

## 7th Grade Weekly Update

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we move into week 18, we have a lot to look forward to! Thank you for being supportive of students and helping to encourage STAG behavior!

### ELA

We have just started our second unit of the year. Students have begun to learn about the curiosities of space! This will be an argumentative unit, and students will eventually have to take a side: Should humans make a home in space? Many seem very excited about this unit, and I am looking forward to it! Please check that your child has completed our first summary, which we drafted as a whole group during class!

### Math

Students are working with **rational number operations**, which is a challenging chapter. If you are not seeing a small amount of homework coming home for independent practice, please be sure to check **PowerSchool** for progress updates. **Quick Concept Checks** will be given frequently so students can monitor their understanding and progress. Students are also completing **Weekly Review Math Circuits**, which are due on **Fridays**.

### Accelerated Math

Students are working with **proportionality**, with a focus on identifying **proportional relationships** in tables and graphs. Students will have a quiz either **Friday (1/9)** or **Monday (1/12)**. Students are also completing **Weekly Review Math Circuits**, which are due on **Fridays**.

### Science

In Science this week we completed the second quarter midterm exam, and the second quarter midpoint lab notebooks checks are underway. We are now starting a unit on phase changes of matter, exploring phenomena such as melting, freezing, condensation, and evaporation.

### World History

#### Midyear Exam: Thursday, January 22

This week we started learning about Ancient Rome. The Roman Republic served as a model for our own government thousands of years later. Students will be taking a midyear exam on **Thursday, January 22nd**. The test will consist of four "big idea" questions from each of the seven units that were covered during the first half of the school year (28 questions total). This test is NOT open-book and students will need to do some studying at home. We will create a study guide in class and I will load the unit review pages into Google Classroom next week.

## Electives

**Sustainable Science:** We are nearing the end of our semester together. Students are finishing their sewing projects and making decorative pancakes. More to come next week!

**Woodshop:**

**Spanish:** We will be learning about a quinceañera and watching a movie called Sweet 15.

**Art:**

**Choir:**

## Updates

- **PBIS Assembly Fun - Duct Tape Takeover!** Our PBIS End-of-Quarter Assembly is coming up on January 22nd — and we're adding some sticky fun! Students can help duct tape mystery staff members to the wall (one teacher per grade level + one office staff member!). The assembly is planned, but who gets taped is a surprise until the big day!
  - 📄 2 feet of duct tape = \$1 | Buy as much as you want!
  - 💰 Cash only | Proceeds support KMS PBIS | Money should be turned into the front office
  - 📅 Tape sales end January 21stThe more tape sold, the more stuck they'll be!
- **Quarterly Celebration:** Students who have earned and turned in 7 STAG Tags throughout this quarter will be celebrating at Grace MacDonald Park with a sledding adventure! This will take place on **January 23**, the last day of the marking period. Because this is also a half day, students will be gone the majority of the school day! **Donations:** The PTO will be supplying students with hot chocolate while sledding. If you would like to donate snacks (ie. baked goods, individually packaged chips/crackers, etc.) it would be so appreciated! Please contact [ecallaghan@kingsleyschools.org](mailto:ecallaghan@kingsleyschools.org) to coordinate!
- **Parent Drivers:** We are looking for a couple of adults who would be able to volunteer as drivers for our quarterly celebration. Sleds are not allowed on the busses, so having additional, larger vehicles to meet us at the park would be amazing!!
- **Hygiene:** Please make sure that your child is taking a shower, putting on clean clothes, and wearing deodorant EVERYDAY. If your child has PE or Body Mechanics, then an extra stick of deodorant may be necessary to keep in their gym locker or backpack. Now that the windows are closed for the winter...our rooms are unbearably stinky and it makes for an uncomfortable learning environment. Thanks for your support.

- **PTO Update:** The PTO is looking for volunteers. Attached below is a flyer with information!
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### **Other Dates to Know**

- January 23: End of 2nd MP
- January 23: Q2 Celebration
- January 23: MS Glow Dance

**Have a great weekend!**

**- 7th Grade Team**