

## 7th Grade Weekly Update

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we move into week 21, we have a lot to look forward to! Thank you for being supportive of students and helping to encourage STAG behavior!

### ELA

Students should have just finished their winter NWEA testing. Scores will be available for you to compare fall vs. winter in PowerSchool ASAP!

**Homework:** I give plenty of time in class for students to finish their work during our ELA time; any work that students do not finish during class will need to be done as homework. Please ensure that your child has turned in their *Japan to Start Research on the Moon and Mars* summary and/or that they finish it at home.

### Math

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### Science

We will be working towards finishing up our unit on Chemistry next week. This week, students were introduced to chemical equations and how to balance them.

### World History

We took our mid-year exam on Monday. Please check your child's grade in PowerSchool and feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. The beginning of a new semester is always an opportunity to start fresh and make changes if needed. We also started a new unit about the Roman Empire. Rome transitioned from a republic (democracy) to an empire after the death of Julius Caesar. This unit marks the beginning of our study of the common era (A.D.) and the spread of Christianity.

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### Electives

**Sustainable Science:** Students have begun to learn to cross-stitch this week. Check in with your child to see how they're doing!

**PE:** Speed Training after school for all Elementary and Middle School Students in the Big Gym on **WEDNESDAYS** from 3:15 - 3:45 PM.

**Spanish:** We are reviewing the alphabet from last week and learning how to count up to 30 in Spanish this week. Your child should know how to count up to 10 out of order! That means that when they are asked to say "five" they can just say "cinco" and not have to say "uno, dos, tres, cuatro, cinco". Thanks for practicing with them at home!

**Art:**

**Choir:**

## Updates

- **PBIS Assembly Fun - Duct Tape Takeover!** Our PBIS End-of-Quarter Assembly is coming up on February 6th — 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 February 5thThe 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 **February 6**.
- **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 on February 12, 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**

- February 6: Quarterly Celebration  
February 9: Board meeting 6pm  
February 12: PTO Game Night & Glow Dance 6pm-8pm  
February 13-16: Mid-Winter Break - No School  
February 24: 7th/8th Choral Festival @ TC West  
February 24-25: Parent Teacher Conferences  
February 28: District Band Festival @ Elk Rapids 11:50am

**Have a great weekend!**

**- 7th Grade Team**