

THALES ACADEMY

JUNIOR HIGH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER/VOLUME 3

Science & Math News

from Ms. Gresenz

We've had a great week in Science and Math!

The 6th graders took their first test today and are starting a project about Ocean Habitats. I can't wait to see what fantastic things they put together! Our trip to the Planetarium will be March 2, so mark the date!

The 7th graders had a fun week with two labs! We have our test over the Chapter 11 material on Tuesday. Our trip to the zoo will be on February 8th. Please look for an email from me by Monday with all the details! We'd love to have you come along!

The 8th graders also took their first test this week. Next up is Energy. We will have a quiz on Thursday over the first two sections. Great job on your Rube Goldberg designs!

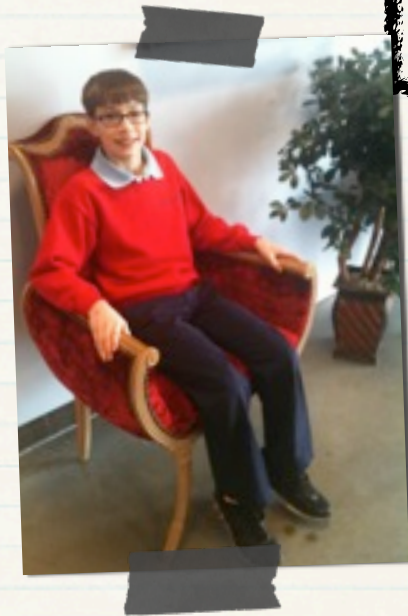
The 3rd period math class had a test on Wednesday, and they did a fantastic job! Congratulations! Thanks for all your hard work! We will have a quiz over the first few sections of Ch. 5 on Tuesday.

The 6th period math class will finish its exploration of simultaneous equations today, with a test. We start Ch. 7 on Monday! Keep up the good work!!!

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

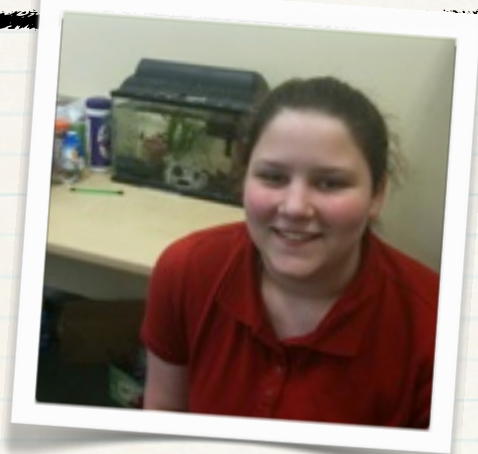
This week I would like to spotlight Stephen Shulman and Liv Berrien!

Stephen is a hard worker and a great student! I really appreciate how attentive he is in class, how willing he is to help out, and how he doesn't complain, even if I put him in a lab group with only girls. Thank you for all your hard work Stephen!



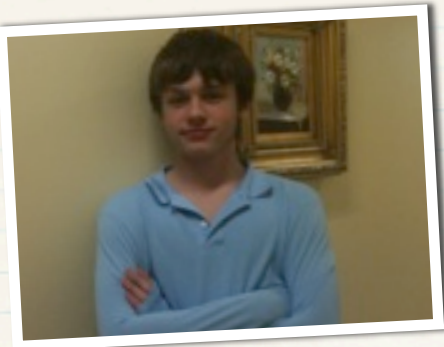
This week's Marvelous Musician is Emilio Foley. He has been an outstanding helper by setting out chairs for chorus with speed and enthusiasm. He has also displayed outstanding leadership skills in motivating others to move quickly. He is engaged and on task in rehearsals. Emilio, I am very proud of you!

Chorus Quiz Friday 1/27 Baroque and Classical Eras



Liv is doing really well in Math and Science, and I want to commend her that! She is always on the ball and willing to work! I appreciate her positive attitude in class and how willing she is to work with anyone! Thank you Liv!

