men participated and showed their dedication by attending practice at 6:30 in the morning at different times throughout the season. They continue to represent their themselves and their school in a manner we can all be proud of.

The girls will begin their basketball season right after the Winter Break and wrestling will begin half way through January. Students wishing to turn out and participate need to make sure to swing by and talk with Mrs. Mackey in the office. They will need to have all of the proper forms completed and submitted before they will be allowed to participate.

GO PIRATES!

Grade Checks

Approximately every 2-3 weeks, staff members submit their grades to the counseling office. Those grades are then sent to Mr. Anderson and he compiles a D and F list. This list is used to determine if students are eligible to participate in athletics and other activities. The eligibility process is outlined below.

1. Students participating in athletics and activities are ineligible if they have 2 or more D's or if they are failing any classes.
2. Students who are ineligible will be notified in person by Mr. Anderson and a letter will be mailed home notifying families.
3. Once students can show that they have raised their grades to meet the minimum eligibility requirements, they will be eligible to play.

Please contact Mr. Anderson if you have any questions in regards to this policy or procedures. Our goal is to teach our student athletes how to be students first and athletes second and how they can be successful at both.



Stepping Out

The Middle School Choir *Bella Voce*, under the direction of Mrs. Kunkel, went to Regency Manor Nursing Facility to sing carols on December 5. That evening members of the Middle and High School Choirs met at First Friday downtown and sang carols for shoppers, met Santa and had hot chocolate. A good time was had by all.

Please join us on Thursday, December 18th in the PAC as our Band and Choir perform. We hope to see you there supporting our middle school musicians.



WASL Spotlight

The seventh grade 2008 Writing Assessment consisted of 2 prompts: 1 Expository Prompt and 1 Persuasive Prompt. Each prompt consisted of 2 strands: Content, Organization, and Style (COS) - worth 4 points and Conventions (CONV) - worth 2 points for a total of 12 points. Students need to earn a total of 9 point on the two prompts in order to meet standard. The 2009 grade 7 Writing Assessment will have no changes.

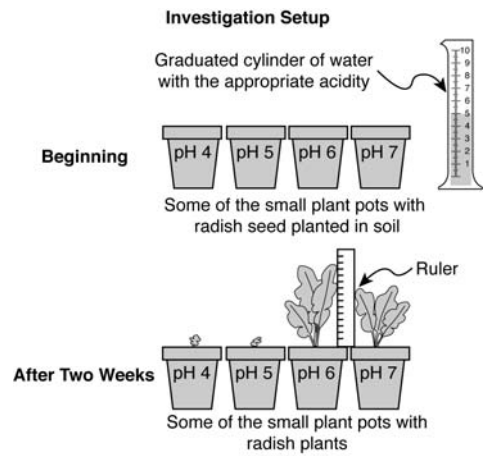
Students are asked to respond to a prompt and provide a sample of their best writing. A prompt may read like the following: *Because of recent complaints about noisy and disorderly behavior at lunchtime, your principal is considering giving each student an assigned seat at lunchtime. Take a position on this issue. Write a multiple paragraph letter persuading your principal to support your position.*

If students are able to do the following, they can receive a high score:

1. Take a position
2. Support with details
3. Write 4-5 paragraphs
4. Pay attention to conventions

Happy Holidays!!





Acidity of Water vs. Average Plant Height	
Acidity of Water (pH)	Average Plant Height (centimeters)
4	0.5
5	0.5
6	12.5
7	9.0

