

# Mr. P's Note Home!

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## WELCOME BACK...

The new school year has begun. It's sixth grade time! Students got right down to business on the first day of school picking up where we left off last May. That's a great perk to looping with the same teacher and class! We did add four new students to our great class! Be sure to welcome Jack Brandes, Jaylon Cunningham, Liam Dougherty, and Elizabeth Gillis! Here's a side note to Jaylon. Mr. P taught Jaylon's dad, Steven, in sixth grade at Brick Church Middle School. Talk about the full circle of life!



## MMS SIXTH GRADE HIGHLIGHTS...

Check out a few of the academic opportunities that are in store for Mr. P's class in the first nine weeks of 6<sup>th</sup> grade! Kids should be able to talk about each of these to their parents!

- Science Camp – September 15-17
- 6,000,000 Paper Clips – study of place value
- Ancient Egypt
- National History Day

## OPEN HOUSE...

The Meigs Magnet Open House is this Thursday, August 19 at 6:00PM. As part of that, students in our class are bringing personal artifacts to school (by tomorrow) to display Thursday. The student displays should have artifacts that represent interests, passions, achievements, or just something unique. Mr. P will be on hand to visit with everyone. There is nothing formal planned, just a time to be together!

## WEEKLY READER...

Mr. P has already ordered this year's Weekly Reader subscription via credit card. The cost per student subscription is \$4.00. You may send a cash donation for the subscription to Mr. P beginning tomorrow.

## TECH TASK...

The tech tasks on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays will now be done solely through the [www.meigsmail.org](http://www.meigsmail.org) Google Document features. Each student has practiced and taken notes about how to use the very intuitive features. Students should be able to do a "show and tell" about his/her MeigsMail account by this point!

## **[BLOG]: WEEKLY WORDS ON WEDNESDAY...**

This school year, Mr. P will blog weekly educational tips, classroom congrats, and maybe a few humorous stories each Wednesday at this new blog address:

<http://weeklywordswblog.blogspot.com/>

## **THANKS!**

Many thanks to all the wonderful parent volunteers in our class who have already been here at MMS working tirelessly! Due to our class' parents, PTO has had tons of help, MeigsMart has been staffed, and the science camp packets are already made and distributed to sixth grade homeroom teachers! Our class has the best parents!

## **SCIENCE CAMP!**

Students will meet Wednesday to get information about September's overnight science camp. The camp will be from September 15-17 at the 4-H Ridley Center in Columbia, TN. Each class may take two parent chaperones.

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

### **• AUGUST 23-27, 2010**

**Elizabeth Gillis**

Be sure to read about Elizabeth 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. . .* **Jack Brandes**

## **ITEMS TO BRING. . .**

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

## **DATES TO REMEMBER...**

08.18.10      CAMP student meeting @ 9:15AM in MPR...  
08.19.10      OPEN HOUSE...  
08.20.10      Summer reading DUE/BINDER CHECK...  
08.31.10      CAMP parent meeting @ 5:30PM in cafeteria...

**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 (August 17):**

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

**Mr. P's SECRET INFORMATION LEAK:**

**[WWW.FLYPARSONS.ORG/EVERYBODYSOMEBODY.HTML](http://WWW.FLYPARSONS.ORG/EVERYBODYSOMEBODY.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, August 18, and maroon class shirts is Friday, August 20.



## [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 August 18. 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.

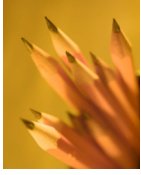
## COUPON

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

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

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

## CLASSROOM REMINDERS...



- 1). Click on the button labeled "[GRADE 6](#)" for links to our on-line textbooks!
- 2). Check the HOMEWORK webpage nightly!
- 3). Link to the blog at <http://www.flyparsons.com/blog>
- 4). Go online to order books at [www.scholastic.com/bookclubs](http://www.scholastic.com/bookclubs) Use our class code GLW2M
- 5). Bring running shoes and water to drink on Tuesdays and Thursdays for Move and Groove in the gym!
- 6). Personal Narrative Writing begins soon.
- 7). Study geography land/map features - test soon.
- 8). AUGUST BOOK: Holes due September 3. Freak the Mighty begins soon in class.
- 9). Our class will be studying large numbers in a unit called [6,000,000 paper lips!](#)

## MORE ABOUT WHICH TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

CAMP student meeting: 08.18.10  
OPEN HOUSE: 08.19.10  
Summer Reading DUE: 08.20.10  
BINDER CHECK: 08.20.10  
CAMP parent meeting: 08.31.10  
School Picture Day: 09.01.10  
SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDER DUE: 09.03.10  
NO SCHOOL: 09.06.10  
SCIENCE CAMP: 09.15.10 – 09.17.10  
FIELD TRIP to CHILDREN'S THEATRE: 09.29.10

## WISH LIST...

Our clickers and TI-Nspire calculators are in need of power. AA batteries are needed for the clickers and AAA batteries are needed for the calculators. We also need items for the general store and sports equipment for recess. If you are able to donate, please send those to school at your earliest convenience.

## FREAK THE MIGHTY...

We will be reading the Newberry book, *Freak the Mighty* by Rodman Philbrick. The book is available online for a little as \$4.00. We will begin reading the book the week of August 23. The book is one of Mr. P's favorites chronicling the lives of two "misfits" who find they share lots of similar values! There is a great plot twist to the story. Many worthwhile themes are found in the selection!

The **August Monthly Book** is Holes. Students are to read this "new classic," for pleasure, by Friday, September 3.



## **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, August 30 is the next date for personal journals to be checked. Entries #1-10 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!

## **RRR/DEMERITS...**

Students, please be reminded about the three Rs! You must be **r**espectful, **r**esponsible, and **r**esourceful. The administration has reminded you on announcements about the dress code, tardies, and Mr. P is reminding you about listening in class and doing your work. Several students have received demerits lately as a consequence for continually breaking these rules in class. You must try your very best to be organized and responsible. We are approaching the end of fifth grade and your adjustment to middle school should include being on time with all of your work as well as giving 100% during class and with those heretofore mentioned assignments. Thanks! -- Mr. P

## **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!

## **QUIZLET.COM...**

Thanks for the awesome website Mrs. Knight. Parents and students may use this website to create practice quizzes to study for any tests or review concepts. Mrs. Knight makes spelling test Quizlet links each week and offered to share her link each week. That link will be posted each week on our website. Please take advantage of this service. It is very helpful.

## **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 [www/meigsmail.org](http://www/meigsmail.org)

**BYE BYE...**