Mr. Hartzell's News



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QUIZ & TEST SCHEDULE

Monday January 23: 8th Grade literature, My Antonia unit test

Tuesday January 24: 8th Grade history, Lesson 27 quiz (War of 1812)

Wednesday January 25: 7th Grade literature, Adventures of Robin Hood unit test

Friday January 27: 7th Grade trivium, Unit 7-9 vocabulary quiz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

8th Grade will soon be delving into historical research on one of the First Ladies of the United States from the early American period (1789-1850) leading up to the Industrial Revolution. Their goal will be to create an informative research paper from their findings.

7th Grade will soon be into historical research on an inventor and/or scientist from the European Age of Enlightenment. Their goal will be to create an informative research paper and a presentation poster from their findings. This will be an assignment that will carry across history, trivium, and science as well.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Andrew Caywood

Andrew has been comfortably growing into the position of classroom leader. He has been doing a phenomenal job and has revealed himself to have an aptitude for history. I can always count on him to have an on point answer in response to tough questions; weaving together seemingly random historical events into a broader understanding of the overall historical narrative. He's always handy for the occasional random, tangential question as well.

MRS. REEVE'S PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

We are finishing all of our tests for "Personal Best Days" and all classes have done a great job! I am very proud of each class!! I saw lots of improvement from the beginning of the year! We have also been trying out some of our new equipment! So ask the kids about the new stuff!

SPOTLIGHT STUDENT

This week I would like to spotlight Bailey Hodge for her effort in PE last Friday! She was putting forth a great effort on her sit-ups and push-ups and she also did not give up during the dodge ball game! Love the attitude!



MR. RUHL'S NEWS

6 L.H.G Latin Quiz, Chapters 1-3, Wednesday 1/25.

7 Latin: Quiz, Thursday 1/26

8 Logic: Quiz, Tuesday 1/24

SPOTLIGHT STUDENT:
Mason VanViegen for
excellent class behavior
and good sportsmanship
during lunch.



Ms. Canipe's News

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6 Trivium: The open-book Unit #10 test for *Analytical Grammar* has been pushed back until Tuesday. The students are doing a fine job with the concepts and diagrams-- parents would be amazed to see some of the sentence diagramming and hear their students' explanations! There will be no vocabulary unit for the week of January 23rd-27th.

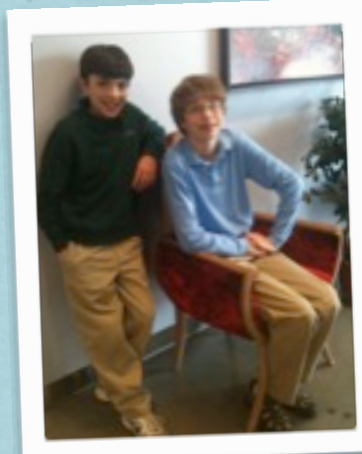
6 Literature: We continue with our study of *The Golden Fleece*. Students should keep pace with the reading schedule they have been given (also posted in the classroom). There will be a short quiz on Thursday.

7 Latin: Students begin Chapter 13 next week, but the quiz will not take place until the unit is finished in the following week.

8 Latin: Students begin Chapter 14 next week. The quiz date will be announced later in the week, dependent on our progress through the unit.



SPOTLIGHT STUDENTS



Michael Bono and Evan Gales showed true sportsmanship and camaraderie towards each other during both Junior Classical League the school-wide spelling bee this week.



New JCL members Julia McNamara, Belle Kozubowski, Nicholas Oddo, & Alexander Oddo came to their first meeting eager to contribute their talents and with ideas to help the group excel. Thanks to all of you!

Junior Classical League: We are so excited about the new members from sixth grade who have joined us! Each member has taken on organizational responsibilities as we prepare for the state convention on April 21 and 22nd at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. JCL will now meet Mondays during lunch and Wednesdays after school until 4pm.

