

MAY
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GARFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL
8TH GRADE
TEAM PEGASUS
NEWSLETTER

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MAY DATES

- 1st - OAT Dance 3:15-5:15
- 4th - Interims sent home this week, TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK begins
- 5th - 8th grade D.C. trip begins
- 9th - 8th grade returns from D.C.
- 11th - Right To Read Week, Book fair in library
- 11th & 12th - 8th graders visit HFS
- 14th - 8th grade Career Fair (a.m.), 8th grade Space Fest (p.m.), Band/Orchestra Concert 7:00 p.m./
- 21st - 8th grade Recognition & Dance 6:00 p.m.
- 25th - Memorial Day-No School
- 26th - Vocal Spring Concert 7:00 p.m.
- 27th - National Jr. Honor Society Induction 6:30 p.m.
- 29th - Hoops for Heart

JUNE

- 3rd-5th - Exams
- 8th - Last day of school!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Early Dismissal 1:00

SUMMER SCHOOL

- 1st term June 15 - July 3
- 2nd term July 6 - July 24.

Straight From The Top

Mrs. Blake

Character Trait for May
COMPASSION



Mr. Bryson

The definition of the word "prepare" according to Webster's dictionary is to put in proper condition, or readiness and, to provide what is necessary. One of our goals this year was to make sure all of the 8th grade students were in the proper condition of readiness and to provide them with effective instruction on a daily basis. During classroom observations we have seen evidence of this objective being achieved. The primary proof our efforts will be when we get the results back from the recently completed Ohio Achievement Test in June. The secondary proof of how well we prepared our students will be seen next fall when our 8th graders begin their first year of High School. I truly believe that in both cases our results will be outstanding and that the 2008-09 Garfield Middle School class will achieve even greater success in the future. It has been a pleasure working with such a fine group of students for the past two years. I would also like to give a special thanks to all the parents who supported our efforts during this period. On behalf of the entire 8th Grade staff we wish everyone a safe and relaxing summer break.



WORDS FROM OUR COUNSELOR

Mrs. Wiedman

Congratulations!!! OAT Testing is completed!!!!

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON TEAM PEGASUS?

Mrs. Bennett (Science) - For the remainder of the year, we will be studying space. We will be working on various space projects to present at our Space Fest 2009 on May 14th. Thank you to all of my students who did their very best on the Science OAT. IT IS FINALLY OVER!!!

Ms. Kelly (Math) - Miss Kelly's students will be exploring geometry and three-dimensional figures. After this, we will be reviewing for our semester exam. It is important to keep working until the end of the year so that your exam really reflects what you have learned!

Mrs. Parrish (Reading Enrichment) - Reading Enrichment will be continuing with work on affixes as well as Greek and Latin roots. Classes will also continue working on application of their acquired skills on literary text, reading process, acquisition of vocabulary as well as informational text.

Ms. Osborne (Language Arts) - During the last nine weeks, Language Arts students will be writing literary responses as well as poems. We will be reading "Flowers for Algernon" while discussing the parts of the brain and the way the brain works. In addition, Team Pegasus is working on a Space Project. Students alone or in small groups will come up with a play, a display, a report, a power point or some type of project connected with space. These projects will be presented in the gym on May 14th.

Mrs. Anderson (Chorus) - May is a very busy month for the choirs at Garfield. On May 2nd, we will participate in the Music in the Parks at Kings Island. This includes a competition in the morning and then spending the day in the park. On May 16th, we will travel to Lebanon Middle School to participate in the Ohio Music Education Association (OMEA) Large Group Contest. We have not yet been assigned a time, but it will be some time in the morning. May 26th is our Spring Concert at 7:00pm. This year the 8th grade will perform a medley from the musical Wicked. I want to thank all of the 8th grade students for a wonderful year. Although it will be hard to see you leave, I am excited to see you move on to the next stage of your life.

Ms. Frey (Art) - We will be finishing up portfolio projects this month. We just finished building Coiled Pottery projects and will be working on glaze firing for the finished products. Some of the pottery pieces will be up for sale at our semester Silent Art Auction, where faculty and parents can purchase the art from the students. All proceeds from the sale of the pottery go directly to the student artist. We have entered into the world of Master Painting, where students chose a famous painting and will be reproducing the original with their own creative flair. Congratulations to Mackenzie Marcum, Cheyenne Bowling, and Tori Riddick who were honored at this year's HCSSD Promising Young Artists Ceremony. These students have shown exceptional effort and ability, being chosen as the top 3 art students this school year :)

Mrs. Jelil (Math) - Students will be working on surface area and volumes of different geometric shapes. Once this chapter is completed, they will begin studying for exams. I would like to thank all of my students for a wonderful school year and I wish the best for you in high school. It was a pleasure working with each and every one of you!! Good luck in high school.



OAT's ARE OVER!



We made it! Team Pegasus teachers would like to thank all students who did their very best on the tests. You will see that all of the hard work you put into this year has paid off! We can't wait to see your scores!!!

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