



PI DAY...

Mr. P's class will celebrate pi on March 14, 2018. Students will study circles and the relationship of a circle's diameter to the circumference.

EXTRA CREDIT FUN: Students may, for extra credit, memorize the first 50-100 digits of the irrational number pi. It begins 3.1415923...

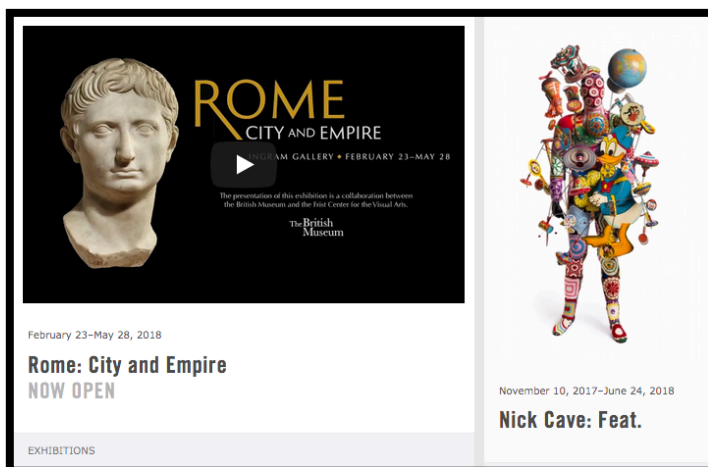
PI DAY CONTEST: Students may choose to enter our class pi Day t-shirt contest. Design a t-shirt that is themed around pi (3.1415923). Be creative. Use markers, paint, or iron-on decals to make your shirt really rock! A prize will be awarded to the best student-made shirt and most creative shirt.

CIRCLE FOODS: Students may bring snacks to share that are circular. Be creative! Please consider items that are not too messy and can be shared easily with the class.

HAT ACTIVITY: On pi Day, our class will study how pi is used in the sizing of fitted hats. Students may bring a fitted hat to school to wear on pi Day. The hat may be worn in class during our pi Day activities, but should not serve as a distraction. Students may bring a hat that isn't fitted if a fitted hat is unavailable. Students also need to bring, if possible, a cloth measuring tape for this activity.

Children's Theater...

We will visit the Children's Theater on Thursday, March 15. Permission notes are being sent home today. There will be a cost of \$10.10 to ride the MNPS school bus and admission to the Children's Theater.



Frist Exhibits...

We are looking to take an after-school field trip to the Frist Center on Friday, April 20. There are a couple of cool exhibits currently at the Frist. Luke's mom, Ms. Pavlovic, who teaches photography and digital media at Vanderbilt has agreed to help facilitate our visit. Students would be responsible to leave Meigs after school (April 20) and meet at the Frist around 3:45 to participate in the tour of the

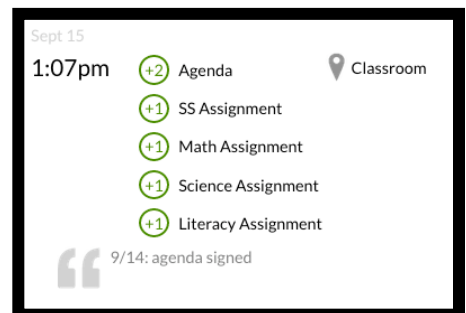
exhibits. We will need to schedule the visit and determine how many will plan to attend. Please send Mr. P an e-mail (james.parsons@mnps.org) if you're interested in attending in April.

<http://fristcenter.org/calendar/detail/nick-cave>

<http://fristcenter.org/calendar/detail/rome-city-and-empire>

From Mr. P...

1. **TOP TYPISTS:** Shyla Wade is our top typist at 68 wpm. Owen Salas completed 42 exercises last week- the most in our class! WOW!
2. **WORDS & MUSIC:** We will visit the Country Music Hall of Fame on Tuesday, March 27. There will be a cost to ride the MNPS school bus. Admission to the CMHF is free. We will need 3-4 parents to volunteer to chaperone that day.
3. **SNACKS:** Big thanks to those who have sent in snacks to refill our snack box. Your donations are appreciated. We still need individually wrapped chips, granola bars, popcorn, Goldfish, Cheez-Its, peanut butter crackers, cheese crackers, or anything that makes a decent mid-morning snack. Check out the link to sign up. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0a4faeaf29a31-snack1>
4. **SPELLING:** Unit 19 will be tested on March 12.
5. **GRADES:** Look for grades to be updated as of March 6 at 7PM.
6. **EFFORT:** A quick reminder that students receive LiveSchool points daily from all teachers. It's important to look at the clarifying comment that is denoted by the large grey quotation mark at the end of the series of points earned or lost. Any points from an assignment category are the points that are averaged to get a subject's effort grade. All points, regardless of the category, are added or subtracted from a student's LiveSchool account. Multiple points may be earned or lost from one behavior such as getting the agenda signed because it affects multiple subjects' effort grade.



