

Grade 8 October News: Room 201

We have finally passed through the incredible heat of late summer...the students were amazing. They were very tolerant and did their best to work through many uncomfortable days. ☺

Thank you to families for sending in votes for the end-of-year trip. **The verdict was Camp Wanakita.** More information will be available soon, including cost. Please check out the Camp Wanakita page on our school's website for all updates about our trip.

*Are you on **Remind**? Our class uses this app for reminders and updates. It is extremely easy to set up on your smartphone or computer. Please check out the instructions below, or send in your cell phone number with your child. I will send a link to your phone that will get you going even faster!*

Either...

- a) Get notifications on your smartphone.
 - a. On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link: **rmd.at/4f9fgk**
 - b. Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.
- b) If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.
 - a. Text the message **@4f9fgk** to the number **519-968-0216**
- c) Or send your cell number to school with your child and I will "invite" you through the app.

Also, you have discovered that all of my newsletters will be posted on the school's website.

SOME PROGRAM NOTES:

LANGUAGE: We continue to read the novel Wonder. We will be learning how authors write convincingly from different perspectives. We are also critically analysing sentences, identifying different parts of speech. I am impressed by how well the students are picking up on this grammar focus!

MATH: We are solving problems with integers. Our math program allows for students to work along independently, so effective use of class time is key! We are using tools such as integer tiles and number lines. The students are also building a handy-dandy reference book that we call the MATH FACTS BOOK. They are jotting down useful reminders and creating tools to help them in upcoming tasks.

SCIENCE: We are learning about diffusion and osmosis, two different types of cellular transfer. We will be digging into some fun science experiments in the next couple of weeks. Our focus will be carefully following procedure, recording detailed observations (text, labelled diagrams, measurements), and critically analysing what we have learned from these explorations.

HISTORY: The students took some time to determine the characteristics which make our country a fantastic place to live in 2017. Then, we time travelled back to the 1850's to consider who was living in different parts of pre-Confederate Canada. We will be looking at the priorities of each geographic and cultural group, and figuring out what motivated them to fight to create a brand new country called Canada.



PHYS. ED.: Many thanks to families for ensuring that our students have a set of gym clothes to change into each day. Please remember that we will wash your child's gym clothes here at school. (Many thanks to families who sent in detergent and fabric softener to keep us smelling fresh!) Thanks to Elizabeth and Jasmine for doing our t-shirt and shorts loads last week.

Congratulations and good luck to our soccer players as they compete at the intermediate soccer tournament on Wednesday, October 5th: **Jonathan, Landon, Natalie, Danielle,**

Robbie, Matthew and **Hunter**.