



MR. P'S

# NOTE HOME

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## Science Camp...

Sixth graders will be going to camp on November 5-7, 2019. The science camp parent meeting was September 5. Everything discussed then will be covered with students several times before we go in November. No forms will go home until the trip is officially approved by MNPS. We look for that to occur by fall break. The cost of camp is about \$125. Any parent wishing to chaperone will need to complete the Meigs science camp chaperone form which includes a link to the PENCIL Foundation's overnight- chaperone/volunteer background check. The background check may take several weeks to be processed. If interested, please return the chaperone form to Mr. P and go to PENCIL's website to complete the background check. Chaperone forms and background checks must be submitted by next week. Students are bringing home a science camp informational flyer today. Again, this is simply an informational FYI, not the Meigs camp packet. Mr. P wants every student to attend camp. It is a very valuable experience for all sixth graders. If there is anything preventing you moving forward with going to camp in November, or with the payment that will be involved, please contact Mr. P.

<https://extension.tennessee.edu/ridley4hcenter/Pages/default.aspx>

<https://extension.tennessee.edu/ridley4hcenter/Pages/Take-A-Walk-On-The-Wild-Side.aspx>

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## From Mr. P...

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1. **LIVESCHOOL:** Our total class points (as of September 10) are **9,898!** Awesome!
2. **SPELLING/VOCABULARY:** Unit 6 will be tested on Sep. 16. Any grade below 85% will be expected to be revisited by writing each missed items 10 times each.
3. **GRADES:** Look for grades to be updated as of Sep. 10 at 7PM.

4. **RETAKES:** The next retake date is Friday, Sep. 20. Please make sure you are taking advantage of revisiting opportunities. **This includes spelling/vocabulary corrections!**  
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5. **TECH TASKS:** Students must complete each day's Tech Task (Google Form) as homework if it is not done in class that day. Students must submit the Tech Task by 8:00AM the following school day. After that time, the Tech Task is late and will have to be completed as a written assignment on notebook paper. It is very wise to save the responses on e-mail, in a Google Doc, or take a screenshot of the Tech Task.
6. **HOMEWORK GRADES:** Any homework not completed and submitted on time will be given a ZERO in Infinite Campus. ZEROS in Infinite Campus (marked as homework) may not be made up for credit. This is the MNPS policy. It is important that all HW be completed. Late HW may still be completed, but without a grade in Campus.
7. **STUDENT COUNCIL:** Student Council is challenging each grade level to top last year's total! Last year we collected 3400 non-perishable items! The grade level with the most donations will win popsicles to enjoy one day at recess. Mr. P is giving LiveSchool points for each student who donates. We hope the Kona Ice truck will come!

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

September 9-13, 2019: **Graham Brumley**

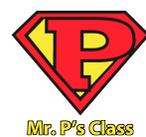
Next week: Angelo Bryant

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

- 09.10.19 **Tuesday Folder...**
- 09.11.19 SPICE (Daily at 9AM)...
- 09.11.19 Wear class shirts (white)...
- 09.13.19 Wear class shirts (black)...
- 09.13.19 **DUE:** TypingWeb...
- 09.13.19 **DUE:** Daily Math/Language sheets...
- 09.16.19 **DUE:** DDD (IXL/MOBY/ALEKS) sheet...
- 09.16.19 **TEST:** Spelling/Vocabulary #6...
- 09.20.19 General Store...

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<b>DUE DATES:</b>
9/13: TypingWeb
9/13: Daily M/L sheets
9/16: Spell/Voc Test
9/16: DDD



### TUESDAY TRACKER:

Tuesday, September 3		<b>TUESDAY FOLDER:</b>	<b>ITEMS TO BRING:</b>
<b>Note Home:</b> online + paper copy		Tuesday Signature Sheet	>earbuds
<b>FYI:</b>		Note Home	>Tuesday Sheet (return)
Food Drive: Now – Oct. 4		Student work	>
Fall Break: Oct. 7-11		<b>Mr. P's Note Home is Online:</b>	
			<a href="http://www.flyparsons.org/notehome.html">http://www.flyparsons.org/notehome.html</a>

# WEBSITE EXTRAS!

This Week's ONLINE SECTION SECRET WORD (September 10):

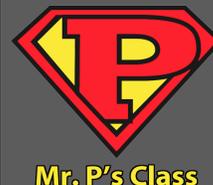
**SECRET WORD: Ancient Mesopotamia**

Mr. P's Class Motto:

**"I CAN AND I WILL."**

## TEAM SHIRTS...

Our class will wear our super-cool class shirts on Wednesday, Sep. 11 and Friday, Sep. 13. We will wear the white shirt each Wednesday and the black one Friday. Class shirts show just how cool our class really is!



## [Infinite Campus]: Reminders...

**UPDATE!** Infinite Campus grades will update by 7PM, Sep. 10. The updates will reflect the past week. Late work has been recorded as of Sep. 10. Notice any missing assignments? Please submit them each week with the Tuesday Folder Sheet.

# LiveSchool Class Points:

[as of Sep. 10]  
009,898



## 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**



Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Secret Word: \_\_\_\_\_

# 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.

## Things That Require Zero Talent...

- Being on Time
- Work Effort
- Effort
- Energy
- Body Language
- Attitude
- Passion
- Being Coachable
- Doing Extra
- Being Prepared

## Snack Attack...

Big thanks to those who have sent snacks to refill our "Snack Attack" box. Your donations are appreciated. We are looking for individually wrapped chips, granola bars, popcorn, Goldfish, Cheez-Its, peanut butter crackers, cheese crackers, or anything that makes a decent mid-morning snack to replenish the box each week. The "Snack Attack" box is open for students to use LiveSchool points to buy snack after related studies.