Mr. P's Student of the Week!

March 5-9, 2018: **Caroline Randolph**

Next week: Will Rosario

Mr. P's Class Calendar Up Close!

03.07.18	Enrichment Wednesday + GREAT...
03.09.18	Wear class shirts + General Store...
03.09.18	DUE: TypingWeb...
03.12.18	DUE: DDD (IXL/MOBY/ALEKS) sheet...
03.12.18	TEST: Spelling/Vocabulary #19...
03.13.18	DUE: ATH Activity #1...
03.14.18	DUE: ATH Activity #2...
03.14.18	pi Day...
03.15.18	DUE: ATH Activity #3...
03.15.18	FIELD TRIP: Children's Theater...
03.21.18	Enrichment Wednesday...
03.27.18	FIELD TRIP: Country Music Hall of Fame...

Additional NoteHome Information is Online:

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

WEBSITE EXTRAS!

This Week's SECRET WORD (March 6):

NOTE HOME SECRET WORD "EQUATIONS"

Mr. P's Class Motto:

"I CAN AND I WILL!"

TEAM SHIRTS...

Our class will wear our super-cool class shirts on Friday, Mar. 9. Be stylin' that day! We will wear them again the following Friday, Mar. 16. Class shirts show just how cool our class really is



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[INFINITE CAMPUS]: REMINDERS...

UPDATE! Infinite Campus grades will update by 7PM, Mar. 6. The updates will reflect the past week. Late work has been recorded as of Mar. 6. Notice any missing assignments? Please submit them each week with the Tuesday Folder Sheet.

LiveSchool Class Points:

[as of March 6]
049,911



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 Infinite Campus.

COUPON




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Student's Name _____

Parent's Signature _____

Date: _____ Secret Word: _____



Tuesday Folder Report

_____ Name _____

WEEKLY CHECK SHEET OF STUDENT DATA...

TUESDAY:	Corrected Papers (# _____)	Student Received	Parent's Initials
	Mr. P's Note Home		
<small>Parent's Signature Box</small>	Data Dive		

GRADES	%	Patterns/Comments:
Literacy		
Math		
Science		
SS		

EFFORT	#	Patterns/Comments:
Literacy		
Math		
Science		
SS		

Tuesday Report Sheet...

Each Tuesday, students receive a newsletter, "Mr. P's Note Home," along with a "Tuesday Report Sheet." This sheet serves as a weekly communication between school and home. On Tuesday evenings, parents and students are asked to check grades (Infinite Campus) and LiveSchool for effort. The back of the sheet has a form that may be used to organize student academic needs such as taking care of missing assignments or late work, making

corrections to not yet mastered skills, or scheduling retake/re-do needs. Students should return the signed Tuesday sheet on Wednesday morning.

Daily Digital Duties in Mr. P's Class...

Students are to fill out and keep up with Mr. P's **Daily Digital Duties** tracking sheet. The completed sheet is due each Monday morning and will be graded for completion each week. There are three digital duties students practice with daily: IXL, ALEKS and MobyMax. IXL and MobyMax are comprehensive learning programs that offer unlimited math and literacy practice problems in thousands of skills—all of which are aligned to Tennessee Standards. ALEKS is a diagnostic math program embedded in our digital math book, "Connected." One of the best things about these digital platforms is that students may access it from any device. For on-the-go practice, you may use the app for iPad by logging in with your assigned U/N and P/W. All three are designed to help students learn at his or her own pace. Each is adaptive and will adjust based on student's demonstrated understanding of the prescribed material.

TECHBOOK in Mr. P's Class...

Our class uses Discovery TechBook by accessing the Clever app. MNPS' Clever web address is <https://clever.com/in/MNPS>.

