

Mr. P's Note Home!

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4-H NEWS...

This evening, the 4-H county Public Speaking Contest will take place here at Meigs. Students who received a first place ribbon will give their speeches tonight beginning at 5:30PM. The next 4-H meeting is next Tuesday, January 19. Art posters are to be 14 inches by 22 inches. Students are to create a catchy slogan and design about 4-H for the posters. Students should also continue to work on the project sheet they selected. Trinity, our project leader, will select several students at random to share each month at the 4-H meeting.

HOMEWORK...

This semester, homework that is not turned in on time will be subject to receiving no credit. This does not include student absences. Students, please be diligent to make sure all homework is turned in on time.

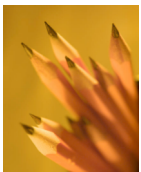
SCIENCE FAIR...



Students should, at this point, have an hypothesis developed and be testing it in a controlled setting. The results of that test will be then analyzed and communicated through the project display. Projects will be due in class on Monday, February 8. The Meigs science fair will occur February 10. Winners at that time will go on the Metro – Nashville fair in March. For more information go to:

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

ACADEMIC UPDATE...



- 1). Click on the button labeled "[GRADE 5](#)" for links to our on-line textbooks among other helpful items.
- 2). The January Book is Tuck Everlasting. Students should have it read by Friday, January 22. It is an easy read. It's also very enjoyable! The week of January 25, we will do several classroom activities with the book.

3). We are working towards the science fair.

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

4). We are finishing reading the novel, [Bridge to Terabitha](#) in reading.

5). We are studying Reconstruction and the Industrial Revolution in social studies.

6). Link to the blog at <http://www.flyparsons.com/blog>

A NOTE FROM MR. P...

1. Students are still sitting with classroom teams in the cafeteria for lunch this month.
2. There are very few returned papers today.
3. Please remember that corrections are not recorded each week after being received on the Tuesday Signature Sheet. If a paper was returned to Mr. P with corrections, you may expect to see that added in at the end of the nine weeks.
4. Don't forget to earn extra Meigs Moolah by keeping up with and filling out a HOMEWORK WORD CHART found on the homework webpage daily.

MR. P'S STUDENT OF THE WEEK...

• JANUARY 11-15, 2010

Molly Kroeger

Be sure to read about Molly on the electronic "Student of Week" board in Mr. Parsons' room and on the web in the password protected area soon.

Next week's student of the week. . . **Jared Lange**

ITEMS TO BRING. . .

- Red Tuesday Folder Signature Chart...
- CORRECTED WORK...

DATES TO REMEMBER...

01.14.10 Science Fair Log Book Check...
01.19.10 Spelling Test #14...
01.18.10 NO SCHOOL...
01.19.10 PERSONAL JOURNAL #91-100 due...
01.22.10 TUCK EVERLASTING DUE...
01.25.10 READING LOG DUE...
02.08.10 SCIENCE FAIR DUE...
02.12.10 HALF DAY = DISMISSAL at 11:30AM...

25PTS: SECRET WORD = • SEE THE WEBSITE...

FOR ADDITIONAL NEWS ITEMS & INFO CHECK:

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

ON THE WEBSITE ONLY:

EXTRA EXTRA EXTRA...

It pays to check the website, too...

This Week's SECRET WORD (Jan. 12):

25PTS: NOTE HOME SECRET WORD = "CENOZOIC"

Mr. P's SECRET INFORMATION LEAK:

WWW.FLYPARSONS.ORG/TODAY.HTML

TEAM SHIRTS...

As always, please watch the website to know which days our class will wear our class shirts in the future! The next date to wear class t-shirts is Wednesday, January 13, and maroon class shirts is Friday, January 15.



[GRADESPEED]: CHECK IT OUT...

UPDATE! Gradespeed.com will update again later this week. The updates will reflect the past week. Late work has been recorded as of Tuesday, January 12. 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.

COUPON

Student's Name _____

Parent's Signature _____

Date: _____ Secret Word: _____

MORE ABOUT WHICH TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

Log Book Check is December 10.

Centennial is Wednesday, December 16.

The November Monthly Book game board is due December 17.

Winter Holidays begin December 18.

HTTPS://GRADESPEED.MNPS.ORG...

Grades are on-line at gradespeed.mnps.org. Parents and students have a password to check each subject in order to view grades. This should be done each Tuesday.

TWITTER...

Parents have another way of staying connected to our class. Log on to www.twitter.com on your computer or cell phone and follow our class. Mr. P posts daily updates about what's happening at www.twitter.com/meigsmagnet. It is not necessary to sign up a twitter account to view our class tweets.

PERSONAL JOURNALS...

Tuesday, January 19 is the next date for personal journals to be checked. Entries #91-100 will be checked. All entries are to be at least one paragraph in length and hand written in the personal journal composition notebook. Typed or loose papers will not be accepted. There will be no late journal grades this time. If it is not turned in on Monday, and completed, a zero will be assigned. Please be diligent in staying caught up!

HOMEWORK...

Many thanks go to all of the students who are faithful in turning assignments in on time regularly. We do, still, have a few students who are continuing to be neglectful in getting assignments in at the appointed time. Students, please be reminded that failing to turn assignments in on time is going to affect your report card grade. Please make a new commitment to keep up to date on homework and make your parents, teacher and yourself proud!

TUESDAYS...

Students receive graded papers in the Red Tuesday Folder every Tuesday. All papers do go home on Tuesdays. If for any reason they do not arrive, let Mr. P know. Students may correct any and all assignments and assessments for some of the credit (points) back. Those corrections are to be stapled to the Tuesday Folder Signature Sheet. Mr. P then re-grades the corrections and put the points earned in a category on Gradespeed labeled extra credit. The original grade does remain, while the points earned by making corrections are cumulated in that extra credit category. As mentioned, student grades are on-line at <https://gradespeed.mnps.org>. Parents and students have a password to check each subject in order to view grades. This should be done each Tuesday and recorded on the Tuesday Folder Signature Sheet.

HOMEWORK WORDS = SPECIAL REWARDS...

Kids, be sure to check the "HW" webpage for the HOMEWORK WORD each day. Each week a special reward will await those who follow through! By the way there are also chances for secret words on Twitter and the Tuesday Note Home from time to time! Please look and don't forget!

MR. P'S PROCEDURES...

Students, the following are reminders of specific classroom procedures:

- Push your chair in when you leave your desk.
- Have your agenda signed daily.
- Locker breaks are 7:45AM, and 2:45PM. Students should remember to take all materials from the locker at that time. Keep all materials in your locker until needed.
- 7:45AM morning work is posted on the television each morning as you arrive in the classroom. This is due at 8:15AM along with your daily tech task and all homework. Students, be sure to be prepared everyday and be on time with all of your assignments.

NOTES...

- Hey kids, remember to send your Tech Task (Monday, Wednesday, & Friday) via e-mail. Please send it to Mr. P [james.parsons@mnps.org]. Your tech task should be saved on your computer as a MICROSOFT OFFICE WORD DOCUMENT with your name and date in the title. Attach the document to an e-mail to send it to Mr. P. Don't forget to include your name and the date in the title of the e-mail. Doing this will save paper!

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