

# PATAPSCO MIDDLE SCHOOL BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Fall 2017 6th Grade Town Hall Meeting



## OBJECTIVES:

- Welcome - introductions
- Team Policies
- Academic 411
- Special Events
- Communication
- Questions



# MEET YOUR TEACHERS!

**English Language Arts:** Ms. Shaw & Ms. Abernathy

**Math:** Ms. Saks, Ms. Kempic, Ms. Stubbleski, & Ms. Meikrantz

**Science:** Mr. Price & Ms. Kruger

**Social Studies:** Mr. Weeks, Ms. Pfoutz, Mr. Ordovensky, Mr. Dubbs

**Innovation & Inquiry Modules/Reading:** Ms. Ross, Ms. Eckert, Ms. Johnson, & Ms. Aubin



# MEET YOUR TEACHERS!

**ESOL:** Ms. Bury, Ms. Healey, & Ms. Hess

**Special Education:** Ms. Pfoutz, Ms. Stubbleski, Ms. Castillo, & Ms. Johnson

**GT Resource:** Ms. Glass

**Applied Academics:** **Health** (Ms. Sellner, Ms. Stielper), **Music/Chorus** (Ms. Mills, Ms. Shum), **Band** (Mr. Chamberlin), **Orchestra** (Ms. Haight), **Physical Education** (Mr. Spliedt, Ms. Hlavka, Mr. Capecci), **Tech Ed** (Mr. Eyes), **Art** (Ms. Mitchell), **FACS** (Ms. Humm)



## GRADE LEVEL POLICIES

- Student Agenda/Planner
- General Organization
- Locker Times
- Homework/Late Assignments





## 6TH GRADE LATE POLICY:

- 1st offense - verbal warning
- 2nd offense - parent contact
- 3rd offense - lunch detention
- 4th offense - MIR
- 5th & beyond - Office referral





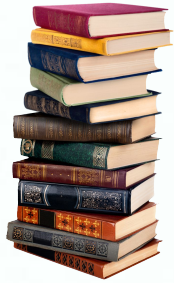
# ACADEMIC OVERVIEW



All classes are designed to meet the curriculum objectives of the Common Core and the Howard County Curriculum.



# ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS



GENRE	THEME
AUTOBIOGRAPHY HISTORICAL FICTION MYTHS & LEGENDS	COMING OF AGE COURAGE HEROES

Novels *may* include: Out of the Dust, The Red Scarf Girl,  
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Types of Writing: Argument, Expository, Timed,  
Explanatory, Narrative

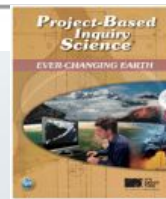




# SCIENCE

Through *Project Based Inquiry Science*, students will explore the following driving questions, throughout the school year.

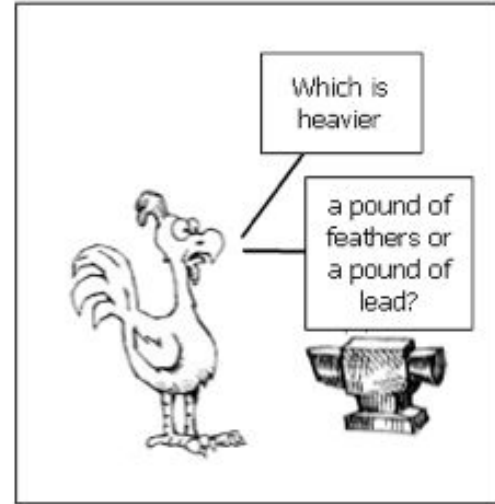
Driving Question 1	Driving Question 2	Driving Question 3	Driving Question 4
How do scientists work together to solve problems?	How do scientists gather and analyze information to prepare for a severe weather event?	How do scientists analyze the processes within the Earth that cause geologic activity?	How do scientists collect and analyze data that helps them understand the movement of space objects?
Supporting Text			
<i>Digging In</i>	<i>Weather Watch</i>	<i>Ever Changing Earth</i>	<i>Astronomy</i>



# MATH

- 3 different levels of Math
  - Math 6 (OGL)
  - Math 7 (AGL)
  - PreAlgebra (GT)
- Math Seminar
  - Support topics taught in Math 6
  - Relating to real world
  - Activity/classwork-based class
- Homework assigned every night, including Fridays!

