

Mr. P's Note Home!

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ANCIENT GREECE DAY...

Ancient Greece Day last Tuesday was a success. Students made Room 213 look like something from the Ancient Greek Acropolis. Thanks to everyone who donated yummy Greek food items for the Greek Café! Look for video and photos from the event on our class webpage and on www.facebook.com/meigsmagnet soon!



NHD & SCIENCE FAIR...

Students continue to work on science fair and National History Day projects. Keep an eye on due dates via the class website. Research paper final copies are due at the end of the week.

MR. P'S CLASS T-SHIRTS...

Our class is order class t-shirts to wear weekly in class. To order, click on the link on Mr. P's class website. Once there, you'll set up an account with an e-mail and order. The t-shirt will then be shipped to your home!



SPELLING BEE WINNERS...

Ms. Searfoss visited our class last week to conduct the class spelling bee. Congrats to Kenzie Hampton – winner and Liam Christensen – runner-up. Our two winners will represent our class in the annual N. Locke Spelling Bee on Thursday morning at 8:15AM in the MPR.



LIMITLESS LIBRARIES...

Don't forget to use our Meigs Library webpage to access databases, reference websites as well as, of course, books. The Limitless Library that the Nashville Public library has made available to students via their school library is a very valuable resource. It is linked on our website.

<http://www.library.nashville.org/schools/>

CLASS NEWS...

1. Mr. P will be gone on Tuesday, December 13-Wednesday, December 14 for the loss of his grandmother. Red Tuesday Folders will not go home again until Tuesday, January 10
2. The Preposition Glogster Project is due on Thursday, December 15. Research papers (final copy) are due then as well. Mr. Vance will check in with students on Tuesday.
3. Sumdog is an on-line math practice website. Students have been given a username and password to use to play math games aimed at shoring up TCAP skills. Students have been asked to utilize this practice site for at least 30 minutes per week.
4. Our class has an electronic drop box. Look on the HW page and click on "DROPitTO.me. The password is "flyparsons." Upload any documents that aren't Google Docs on MeigsMail.
5. Play 60 is a student physical activity initiative from the NFL. Our school, along with most others, are continuing involvement this year. Sevon Pendergrass and Maelea Radford are our class reps. Each month they will bring regular activities and challenges to the class from the school Play 60 committee! Our first challenge was given today. Watch for more from our reps on the class website. It's in the section called the "Student Zone."
6. Here's an extra credit opportunity is available for our kids to accept! Read a book you love or hate? Write a review! See Mr. P for the guidelines!
7. The second Math Olympiad will be this week.

STAY UP TO DATE ON EVRITS...

Getting instant communication from Meigs is vital. In addition, giving you the information to contact other families helps with carpooling, homework questions and socializing. Therefore, the PTO subscribes to a service whose software allows us to communicate instantly and with flexibility whether it is a notice to one class, one team, a group of volunteers, a grade level or the entire school. The Meigs online directory is available at www.meigsdirectory.evrits.com Accurate information for your family is essential, so please keep contact information up to date either by doing it yourself within Evrits or contacting the school. Be assured that the data is secure and available only to the Meigs community. If you have used this directory before, a reminder that your user name is the email address that you currently receive school-related information. Enter your password and click 'log on'. If it is your first time to access the directory, select 'Don't Have an Account' from the left-hand menu. Complete the appropriate box for student OR parent, then click 'Request an Account'. If your email address is entered into the school's database, you will then get an email invitation containing a password and instructions. If your email address does not appear, you will be asked for that, plus a Security Code. Enter your primary email address. The security code is **meigsisgreat**. Enter that, click 'Continue' and you will receive the invitation to log on with instructions and a password. If you receive a message indicating that your information does not match, try again using the student's legal name that MNPS uses. If you continue to receive the error, contact the Evrits manager through the link on the error message page along with your student's name. Once you have signed on, check your family's information and make any needed corrections.

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

• DECEMBER 12-16, 2011

Serena Helm

Be sure to read about Serena on the electronic "Student of Week" board in the classroom and on the web in the password protected area soon.

Next week's student of the week. . . **Jay Hopper**

ITEMS TO BRING. . .

- Red Tuesday Folder Signature Chart...
- Calculator...

DATES TO REMEMBER...

12.13.11 Math Olympiad #2...
12.13.11 NO TUESDAY FOLDER THIS WEEK...
12.14.11 ATH book club/VOCAB TEST...
12.14.11 ATH VOCAB TEST...
12.15.11 SCIENCE FAIR LOGBOOK CHECK #5...
12.15.11 Science Fair research paper (final copy) DUE...
12.15.11 Prepositions Glogster DUE...
12.15.11 ATH FINAL TEST
12.15.11 CUPCAKES from MR. O...
12.16.11 GENERAL STORE...
12.16.11 HALF DAY – DISMISSAL at 11:30AM...
01.04.12 RETURN for SPRING SEMESTER...
01.04.12 DEA data conversations & parent signature...
01.06.12 GENERAL STORE...
01.09.12 SPELLING TEST (UNIT 9)...
01.09.12 VOCABULARY TEST #11...

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FOR ADDITIONAL NEWS ITEMS & INFO CHECK:

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

ON THE WEBSITE ONLY:

EXTRA EXTRA EXTRA...

If pays to check the website, too...

This Week's SECRET WORD (December 13):

25PTS: NOTE HOME SECRET WORD = "ERATOSTHENES"

Mr. P's SECRET INFORMATION LEAK:

WWW.FLYPARSONS.ORG/EVERYBODYSOMEBODY.HTML

[GRADESPEED]: CHECK IT OUT...

UPDATE! Gradespeed.com updated Monday. The updates will reflect the past week. Late work has been recorded as of December 12. Notice any missing assignments. Please submit them each week with the Tuesday Folder Sheet.

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.

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