

Tiger Times

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Hallsboro Middle School, Hallsboro, North Carolina 28442

Eighth Grade Math

Eighth grade math students are studying a unit in geometry. We began by identifying lines and angles. Then we began classifying triangles and quadrilaterals. After classifying, we constructed congruent polygons with graph paper, protractors, and colored pencils.

In the process of classifying and constructing polygons we used many math and grammar skills. For example, in math we used number and operations, algebra, geometry, measurement, data analysis, probability, and much more. The grammar skills that we used included: writing, defining, and pictorially representing some of the words. Our culminating activity will be a study of Echer—drawing that use rotations and translations.

Fifth Grade Math

Ms. Strickland has been teaching us different concepts involving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We have learned a lot so far this year and think that Ms. Strickland is a great teacher. She encourages us to work hard and really master those math skills. I think that with Ms. Strickland's help math is going to be a fun course this year.

By Samantha Malpass, Jana Freeman, and Cassidy Malpass

Fifth Grade Science

In fifth grade science we are studying about the building blocks of matter—atoms and the elements they compose. We are studying about the most common types of elements such as oxygen, sodium, aluminum, silicon, chlorine, and iron. Mrs. Webb has taught us that each element has a unique atomic number, and we are learning to identify the more common elements by their atomic numbers. We are working in small groups and learning a lot each day.

By Jeremy Marvin

DARE

The fifth graders at Hallsboro Middle have started the DARE Program for the 2004-2005 school year. Officer Barnes will be here to work with the fifth graders for 10 weeks. We have already learned that DARE stands for D-Drugs, A-Awareness, R-Resistance, E-Education.

At the end of the 10 week studies each student will write an essay about what they have learned from the program. The best essay in each class will receive a medal and free T-shirt.

By Tiffany Mitchell and Sierra Cummings

Staying Healthy During The Holidays

Elaine Hughes, the school nurse at Hallsboro Middle, gives students and faculty some common sense advice on staying healthy during the holidays. Follow these simple rules and you're likely to have less colds this winter.

- Wash your hands often.
- Cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze.
- Avoid touching your face.
- If you have a fever, stay home.
- Avoid drinking and eating after others. Do not share eating utensils. Have your own special cup or glass that you, and you alone, drink from.

Sixth Grade Science

Sixth grade science class has explored several topics in the past 12 weeks of school. We've grown green leaves out of dried butter beans by wrapping wet paper around the beans and placing the beans in Ziplock bags. The bags were then placed in windows to expose them to sunlight and, after several days, the beans began to produce leaves and stems.

In science class we have discussed and learned the difference between abiotic—non-living things such as water, air, and soil, and biotic things—living things such as plants, animals, and humans.

We've viewed several videos about dinosaurs and fossils. We have also made our own fossils out of dry cereal and white glue and mounted the fossils on cardboard. We've had a noisy and exciting school year so far.

ROCAME Club Happenings

The ROCAME Club, sponsored by Ms. Nealy, is very busy trying to prepare for our annual ROCAME Jamboree. Although the Jamboree is not until March, we want to be ready to compete against the other middle schools in our county. We will compete in events such as the Egg Drop, Penthalathlon, Math Test, and Write It/Do It.

We are also planning a field trip on December 3rd to the Battleship North Carolina. We're going to explore the ship and watch a video on WWII. Afterwards, we plan on checking out the local Pizza Hut.

Dudney Does It

Congratulations to Ms. Kim Dudney for being selected 2003-2004 Middle School Physical Education Teacher of the Year by the NC Middle School Association. Way to go, Ms. Dudney !!!

