



# PATAPSCO MIDDLE BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT FALL 2017

FEATURING GRADE LEVEL TOWN  
MEETINGS

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- Open Agenda

# 7<sup>th</sup> GRADE TOWN MEETING



# OUR TEAM

Ashley Gudelsky

English

Sharon Zelenak

English

Heather Schluter

Math

Tara Martin

Math

Jenn Meikrantz

Math & Reading

Karen Harman

Special Education/Math

Carol Richardson

Science

Joanne McGarry

Science

Jennifer Green

Science Intern with Mrs McGarry

Jason Dubbs

Social Studies

Rachel Millstein

Social Studies

Deb Hess

*ESOL Para-educator*

William Weeks

Social Studies

*Lori Birmingham*

*Math Assistant*

Ryan Pfoutz

Social Studies

*Ethel Altman*

*Para-educator*

Sherri Ross

Reading

*Jimmy Gallman*

*Para-educator*

Suzanne Aubin

Reading Specialist

*Barb Mahoney*

*Para-educator*

Rashmi Bhanot

ESOL

*Fedor Menchukov*

*Student*

Danielle Healey

ESOL

*Intern/Math*







Mitchell, Nancy  
Chamberlin, Robert  
Humm, Marjorie  
Glass, Samantha  
Sellner, Susan  
Stielper, Kelly  
Mills, Julie  
Shum, Laurie  
Haight, Elizabeth  
Spleidt, Patrick  
Capecci, Matt  
Hlavka, Lindsay  
Eyes, Paul  
Goth, Diana  
Sherrow, Tom  
Báez, Getsemary

ART  
BAND  
FACS  
GT RESOURCE  
HEALTH  
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MUSIC  
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# OUR TEAM

# Grade Level Policies

## Make-up work:

- Students have as many days as they are absent to make-up the missed work
- If students are out of the class but in school, they are still expected to turn in the work

## Compositions & Projects:

- Letter grade deducted each day late for projects and compositions.

# HOMework

- Homework is assigned as a reinforcement and extension of learning.
- Homework is expected to be completed on time. **No late daily homework will be accepted.**
- Please monitor your child's homework assignments through the use of the Student Agenda and Canvas.
- If a student needs to have their agenda signed, it is the student's responsibility to ask the teachers for signatures.

# Tardiness to Class

- 1st offense: Verbal Warning
- 2nd offense: Call home & Lunch Detention the following day
- 3rd offense: Detention will be assigned through Mr. Cometa
- 4th offense: Office Referral

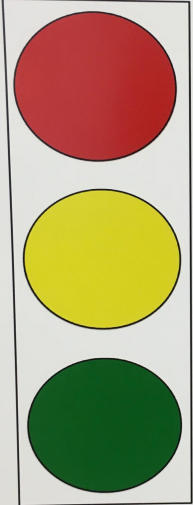




# Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

- First Offense: One verbal warning
  - This may be an individual warning or a whole class warning
- Second Offense: The cell phone will be delivered to the office for the student to pick up at the end of the day.
- Subsequent Offenses: the consequence will be determined by the frequency of offense

## Patapsco BYOD Policy



**Today's lesson**  
**WILL NOT require a device:**

- ✓ You may not use your device
- ✓ Keep your device away
- ✓ Follow your teacher's directions for storage during class

**Today's lesson**  
**MIGHT require a device:**

- ✓ Keep your device away until your teacher instructs you to take it out
- ✓ Follow your teacher's directions for storage during class

**Today's lesson**  
**WILL require a device:**

- ✓ Keep your device away until your teacher instructs you to take it out
- ✓ Follow your teacher's directions for storage during class

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## Patapsco Middle School BYOD Policy

**D**evices are your responsibility  
**E**nhance your learning  
**V**ideos or Pictures **NOT** allowed  
**I**ntegrity with technology  
**C**harging happens at home  
**E**xhibit on task behavior  
**S**ilent mode in school

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# 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Honor Code

- Zero tolerance policy for plagiarism and/or cheating
- Lesson through Social Studies





# Knight Time

- ★ **Knight Time** is a period of **quiet time** for students to complete work, study, and get help from teachers (pass required!)
- ★ Students will use the time for:
  - Class work
  - Homework
  - Studying
  - Organizing
  - Reading books
- ★ Held every **Tuesday** with a modified schedule (each class 46 minutes)
- ★ Students can stay in their Homeroom or request a pass to see another teacher for help. **Students** are responsible for asking for a pass **before** Tuesday.





# Academic Overview for 7<sup>th</sup> Graders



# 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Math



- Math 7, Math 8, Algebra 1
- The HCPSS mathematics program is aligned with to Maryland's College and Career-Ready Standards (CCRS) and Common Core State Standards for Mathematics (CCSS-M)
- Math Seminars are graded classes designed to support students on topics that align with Math 7 curriculum

**HCPSS Family Mathematics Support Center**

Welcome   HW Help   Testing in HCPSS   Elementary Math   Middle School Mathematics   High School Mathematics   more...