Student of the Week in Mr. P's Class...

Each week a different student is spotlighted as Mr. P's Student of the Week. Students may bring photos and mementos of themselves and their family to share on our board. Please notice the schedule for each student so you'll be ready. Students should bring their photos/mementos on the Friday before their week.

9/11: Kristian Allen

9/18: Isaac Assink

9/25: Matthew Bogen

10/2: Eli Canon

10/16: Zilah Deboard

10/30: Derek Enrich

11/6: Nori Fuller

11/13: Araceli Garcia

11/27: Nick Hall

12/4: Jonathan Harris

12/11: Emery Hatcher

1/8: Hanan Jabasini

1/22: Caroline Kirkby

1/29: Kylie Knutson

2/5: Luke Lawler

2/12: Joanna Martinez Perez

2/19: Reed McClain

2/26: Ileana Montenegro

3/5: Caroline Randolph

3/12: Will Rosario

3/19: George Rose

3/26: Ania Rucker

4/9 Owen Salas

4/16: Johnathan Segelhorst

4/23: Yousef Shakhtour

4/30: Shyla Wade

5/7: Carlos Zaragoza

Classroom Apps...

- LiveSchool (student app)
- Google Classroom
- Google Drive
- Google docs
- Google slides
- Google Expeditions
- ConnectED
- Clever
- Socrative (student app)
- Edmodo
- Remind
- Quizlet
- Quizizz
- Keynote
- Pages (if it's still free)
- iMovie
- Explain Everything
- Educreations
- ShowMe
- Showbie
- Padlet
- Scholastic Classroom Magazines
- Seesaw (class)
- Kahn Academy
- IXL
- Skitch
- Glogster
- MobyMax (Create a bookmark on home screen.)
- Clips
- G-board



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DID YOU KNOW?

Infinite Campus...

Students now have access to Infinite Campus. By going to <https://campus.mnps.org>, and using the MNPS username + P/W, students have access to grades, attendance, records, etc. A reminder of login information is below.

USERNAME: (Full First Name, First Letter of Last Name, Last 5 Digits of ID number).

Example: Username for John Q. Public
ID number 190012345

Username: JohnP12345

Password: 190012345

There is an app for Infinite Campus as well. The code is: **XYPFWS**.

Tuesdays...

Students should fill out the Tuesday Signature Sheet (pink) and review it with parents every Tuesday evening. Students are to go to <https://campus.mnps.org> to view grades and then go to LiveSchool to check out assignment behaviors. Those behaviors make up the effort grade. Mr. P is guiding students on how to figure out the assignment ratio, which makes up each effort grade. On the Tuesday sheet, there is a space to record both grades and effort. The Tuesday sheet has a place to plan for retakes, re-dos, and missing assignments. All Tuesday sheets are to be returned on Wednesdays.

Retakes in Mr. P's Class...

Students may fill out the back of the Tuesday sheet each week as a way of planning for any retakes he/she might want to do. Retake days are on enrichment Wednesdays. To re-take a test, students are to attach the original test to the item analysis form and the intervention that's been used to correct the un-mastered assessed skills. A parent's signature is also needed. The retake forms are found in a vertical file in the classroom. Each particular form is color coded for easy access. Literacy retake forms are yellow; math retake forms are white; science retake forms are green; and SS retake forms are blue. To see the forms go to <http://www.flyparsons.org/retakes.html>. **FYI:** quizzes are found at the class assessment website. Go to parsonsassessments.weebly.com. □

There are some "retakes" that do not require the retake form since the purpose of retakes is to master 6th grade skills, not correct poor habits of study and perseverance with assignments. □

1. To revisit a low grade on Scholastic News and TFK, students are to write a paragraph for each missed question stating the correct answer and support it with the text. □
2. To get a retake grade on a low spelling test, students are to write each missed word correctly 10-15 times to help reinforce the correct spelling of the word. □
3. To get a retake grade on a low vocab test, students are to write the full dictionary.com definition to each missed word 5 times each. Hopefully this will motivate students to be diligent in preparation for weekly tests. Mr. P has Quizlet available for the entire week leading up to these tests. Students who do not procrastinate and utilize the Quizlet resources throughout the week typically score significantly higher compared to waiting until the night before the test. □

Mr. P's General Store

**FRIDAY
@2:10PM**

March 9

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.

Bye Bye...