

# THALES ACADEMY

JUNIOR HIGH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER/VOLUME 3

## Math News from Mrs. Wells

### 7th Grade NM - 1

We are continuing our learning of Algebra, Unit Conversions and Word Problems for both, sometimes together! There will be homework next week, but no tests or quizzes.

### 6th Grade - Course 1

We completed up through Lesson 56 this week. We covered subjects ranging from Decimals, Dividing Fractions - "Say it with me now, in your best Spirit voice.... K-E-E-P, C-H-A-N-G-E, F-L-I-P!!!", to Common Denominators, and Reducing by Grouping. We will have Assessment and Fact Assessment 10 on Tuesday, February 7th. There is no homework over the weekend.

### MRS. WELLS' SPOTLIGHT STUDENT

Jordan Reeves - Jordan is in 7th grade and is tackling New Elementary Math I like a Super Bowl QB! She is really working through challenging problems, getting the process memorized and taking on the challenge of a marathon subject like an all-star. Stay the distance Jordan!

### 6th Grade - Course 2

We spent some time reviewing a Class "Top 5" this week. This included topics of: Problems with Elapsed Time, Adding and Subtracting Common Denominators, Reading and Writing Decimal Numbers, Dealing with Decimals, and Proportions. In addition (no pun intended...) we completed up through Lesson 55 this week. This included subjects such as: Rate Word Problems, Ratio Word Problems and Average and Word Problems with Multiple Steps. The class thanks Chris, Austin and Emilio, for their great performance as... "The Numbers!" We are scheduled to have Assessment and Fact Assessment 10 on Tuesday, February 7th.



## Mr. Ruhl's News

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**6 L.H.G: Test, Thursday 02/09/2012**  
**8 Logic: Test, Tuesday 02/07/2012.**

**Student Spotlight: Lili Watkins for an excellent job on the Latin test.**

Now accepting candy donations for our upcoming Candy Gram Sale!

**INFORMATION**

**Candy-Grams**

**DATE:** February 6th-10th and 13th!

**WHERE:** Front Desk/ Mrs. Edward's office.

**PRICE:** \$1.00 per candy gram.

Registration for electives was reviewed with each child today by Mrs. Edwards. These documents are available on the website for your convenience. These forms should be returned no later than March 16. Please direct all questions to Mrs. Edwards: [melissa.edwards@thalesacademy.org](mailto:melissa.edwards@thalesacademy.org)





# MRS. JOHNSTON'S NEWS



Keep sending in those Box Tops for Education! Students can turn these in to their homeroom teachers.

## BAND:

Shout out to Evan Gales participating in All-District Band this weekend! We know you'll do well!

## LIFE SKILLS:

We have finally reached the end of the Life Skills curriculum and will be moving into First Aid. Please come to class prepared to discuss what First Aid is and why it is important. We will also keep a journal of our eating habits and move into learning how to take care of ourselves.

## TECHNOLOGY:

The last couple weeks have been a learning experience for myself and the students. I have come to the conclusion that we need to spend focused time in class specifically on typing, and therefore have put computer projects on hold until we can solidify our knowledge of the keyboard. Because not everyone was able to take the typing test last week, I have scratched that test. This week's focus was learning the home row specifically, and I believe we made great progress in class. Well done students! We are working with [www.powertyping.com](http://www.powertyping.com) and studying the QWERTY lessons.

This week was Lesson 1: home row and next week we will be moving onto Lessons 2 and 3. The goal is 2 lessons per week as well as reviewing the previous lessons. Typing tests for the next few weeks will be over the specific lessons we do each day until the students are more comfortable with the keyboard. I recommend you spend some time each day working on your typing, but understand that you are very busy, which is also why we are dedicating class times to practice. Fifteen minutes per day is my recommendation, but that also varies by student since each student is different.

6th Grade  
Deep Ocean  
Projects!



# MISS HERROD'S MARVELOUS MUSICIANS

*This week's Marvelous Musicians are Alex Caywood & Mackenzie Green.*



*Alex has stepped up to the plate this track! He sets an example for his peers by paying attention and staying on track in chorus. He contributes in class discussion and singing. Thanks, Alex!*

*Mackenzie always does her job in chorus. She sings when it's time to sing, and she listens when it's time to listen. Awesome job, Mack!*



# Mr. Hartzell's News

## Quiz/Test Schedule:

Friday, February 2—8th Grade literature: Reading Quiz  
(Adventures of Huckleberry Finn Ch. 16-33)

## Announcements:

Both 7th and 8th grade history will be conducting online research for upcoming papers. I highly encourage and recommend that each student have online access to the Wake County Library. All one needs is a library membership and the ability to set up a PIN on their website. Their resources are far more reliable, credible, and expansive than the world wide web's. It is not required that they have a library card to do research, but I do believe that they get more out of the research.