**HCPSS schools, families, and the community--together, building mathematical proficiency for ALL students.**

The HCPSS Family Mathematics Support Center helps families:

- 1) Gain a better understanding of their child's mathematics program
- 2) Refresh or build understanding of new (or unfamiliar) math concepts, skills, and practices
- 3) Provide additional support and practice opportunities for students, as needed throughout the school year.

**Start by selecting a level** (e.g., elementary, middle or high school mathematics) **and course/grade.**

Visit the Family Support Center @  
<http://hcpssfamilymath.weebly.com/>

# SCIENCE



- Students will be accessing their textbooks online this year. Logon information will be shared in class and on Canvas
- Four Driving Questions (big ideas) we will be addressing this year:
  - How do scientists answer big questions and solve big problems?
  - How can you prevent your good friends from getting sick?
  - How can knowledge of genetics help feed the world?
  - How does water quality affect the ecology of a community?



# Social Studies

- Unit I: European Geography and History
- Unit II: European Geography, History, and Contemporary Issues
- Unit III: Latin American Geography, History, and Contemporary Issues
- Unit IV: United States and Canada
- G/T - National History Day – Conflict and Compromise in History



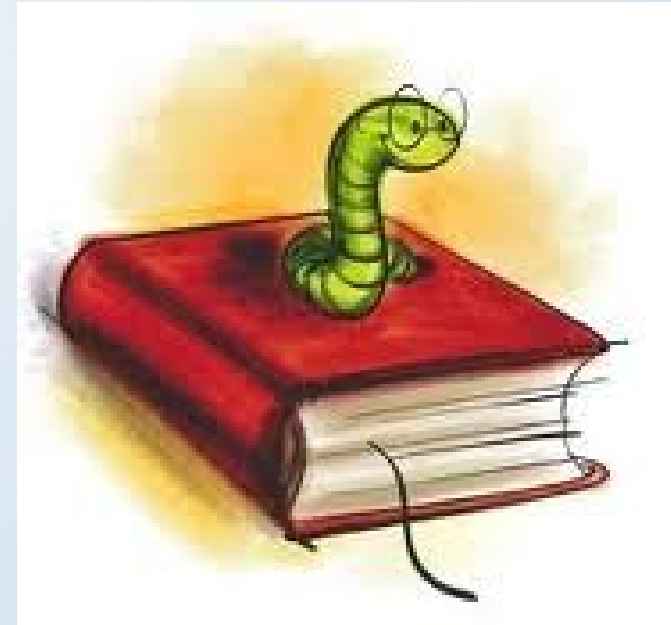
# English/Language Arts

- The Strategic Writer:  
The Writing Process, Poetry, Informational,  
and Short Stories
- Thrills and Chills/Mystery
- Facing Injustice: *Farewell to Manzanar*
- Perseverance:

*Before We Were Free* and/or

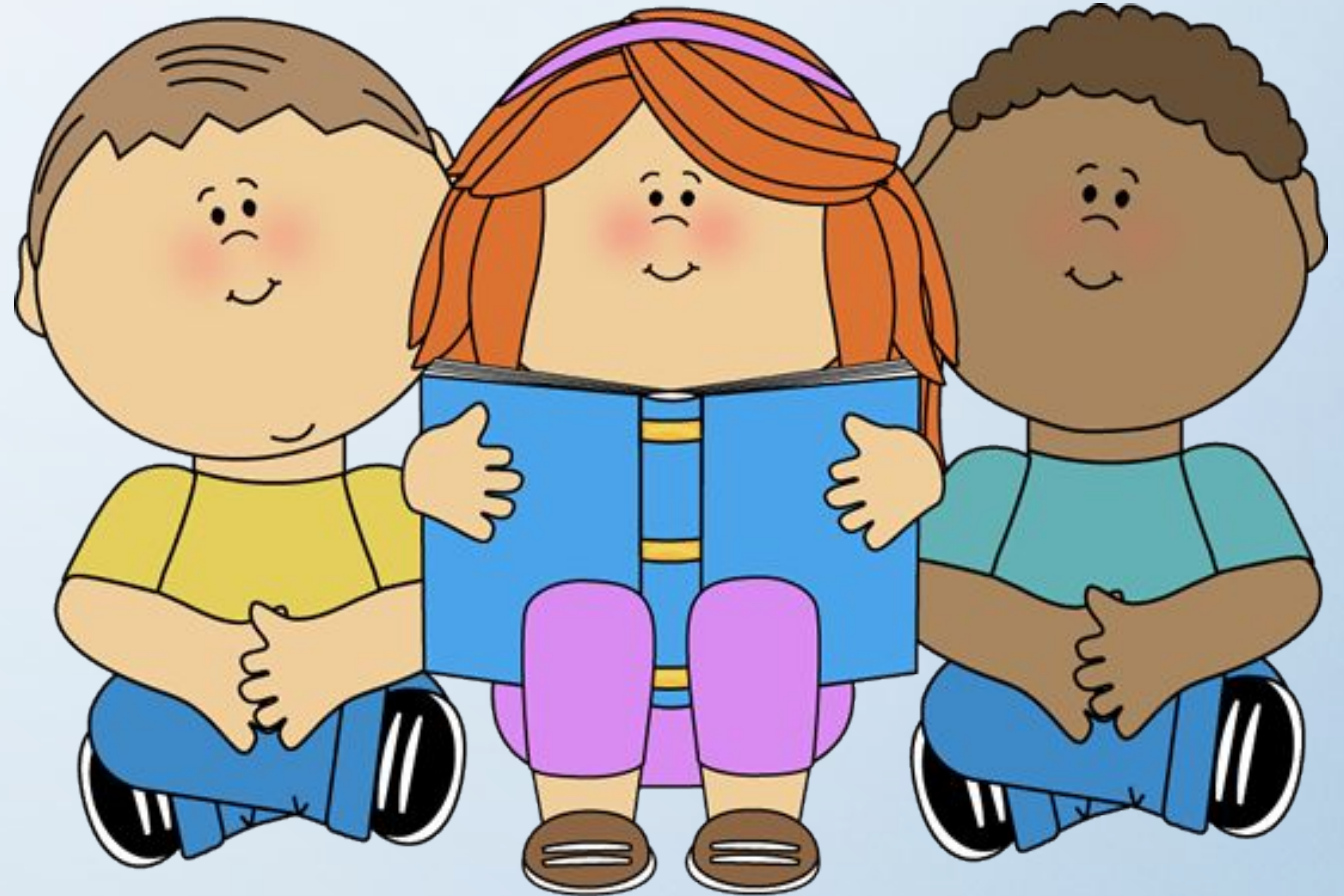
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*The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* (GT)