Check out the link to sign up.

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0A4FAEAF29A31-snack2](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0A4FAEAF29A31-snack2)

## **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. **[updated: August 19]**

8/5: Mr. P  
9/9: Graham B  
9/16: Angelo B.  
9/23: Natalia C.  
9/30: Josiah C.  
10/14: Fallon C.  
10/21: Liem D.  
10/28: Nathaniel H.  
11/11: Jayla H.  
11/18: Michaela H.  
12/2: James H.  
12/9: Kymani L.  
12/14: Lincoln M.  
1/13: Courtney M.  
1/20: Frederick M.  
1/27: Zomara M.  
2/3: Melis P.  
2/10: Isaac R.  
2/17: Chloe S.  
2/24: Josephine S.  
3/2: Kylie T.  
3/9: Mason T.  
3/23: Bethlehem T.  
3/30: Ashley T.  
4/13: Pramita U  
4/20: Madeline W.

## **Working Towards Mastery...**

**REDOS:** For some assignments, a redo is the best course of action. If so, attach the assignment redo to the original graded paper and turn in to Mr. P.

**REVISITS:** 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 vocabulary 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 these 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.

**RETAKES:** 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 not on enrichment Wednesdays this year. Mr. P will announce retake opportunities based on summative assessments that have been graded and returned to students. To re-take a test/quiz, students are to attach the original test/quiz to the item analysis form. Attach the intervention activity (if one has been assigned by Mr. P) that's been used to correct the un-mastered assessed skills. A parent's signature is also needed. Mr. P has retake forms for those needing one. Each particular form is color coded. 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.

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ALEKS is a mastery-based learning platform that identifies what your students know, what they don't know and what they are ready to learn. ALEKS helps instructors facilitate even more meaningful interaction with students, resulting in more motivated, confident, lifelong learners. It's like having a second teacher in the classroom.

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<b>IXL</b>	<b>ALEKS</b>	<b>MobyMax</b>
 The IXL logo features the letters 'IXL' in a bold, sans-serif font. The 'I' is blue, the 'X' is yellow, and the 'L' is yellow. The logo is centered between two horizontal green bars.	 The ALEKS logo consists of a blue square containing a circular pie chart with five segments in purple, green, yellow, orange, and blue. Below the square, the word 'ALEKS' is written in a bold, blue, sans-serif font with a registered trademark symbol.	 The MobyMax logo features a green silhouette of a whale's head and tail. Inside the whale's head are three white gears of varying sizes. Below the whale, the word 'MobyMax' is written in a bold, sans-serif font, with 'Moby' in black and 'Max' in red. Underneath 'MobyMax' is the tagline 'Learn twice as fast™' in a smaller, black font.

## LiveSchool...

## 2 Tips for Managing Screen Time (U.S. News)...

<https://health.usnews.com/wellness/for-parents/articles/2018-04-30/managing-your-teens-screen-time>

1. Assess screen time. Kids use their devices for a lot of different reasons, including schoolwork. Consider keeping a daily and weekly log. This snapshot of online time could prove helpful.
2. Set some non-negotiable electronic use rules such as:
  - No using devices, or having them out, when eating meals.
  - No using devices at bedtime (experts recommend turning devices off an hour or two before turning in).
  - No messing with devices in places where undivided attention is required, such as when watching a movie or a play.
  - No playing on devices when you're with someone else. I think most of us would agree that it's highly annoying when we are out with someone and they spend more time looking at a phone screen than us.

## A Reminder About Academic Responsibilities...

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**TYPING:** DUE each Friday. Retake period ends Sunday night.

**TECH TASK:** DUE the following school day by 8:00AM. After that time (unless due to illness) a late Tech Task must be written by hand on notebook paper to receive partial credit. It is also expected that students keep a digital copy of Tech Task answers each day for the unlikely event a technical glitch occurs.

**SPELLING/VOCABULARY TESTS:** Students scoring below 85% are to write each missed spelling word 10 times each and each missed vocabulary word 5 times each. DUE: end of the week.

**RETAKES:** Tests and quizzes may be reattempted for a mastery score within the time frame given by the teacher. This is usually within the 2-week window of when the Tuesday folder went home with that test/quiz. All returned papers are the responsibility of the student to keep up with and attach to the retake form. Testing results from Socrative may be retaken by asking Mr. P for a copy of the test.

**HOMEWORK:** When a student fails to complete a **homework** assignment on time (Tech Task, DDD, typing, book work, etc), a **ZERO** will be entered in Infinite Campus. **That grade will not be changed.** A zero averaged in with other grades lowers a nine-week average. Of course, retakes and re-dos for completed assessments remain in place as always. These retake/re-do opportunities are for students who put forth the effort on the original assignment/assessment, not to replace ZEROS from not completing assignments.

# Wear Class Shirts!

## 2019-2020 Class Shirts!



Wednesdays



Fridays

**WEAR WHITE on WEDNESDAY + BLACK on FRIDAYS!**

# **Mr. P's General Store**

**FRIDAY  
@8:55AM**

**September 20**

**SPEND YOUR LIVESCHOOL POINTS!**

## **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...**