Spelling Bee: The winner of the 2012 Thales Academy Spelling Bee is Michael Bono, with the winning word *unreturnable!* I would like to congratulate all our Junior High participants: Bella Petruccione, Mason Van Viegen, Johnnie Richtelli, Michael Bono and Evan Gales. I would also like to thank the junior high staff for coming to the bee to support the students and for supporting this program in our school!

LIFE SKILLS AND TECHNOLOGY: FROM MRS. JOHNSTON

Life Skills:

Monday and Tuesday (1/23 and 1/24) 6th Grade Quizzes
Friday (1/27) 8th Grade Quiz

Technology:

This week we worked on making Newsletters and improving our typing skills. Our goal is to be able to type proficiently without having to look at our hands. As you practice, try taking a piece of paper and cover your hands so that you cannot see them or the keyboard. Focus on memorizing and remembering where the letters are so that you eventually do not have to look :).

Band: The goals we have this quarter are to finish learning the scales in the back of the SoE book, complete the lessons in the book, and begin learning the concert repertoire so that when we come back from break (yes, I know it's a long ways off) so we will not have to work so hard to prepare for the concert. Please make it a point every day to practice at least twenty minutes, focusing on the next page to cover in the book so that you come to class prepared.

French Club for 6th and 7th graders
Now starting on Thursday afternoon: 3:15 PM - 4:00 PM

Dear Parents (Chers parents),

It was a pleasure to teach French at Thales during Track II. I will continue to offer French for Track III. There will be a new introduction French class for 6th and 7th graders. The class will begin next week, January 26th, and go until the 10th week of this Track (the week of March 5th). There will be NO homework, but participation in class is greatly appreciated! For the first time students, this will be a fun and exciting way to introduce your child to French.

The class, Introduction to French is for newcomers and will be offered Thursday afternoons, from 3:15 to 4:00 PM. We will cover the following:

- Greetings (How to introduce yourself, etc)
- Simple conversation: How old somebody is, Do you have brothers or sisters, etc.
- Videos of Paris and France (from the Travel Channel)
- Days of the week
- Counting
- Colors
- French Bingo (learning the vocabulary of body parts: eyes, arm, hands etc.)

First time students can attend the first class for free to see if they like it!

There will be a total of 7 classes for a price of \$50.00 per student.

If you have any questions or if you want to sign up your child please feel free to contact me at frenchatthales@gmail.com

Merci et mes meilleurs vœux pour la nouvelle année 2012!

Raphaële Moreau-Horwin



Mrs. Well's News

7TH GRADE NM-1

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I. Continue in a course of action even in the face of difficulty or with little or no indication of success.

We are persevering through Algebra Word Problems, and we HAVE had some indication of success!

Please use the solutions given on Thursday, January 19th, through the next several days to make sure you understand and can reproduce, on your own, the same type of results. You can also use the book to review the worked examples and try them, without looking, to check your progress.

We will have a test on Word Problems on Thursday, January 26th.

6th Grade Singapore Course 1 and Course 2 students

A **best practice** is a method or technique that has consistently shown results superior to those achieved with other means, and that is used as a benchmark.

We have been talking about and choosing best practices in our classes this week. We are also choosing a business name and going to post our Best Practices in the classroom. The goal is improving our everyday Math skills.

Assessment and Fact Assessment 9 will be given on Tuesday, January 24th.

ATTENTION: All Saxon 6th graders!!! UNITS Day is coming, next week! One day, will be declared UNITS day! That is the day when the UNITS on all problems must be included in the answer for the answer to be counted correct!!!!!!

Do UNITS count? Remember the Bank deposit example?

Bobbys' Bank statement reads "On Tuesday, you deposited **50 dollars and 5000 cents....**" Bobby is very upset because what he deposited was **5000 dollars and 50 cents!!!!** Do UNITS matter? You bet they do!!!!

Check Ren Web by Monday night to see which day will be UNITS day!!!