

# Mr. P's Note Home!

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## 4-H MEETING...

Our January 4-H meeting was today. Students created art posters. The winners in our class are: Dallas: 1<sup>st</sup> place, Samuel: 1<sup>st</sup> place, and Trinity: 1<sup>st</sup> place. Each of these student's' posters are now going to the county contest. Noah and Sydney both received 2<sup>nd</sup> place ribbons and Jared won 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Unfortunately some students failed to bring a poster to today's meeting. Please make sure and plan ahead for next month's meeting – demonstrations. Don't procrastinate. 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. Our community service plans are shaping up. We are considering volunteering at a pet shelter, assisting at a senior living facility, and reading to the elementary school in our neighborhood, Ross Elementary.

## SCIENCE FAIR...



Again, 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>

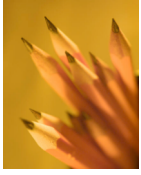
## A NOTE FROM MR. P...

1. Students are still sitting with classroom teams in the cafeteria for lunch this month.
2. There are several papers being returned today. Some students received papers earlier to either finish or correct where sufficient effort hadn't been given.
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.

## CHILDREN'S THEATER: ANNE FRANK...

Please be reminded that permission forms for our field trip to see the play Anne Frank are due. We will attend the play next Tuesday.

## ACADEMIC UPDATE...



- 1). Click on the button labeled "[GRADE 5](#)" for links to our on-line textbooks!
- 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). Science Fair due Feb 8! <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>
- 7). There is NO ENCORE this Thursday. ENCORE will resume on January 28.
- 8). Bring running shoes and water to drink on Tuesdays and Thursdays for gym!

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

• **JANUARY 18-22, 2010**

**Jared Lange**

Be sure to read about Jared 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. . .* **Noah Lytle**

## ITEMS TO BRING. . .

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

## DATES TO REMEMBER...

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|----------|------------------------------------|
| 01.21.10 | Science Fair Log Book Check...     |
| 01.22.10 | TUCK EVERLASTING DUE...            |
| 01.25.10 | Spelling Test #15...               |
| 01.25.10 | READING LOG DUE...                 |
| 01.26.10 | DARE...                            |
| 01.26.10 | MOVE & GROOVE...                   |
| 01.28.10 | MOVE & GROOVE...                   |
| 02.01.10 | PERSONAL JOURNAL #91-110 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. 19):

**25PTS: NOTE HOME SECRET WORD = "ASTEROID"**

Mr. P's SECRET INFORMATION LEAK:

**[WWW.FLYPARSONS.ORG/TODAY.HTML](http://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 20, and maroon class shirts is Friday, January 22.



## [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 January 21.

Field Trip to Children's Theater is on January 26.

January Monthly Book is Tuck Everlasting. It's due 01.22.10.

Science Fair is February 10. Projects are due February 8.

## **HTTPS://GRADESPEED.MNPS.ORG...**

Grades are on-line at [gradespeed.mnps.org](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.

## **TWITTER...**

Parents have another way of staying connected to our class. Log on to [www.twitter.com](http://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](http://www.twitter.com/meigsmagnet). It is not necessary to sign up a twitter account to view our class tweets.

## **PERSONAL JOURNALS...**

Monday, February 1 is the next date for personal journals to be checked. Entries #91-110 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!

**BYE BYE...**