### Spotlight Student Connor Briggs

Connor is a creative, resourceful young man. Connor came up with my single favorite original sentence using a trivium vocabulary word while playing a review game wherein you compete using as many vocabulary words as you can in a conversation. Connor was competitively conversing with another student over the topic of dining at a Mexican restaurant. Connor created the sentence: "My mouth was watering with the advent of the taco." Connor is reliable, honest, and hard-working. He's a pleasure to have in class.



# miss burke's news

**6th Grade:** Great job 6th graders on our metal relief projects! I can't wait for the final outcome.

**7th Grade:** Drawing upside down? We put ourselves in Michelangelo's shoes as he painted the Sistine Chapel!



**8th Grade:** Reminder - 2 pt. perspective drawings due Monday!

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS FROM MRS. REEVES

This week I would like to spotlight Johnnie Richitelli for his awesome attitude in PE. Johnnie always keeps his calm and speaks respectfully to me as a teacher. He keeps things positive! He also showed extra effort last week in "Noodle Hockey" even though he couldn't play goalie! Thank you Johnnie for keeping a positive attitude!



In class this week, we talked about "teamwork" in team sports like "Noodle Hockey" and we talked about the differences in the individual sports like "Four Square". We spent more time playing "Four Square" and concentrated on being ready again!! It just keeps coming up!! Always be ready!!



## NEWS FROM MISS GRESENZ

6th Grade Science: The Projects are absolutely fantastic! They are all so unique and I am absolutely thrilled with them! Thank you students for all your hard work! We will take our test over Chapter 14 on Tuesday and then begin our energy unit.

7th Grade Science: We have a test over Chapter 12 on Monday. Our zoo trip is Wednesday! I hope everyone is getting excited!

8th Grade Science: We will finish our roller coasters on Monday. Don't forget the marbles!

3rd Period Math: We will be continuing Chapter 6 next week. We will have a quiz on Wednesday!

6th Period Math: We will finish Congruent Triangles next week and have a test on Thursday!

This week I would like to spotlight Kaylee Kizior. Kaylee has been working very hard this track and has been doing a great job! She works well with anyone and is always willing to step up if asked. Kaylee is also a great artist, and her drawings are great addition to the group power point presentations. Great job Kaylee!

I would also just like to tell the 6th graders how impressed I am with all your beautiful projects! Your hard work is appreciated more than you know. I am blown away by the creativity and detail in your projects! Thank you again!

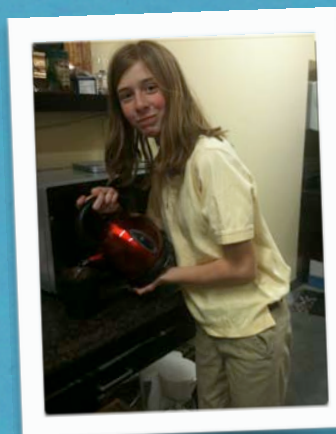
## MISS CANIPE'S SPOTLIGHT STUDENTS

**Eryn Szwarcop** has consistently modeled a scholarly approach to her classes this year: she is on time, prepared, attentive, diligent, and inquisitive. Above all, she is self-motivated and steadfast in these qualities, even in the height of her busy swimming season.

Brava, Eryn!



**Elise Taylor** daily dazzles us with her confidence in grammar and contributions to discussion in literature. She has developed a wonderful balance between using her intellect and creative flair to participate in class. Now that I know you are such a talented dancer, I wonder what you'll come up with on projects for the upcoming Greek tragedy we'll be reading!



## MISS CANIPE'S NEWS

**6 Trivium:** Through the rest of the year, students will have vocabulary units every other week instead of every week. Next week, they do not have a vocabulary unit or quiz, but they will have a short quiz on Thursday on the new information they will learn about proofreading marks. We will continue with the study of our new syntactical concept: the participle! *Persisting valiantly through the week, the students have excelled in this unit! They will surely master the following exercises, motivated by their diligent peers!*

**6 Literature:** Students have finished reading *The Golden Fleece!* Next week, they will spend time in class on activities and writing assignments leading up to a unit test on Thursday. Students are already in possession of a character list, which contains both the names of characters who will appear on the test and a half-page recommendation for studying.

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**Junior Classical League:** **\*\*Change to previous information\*\*** The JCL will volunteer ONLY on February 26th at the Animall in Cary (not on the 11th in Durham). Students have created a list on SignUp Genius to request in-kind donations of materials for building a chariot and constructing costumes for mythological characters. The url is as follows: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C4EAAA6229-materials>. Meetings continue on Wednesdays from 3pm until 4pm and Mondays during lunch.