

## 7th Grade Weekly Update

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we move into week 19, and the last week of the first semester, we have a lot to look forward to! Thank you for being supportive of students and helping to encourage STAG behavior!

### ELA

Students have begun to work as partners to read about Japan, researching the possibility of living on the moon and Mars. They are beginning to summarize this text and next week we will check for comprehension. Our grammar for the week will focus on fixing sentences - students will have a quiz on Friday. They are allowed to, and should be, using their notes for these Friday quizzes going forward.

### Math

Students are continuing to work with **rational number operations**. **Concept Checks** will be given frequently, so staying current with independent practice is important.

#### Important Reminder

If you are not seeing math homework coming home, it may indicate that assignments are not being completed and could be contributing to a grade that is not meeting expectations.

### Accelerated Math

Students are wrapping up our unit on **proportional relationships** and can expect a **unit test next week**.

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### Science

In Science we are starting our unit on chemical reactions. We will be exploring reactions that cause observable changes to substances and analyzing them at the molecular level to see how the elements rearrange to form new compounds.

### World History

World History- We finished learning about the Roman Republic and took the unit quiz yesterday. This was our last grade this marking period. Our mid-year exam is scheduled for **Thursday, January 23rd**. My 7th hour class will take the exam on Wednesday because of the pep assembly.

This is NOT an open book test and a study guide is attached. We will be spending early next week doing lots of review activities, but your child will still need to spend some time at home studying for this test.

## Electives

**Sustainable Science:** We are nearing the end of our semester together. Students are finishing their sewing projects and just made french toast and pudding this week!

**PE:** 6th through 7th Physical Education

Monday - Basketball Drills and Lower Body Strength / Mobility

Tuesday - Net Games and Footwork

Wednesday - Football / SpeedBall Drills and Speed Development

Thursday - Invasion Games and Upper Body Strength / Mobility

Friday - Fitness Testing and Fun Friday Games

**Note:** Speed Training After School For All Elementary and Middle School Students in the Big Gym From 3:15 - 3:45 PM.

**Spanish:** We are finishing our unit on quinceañeras. One of their last major grades for the gradebook was labeling a person with a mixture of 10 total body parts and clothing items in Spanish. They will have a grade for warm ups on January 22.

**Art:**

### Studio Art Update 🎨

Our middle school Studio Art students are currently working on theme-driven, mixed-media wooden box projects! Each student began by creating an art proposal to plan their idea, materials, and design. Using a culmination of the elements of art and the media they've explored throughout the year, students are designing both the interior and exterior of their boxes to clearly communicate their chosen theme.

*A huge thank you to everyone who donated cigar boxes to support this project—we truly appreciate it! We are still happily accepting donations for next year as well.*

### Art 1 Update 🎨

In Art 1, students have been exploring the differences between realism, abstraction, and non-representational art. We are now putting that learning into action through a mixed-media sculpture project using wood, wire (generously donated by Master Drycleaners on Airport Road—thank you!), and nylon stockings.

While the materials may be unexpected, the results are incredibly engaging. This project challenges students to focus purely on the elements of art (line, texture, color, and shape, etc) to create an artwork that communicates emotion without relying on recognizable objects.

**Choir:** The Kingsley Choir concert is next Thursday, December 18th, at 7 pm in the high school gym!

## 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
  - 📅 17 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! **Students who ride the bus will NOT be allowed to bring sleds on the bus with them - sleds will need to be dropped off to the school the day before or the day of.**
- **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 buses, 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 EVERY DAY. 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.
- **Glow Dance:** The PTO will be hosting a Glow Dance next Friday, from 6-8 PM, for all 6-8th graders. There is a \$5 entry fee (which includes a slice of pizza and water). For students to attend the glow dance, they **must attend school** that day.
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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**