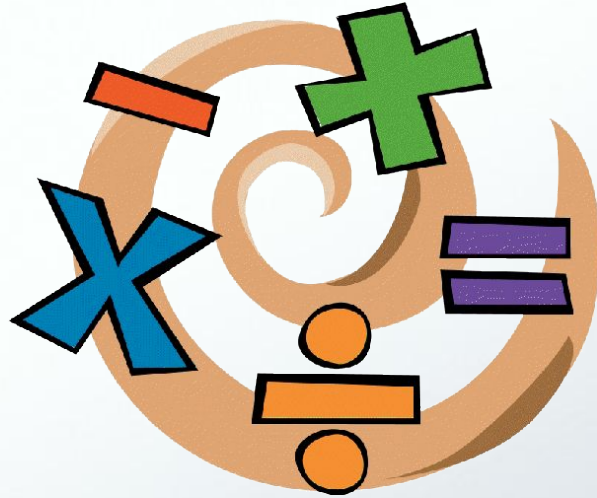
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# MATH

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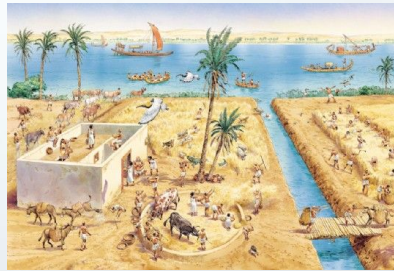
- Tests and quizzes
- Classwork
- Homework
  
- Textbooks should be left home



# SOCIAL STUDIES

- 1st quarter: Our Earth (maps, globes, geography concepts)
- 2nd quarter: Middle East (history, culture)
- 3rd quarter: Africa (history, culture)
- 4th quarter: Asia – East, South, Southeast (history, culture)

Focus on:  
Sourcing  
Close Reading





# MODULES

- Reading Innovation and Inquiry Modules
- Reading, English, and/or math intervention classes





# ESOL

## Goals of ESOL:

- Build academic and social vocabulary
- Improve writing, reading, listening, and speaking skills
- Increase understanding of content courses

ESOL Team Leader: Rashmi Bury ([rashmi\\_bury@hcpss.org](mailto:rashmi_bury@hcpss.org))

ESOL teacher: Danielle Healey ([danielle\\_healey@hcpss.org](mailto:danielle_healey@hcpss.org))

ESOL intern: Megan Scharmann

ESOL paraeducator: Deb Hess

International Achievement Liaison: Jamie Kim



# ADDITIONAL CONTENT CLASSES

Students also engage in a series of complementary classes including:

- Physical Education
- Health
- World Language
- FACS, General Music, Technology Education, and/or Art
- Performance Music classes (Band, Chorus, Orchestra)



## GT ENRICHMENT CLUBS

- Book Club
- Debate Team & Seminar
- Space Research
- Theatre/Shakespeare

Ms. Sammi Glass

- Film Production
- TV Studio/Production
- Photography
- Writers Workshop



<http://giftedandtalentedpms.weebly.com>

Applications outside room D9! Due: 9/15 – First come, first serve



# SPECIAL EVENTS 2017

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# UPCOMING AND IMPORTANT

Some dates to consider:

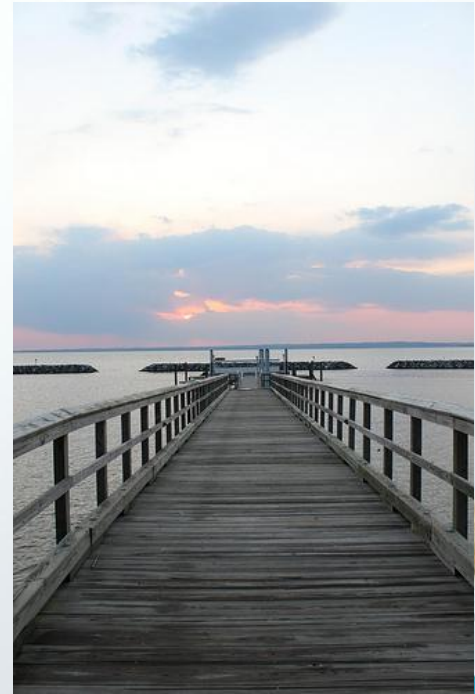
- **9/18–9/20:** Back to School Parent Visit Days
- **9/18 Outdoor Ed permission slips due**
- **9/20:** School Picture Day & New Student Luncheon
- **9/21–9/22:** Schools Closed
- **10/3:** MAP Math
- **10/4:** MAP Reading
- **10/6:** PTA Fun Night
- **10/9–10/11:** Outdoor Ed!