# Inquiry & Innovations (Reading)

- Quarterly Modules (Full Year)
  - Q1: Reader's Cafe
  - Q2: Economics in Action
  - Q3: The Creative Habit
  - Q4: Language in the Media
- Semester Module (AA Cycle)
  - Digital Citizenship





# ESOL at Patapsco

Goals of ESOL:

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

## ESOL Team

ESOL Team Leader- Rashmi Bhanot

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ESOL Teacher- Danielle Healey

ESOL Paraeducator- Deb Hess

International Achievement Liaison- Jamie Kim

# G/T ENRICHMENT CLUBS

Ms. Sammi Glass



- BOOK CLUB
- DEBATE TEAM and SEMINAR
- SPACE RESEARCH
- THEATRE/SHAKESPEARE
- FILM PRODUCTION
- TV STUDIO/PRODUCTION
- PHOTOGRAPHY
- WRITER'S WORKSHOP



**Applications and forms outside Room D9! Due:  
9/15- First come, first serve.**

# Before/After School Opportunities

<http://pms.hcpss.org/about/intramural-programs>



- CodeHer Club
- Intramurals TBD
- Bands & Choruses
- MESA
- Memory book
- Student Government
- School Store

Mrs Dillon's weekly email blast for updates about upcoming intramurals



7<sup>th</sup> Grade

# SPECIAL EVENTS 2017-2018



# Upcoming and Important Dates...

- PMS *Canvas* Calendar
- Back to School Days - 9/18 - 9/20
- Turkey Trot - 11/17/16
- Student Service Learning - Throughout the year
- MAP - October 2017, February 2018
- Goucher College Chamber Theater Field Trip - December 18, 2017
- Robinson Nature Center Field Trip - April 27
- PARCC - May 2018

The image shows a screenshot of a calendar application for April 2014. The calendar is displayed in a grid format with days of the week (SUN to SAT) and dates (1 to 30). The interface includes navigation buttons for 'Today', 'Week', 'Month', and 'Agenda'. The calendar contains several events and assignments:

| SUN | MON                   | TUE  | WED                                     | THU                                      | FRI                                      | SAT |
|-----|-----------------------|--|---|--|--|-----|
| 30  | 31                    | 1  | 2<br>Unit 3 Assignment                  | 3<br>12:15p Appointment with Dean        | 4<br>Unit 3 Discussion                   | 5   |
| 6   | 7                     | 8<br>Unit 3 Quiz                                   | 9<br>11:30p Genetics Quiz 2 (Section 1) | 10                                       | 11<br>11:30p Genetics Quiz 2 (Section 3) | 12  |
| 13  | 14<br>Peer Assignment | 15<br>Unit 3 Assignment Part 2 (History 101 A)     | 16<br>Research Assignment               | 17<br>11:30p Genetics Quiz 2 (Section 2) | 18<br>Video Assignment                   | 19  |
| 20  | 21                    | 22<br>Final Discussion<br>Unit 3 Assignment Part 2 | 23                                      | 24                                       | 25                                       | 26  |
| 27  | 28                    | 29   | 30                                      | 1<br>Final Assignment                    | 2  | 3   |



# Communication



# Communication Tools



- Student Agenda
- Staff Directory – email addresses
- Canvas - sign up for announcements through HCPSS Connect
- Patapsco Knight – biweekly newsletter – paper copies available from Front Office
- HCPSS News

Questions?