



## **PI DAY...**

Mr. P's class will celebrate pi this Wednesday, 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.

## **Mockingbird: Children's Theater on March 15...**

The play *Mockingbird*, adapted by Julie Jenson, is based on the 2010 Young People's Literature National Book Award Winner *Mockingbird* by Kathryn Erskine. *Mockingbird* is about Caitlin, an eleven-year-old girl on the autism spectrum, struggling with the tragic loss of her older brother, Devon, and the increased attention that she is receiving because her brother has been killed during a school shooting. Caitlin's profound loss is exacerbated by the fact that her brother is who helped her make sense of the world and often kept her calm. He'd been building a special wooden chest, which now sits unfinished in their living room. Her dad is struggling immensely with the death of his son and the realities of coping alone with a child on the autism spectrum. At school, Caitlin continues to work with Ms. Brook, her counselor, to deal with the new reality she must face without her brother. The play deals with tough topics. The school shooting is not part of the play, but it does deal with the shooting's aftermath and Caitlin's loss of her brother. The link below is a tips page from Children's Theater. Please text or e-mail Mr. P if you have any questions.

<https://www.nashvillechildrenstheatre.org/parent-tips#mockingbird>

## **Words & Music...**

We will visit the Country Music Hall of Fame on Tuesday, March 27. In preparation for this visit, students are songwriting in class. Permission notes are being sent home today. We will need 3-4 parents to volunteer to chaperone that day.

## Spring...

With a later spring break this year, our class must make a strong effort to remain focused on academics. Students, this is a reminder of some important responsibilities. Each night students need to use the agenda to make sure that all HW is completed on time. The agenda should be signed. This affects effort grades every day. The DDD sheet needs to be completed each day. Waiting until right before it's due on Monday morning is not a good idea. This same idea goes for typing exercises each week. Each night's Tech Task is due by the following school day at 8:00AM. Please remember that these HW assignments should be turned in complete and on time. Late HW will be entered as a ZERO in Infinite Campus. Lastly, if there is a technology issue at home and an assignment cannot be completed, please let Mr. P know as soon as possible, not after it already due. If there's a technology need that legitimately keeps a student from completing an assignment, and that has been communicated, additional time will be given to complete it at school.

### From Mr. P...

1. **LIVESCHOOL:** Our total class points (as of March 13) are **57,346!** Awesome!
2. **TOP TYPISTS:** Owen Salas is our top typist at 58 wpm. Nick Hall completed 51 exercises last week- the most in our class! WOW!
3. **SNACKS:** We 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 27 will be tested on March 19.
5. **GRADES:** Look for grades to be updated as of March 13 at 7PM.
6. **REDO/RETAKE DEADLINE:** March 19

### Mr. P's Student of the Week!

March 12-16, 2018: **Will Rosario**

Next week: George Rose

### Mr. P's Class Calendar Up Close!

03.14.18	<b>DUE:</b> ATH Activity #2...
03.14.18	pi Day...
03.15.18	<b>DUE:</b> ATH Activity #3...
03.15.18	<b>FIELD TRIP:</b> Children's Theater...
03.19.18	<b>DUE:</b> DDD (IXL/MOBY/ALEKS) sheet...
03.19.18	<b>TEST:</b> Spelling/Vocabulary #19...
03.19.18	Retakes/Redo Deadline...
03.21.18	Enrichment Wednesday...
03.23.18	General Store...
03.27.18	<b>FIELD TRIP:</b> Country Music Hall of Fame...
03.30.18	SPRING BREAK (3/30 - 4/6)...

**Additional NoteHome Information is Online:**

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

# WEBSITE EXTRAS!

This Week's SECRET WORD (March 13):

**NOTE HOME SECRET WORD "PROPORTIONS"**

Mr. P's Class Motto:

**"I CAN AND I WILL!"**

## TEAM SHIRTS...

Our class will wear our super-cool class shirts on Friday, Mar. 16. Be stylin' that day! We will wear them again the following Friday, Mar. 23. 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. 13. The updates will reflect the past week. Late work has been recorded as of Mar. 13. Notice any missing assignments? Please submit them each week with the Tuesday Folder Sheet.

# LiveSchool Class Points:

[as of March 13]  
**057,346**



## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

# ONLINE SPOTLIGHT!

## NOVELS:

Freak the Mighty by Rodman Philbrick (1<sup>st</sup> Nine Weeks)  
The Red Pyramid by Rick Riordan (2<sup>nd</sup> Nine Weeks)  
Among the Hidden by Margaret Peterson Haddix (3<sup>rd</sup> Nine Weeks)  
King of Ithaca by Tracy Barrett (4<sup>th</sup> Nine Weeks)  
Fuzzy Mud by Louis Sachar (4<sup>th</sup> Nine Weeks)

## 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

## Reminders ...

Classroom participation and effort is important to academic success. All class procedures fit under our three norms of being respectful, responsible and resourceful! Thank you to all of the students who faithfully follow directions and strive for excellence. The following list is a reminder of some expectations outlined in August.

- Listen to ALL directions the first time given...
- Be sure to refrain from off-task talking...
- Devices: stay on task or lose it for the day...
- Food and trash make messes...
- Be responsive and respectful in hallway lines...
- Reflections must be completed daily...
- Pencil + Paper cost \$5 class cash...
- Make sure devices & ear buds in class everyday...
- Go to the restroom at breaks- don't waste class time unnecessarily...
- Be ready to start the day at 7:55AM...

### **DUE ON TIME:**

- Reflections
- Agenda
- TypingWeb
- IXL/ALEKS/MOBY sheets due Monday AM completed!
- Tuesday Sheet
- HW
- Tech Task



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# TECH TALK!

## Tech Task Reminder!



Send me a copy of my responses.

Never submit passwords through Google Forms.


SubMIT

This form was created inside of Meigs Middle Magnet School. Report Abuse - Terms of Service - Additional Terms

Google Forms

Please remember to always click the button, "SEND ME A COPY OF MY RESPONSES" at the bottom of the Tech Task Google form before hitting the submit button. This sends students a copy of responses to their MeigsMail account.

Having this assures if your form doesn't submit, you have a copy of the work you did to e-mail Mr. P. Students are expected to complete the Tech Task each day. Students must either send a copy of the daily Tech Task to their MeigsMail inbox or take snapshots of it. This is important for any student who needs to re-visit a Tech Task grade. To re-do or complete a late Tech Task, re-write it on notebook paper.



## Tuesday Folder Report

# \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

**WEEKLY CHECK SHEET OF STUDENT DATA...**

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

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

## **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](http://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  
@1:50PM**

**March 23**

## **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...**