## OUTDOOR EDUCATION INFORMATION

- A PowerPoint will be posted on the Patapsco Website to view with all information
- The Slideshow will be running in the gym following Town Hall
- “Parking lots” will be up to take questions
- Students have been given information through English classes



## KNIGHT TIME

- Every Tuesday 8:05–8:42
- Period of quiet time in homerooms for students to work, study, or get help from teachers
- Teachers sign out students
- Great time for organization, help from teachers, quiet reading, or enrichment



# CANVAS

- All classes have a class page
- Students will gain new skills in using Canvas throughout the year
- Your children are your go to gurus!
- Students have already had an introduction through their math classes



The screenshot shows a Canvas LMS interface. At the top, the page title is 'Geography/World Cultures - Weeks'. Below the title, there is a navigation menu with options: Home (highlighted in blue), Announcements, Assignments, Modules, Grades, Discussions, Google Drive, Syllabus, Outcomes, Quizzes, Collaborations, Conferences, Files, Pages, People, and Settings. The main content area is titled 'Geography/World Cultures-SO-100-1-Weeks-F...' and includes an 'Edit' button and a settings icon. A blue banner reads 'WORLD CULTURES AND GEOGRAPHY I- GRADE 6'. Below this is a 'Welcome' section with the text: 'It's Geography and World Cultures with Mrs. Pfoutz and Mr. Weeks... Welcome!!!' and a link to '6th Syllabus 2017-2018.pdf'. A 'Meet Your Teachers!' section features two photos and biographies. The first photo shows Mrs. Pfoutz and Mr. Weeks with a yellow starburst graphic over Mr. Weeks' head. The biography for Mrs. Pfoutz states: 'Mrs. Pfoutz: This is Mrs. Pfoutz's 6th year here at Patapsco! When not enjoying her day at school, Mrs. Pfoutz loves spending time with her 2 year old twins, Jake & Ellie, as well as being outside, playing ultimate frisbee, watching funny movies, and eating Mexican food. Looking forward to a great year with lots of learning and laughs!'. The biography for Mr. Weeks states: 'Mr. Weeks: This is Mr. Weeks 4th year here at Patapsco! When not inspiring the youth, Mr. Weeks loves to play volleyball, tennis, and golf. You can find Mr. Weeks volunteering at church and in the community. He loves getting to know students, so know that his door is always open!'.

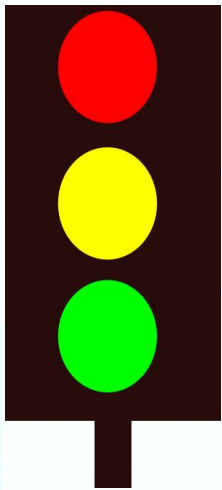
## COMMUNICATION TOOLS

- Student agenda/planner
- Blue homework folders
- Staff Directory: email addresses
- Teacher Canvas pages
- HCPSS Connect
- Patapsco Knight – biweekly
- HCPSS news
- Patapsco Social Media: facebook, twitter, instagram





# BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE



- Visual displayed in each classroom
- **Red** – no devices out
- **Yellow** – devices out when teacher permitted
- **Green** – devices are allowed out throughout the entire class



"I appreciate the text, Kate, but next time you can just raise your hand."





## REMEMBER THE TRUTHS OF MIDDLE SCHOOL:

- #1. Keep a sense of humor
- #2. Stay on the light side of technology
- #3. It's okay to still be learning about yourself
- #4. This too shall pass
- #5. You are AWESOME! And your kid is pretty great too.



# THANK YOU FOR COMING!

We will survive and thrive in middle school!

