

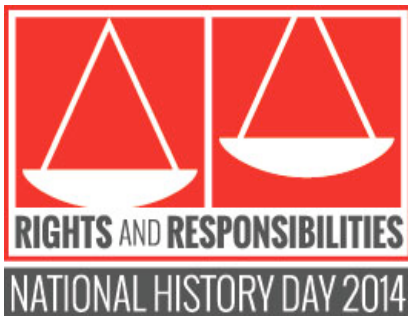


Happy New Year...

I am so blessed to get to teach this class of young people. It seems fitting to take a moment at this time of year to just give thanks for all of you. It has been a good first semester of sixth grade. I look forward to 2014 and all of the joy that this class will give me every day of the new semester. We will be back to business on Tuesday, January 7. Until then, take some time to enjoy the holidays as well as your family and friends! Again, thanks for a good first half of the 2013-2014 school year!

Student Council Holiday Drive...

Thanks very much for all those who supported the Ross student that was assigned to our class this holiday season! Thank you also to Hayden and his mom for picking up the game and for those who sent donations for it.



National History Day 2014...

Our class started this year's NHD in November. The NHD 2014 theme is Rights and Responsibilities in History. Students have selected topics and project types. The project types include building a website, performing a historical skit, or creating a multi-media presentation to name three. Students have three deadlines still upcoming. **On Friday, January 10: a rough draft of the project, including the**

annotated bibliography, is due. The following Friday, January 17 is the due date for the process paper. The final due date is Friday, January 24. On this date, the final project is due at Meigs!

Grading & Retake Policy...

As a reminder of the Meigs retake policy, retake forms must be signed and turned on the Monday before Retake Wednesday. The original assessment and a parent's signature must accompany the retake form. A PDF of all these policies may be found on the Meigs website.

HFA Tutoring...

Students from Hume Fogg along with Mrs. Karen Boles continue to volunteer their time each Wednesday to tutor Meigs students! These sessions will resume in January. Watch for more information after the holidays!

From Mr. P...

1. **4-H:** Our next meeting is on January 23. Students will share art posters. They are to be horizontal and measure 14" x 22". Check out student's 4-H folder for all the details!
2. Students: please be responsible with your iPad. Be sure you are abiding by the Meigs iPad acceptable user procedures (AUP) you signed the first week of school. A copy of this should stay in all students' HW folders. Be reminded in order to allow everyone to keep their technology privileges, consequences aimed at curbing off-task behavior are in place. The first time a student is observed off task and not using his/her iPad for educational purposes will result in writing out the policy on notebook paper. Hopefully this will incentivize all of us to use or technology appropriately during class time. A link to a copy of the AUP is <http://www.flyparsons.org/meigsAUP.pdf>.
3. The next retake date is Wednesday, January 22. To participate on that retake day, students must have the retake form completed, signed, and attached to the original assessment no later than Tuesday, January 21 to be eligible to retake an assessment on that Wednesday.
4. Please remember to get agendas signed each evening. Students are to get both Mr. P and parent's signatures each day!
5. Follow our class on Twitter and Facebook! See homework, special rewards, and photos of class activities there. Friend Mr. P on Facebook: [facebook.com/meigsmagnet](https://www.facebook.com/meigsmagnet). Follow Mr. P on Twitter; twitter.com/meigsmagnet

DATES TO REMEMBER...

12.16.13	SPELLING TEST #17 & VOCABULARY TEST #17...
12.20.13	Wear class SUPER shirt...
12.23.13	Winter Holidays begin...
01.06.13	Last day of vacation...
01.07.14	Return to school for 2 nd semester...
01.10.14	DUE: NDH rough draft...
01.10.14	GENERAL STORE...
01.10.14	Wear class SUPER shirt...
01.13.14	SPELLING TEST #18 & VOCABULARY TEST #18...
01.17.14	DUE: NDH process paper...
01.22.13	Enrichment Wednesday...
01.24.14	DUE: NDH project...



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FOR ADDITIONAL NEWS ITEMS & INFO CHECK:

<http://www.flyparsons.org/notehome.html>

ON THE WEBSITE ONLY:

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It pays to check the website, too...

This Week's SECRET WORD (December 17):

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Mr. P's SECRET INFORMATION LEAK:

WWW.FLYPARSONS.ORG/EVERYBODYSOMEBODY.HTML

TEAM SHIRTS...

Our class will wear our super-cool class shirts on Friday, December 20. Be stylin' that day! We will wear them again on Friday, January 10. The class shirts show just how cool our class really is!



[GRADESPEED]: REMINDERS...

UPDATE! Gradespeed.com will update by 7PM, December 13. The updates will reflect the past week. Late work has been recorded as of December 13. Notice any missing assignments? Please submit them each week with the Tuesday Folder Sheet.

A SPECIAL COUPON...

Print and clip this coupon below for a special **REWARD**. To get the reward, please obtain a parent's signature that states your parent has checked gradespeed.com.

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Student's Name _____

Parent's Signature _____

Date: _____ Secret Word: _____

MEIGS' MISSION STATEMENT...

We are an academic middle school for 5th to 8th grade students. Our mission is to provide a liberal arts curriculum that will allow our capable learners to perform at high standards of academic and social development.

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