Aprons In Career Class

The sixth grade career students made aprons in career class from November 14 until December 3. Each student sized, cut, assembled, and sewed their apron under the direction of Mrs. Ezzell. For many of the students this was their first experience on a sewing machine. On December 3 the class had a parade around campus to show off the completed aprons. The class presented Mrs. Salyer with an apron. The following are comments made by the students:

- Mrs. Ezzell had a lot of patience to do this with our class--Samantha
- It was fun making aprons--Erick
- My experience with sewing is that it takes time and patience--Mercedes
- We take our aprons home on December 3--Brittany
- I have never sewn before and it is fun--Travis
- I sewed all by myself with Mrs. Ezzell's help--Brianna
- I loved sewing--Rashawn
- Thank you Mrs. Ezzell--Khirey

Eighth Grade Language Arts

Mrs. Priest's Eighth Grade Language Arts classes have been working on many different projects this school year. At this time they are reading the autobiography *Night* by Elie Wiesel and participating in literature circles. Earlier in the year many of her students participated in the Whiteville Junior Women's Club Arts Festival in the poetry division.

Anthony Smith won first place in the poetry division for his lyric poem *Who Am I?*

Who Am I?

Who am I? I am courage.
Who am I? I am determination.
Who am I? I am the guy who gets
knocked down, but always gets back up.
Who am I? I am the guy who will not quit until my
good is better than the rest.
Now I ask who are you?

Amanda Cook won second place in the poetry division for his poem for her narrative poem *The Death of a Close Cousin*.

The Death of a Close Cousin

Too young to die, too young to live
Death is something that is not easy to forgive

He was my cousin and a very good friend
He swore he would be here for me 'til the end

He was coming home from work that day
With a friend at his side, they went along their
way

It was raining, the road was wet
What happened next I will never forget

He lost control, coming around the bend
I think he knew that this was the end

Off the road and into a tree
He was flung out, head first he flew free

His death was instant, it came in a flash
He was simply a victim of this horrible crash

Now he is dead, his body gone
But I know in my heart that his soul lives on

His death changed my life that much is clear
He was my friend, one that I still hold dear

Now he is waiting up in heaven for me
With the rest of my family I have yet to see.

Christmas Cans

Sixth graders were asked to bring a canned food item to be used to find the circumference, diameter, and radius of a circle. We also drew and label a circle including the center, tangent, chord, and arc.

In the spirit of the Christmas season the cans will be given to Mrs. Spivey the school's social worker to be distributed to a needy family for the holiday. *By Derrick Bracey*

Sixth Grade Math Poetry

Math Is

Math is sometimes confusing,
But sometimes it can be quite amusing.
Numbers, lines, graphs, and shapes,
It gets your brain thinking at a faster pace.
Learning new things is always cool,
It's like your head is its own tool.
I guess this stuff will come in handy,
But still it's not as good as candy!

Janna Sasser

Ms. McKoy

M is for the math she teaches.
C is for all the children that have gotten grounded
after she sent notes home. (Even though she
was fair)
K is for the kids she expects to complete every
assignment given.
O is for the overall sixth grade experience.
Y is for your brain she expects us to use everyday.
Shanice Stokely

Dixie Stampede Trip

The sixth grade class will be going to Dixie Stampede on Dec. 10th as a reward for having their AR points and percent for the 2nd six weeks of school. Students receiving their AR points and percent before Christmas will watch a movie on Dec. 17th. The Language Arts classes are enjoying reading the play "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens.

5th gr. Language Arts Classes

In L.A. students recently wrote letters to various states for information that they will use in a Social Studies Project due in Jan. Many students have received maps, pictures, and brochures. Each day we are surprised with mail from a different state. On Dec. 8th we will be performing plays in class. We each had a choice of plays to perform such as: Presenting Bruce Lee, Titanic, Tall Tales of the Wild West and Beauty and the Beast. We will create a setting, costumes, and have props to add to our performances.

Seventh Grade Social Studies

Those seventh grade students who demonstrated good behavior during the first six weeks went on a Field Trip to the Exploris Museum in Raleigh on November 4th. The students viewed a film depicting the exciting life of a man-eating tiger hunter in India and how he changed to fighting for the preservation of the Bengal tiger. The film, India: Kingdom of the Tiger, was shown in the IMAX theater format. Students also participated in a program entitled Culture!Kultur!Cultura in which they examined the contents of a "culture box" which was filled with many items from one of the countries they are studying this year. They then had to do a presentation on what they learned about the country from each of the items. The rest of the day was spent filling out a learning packet that asked questions about the other exhibits in the museum, eating in the Exploris cafeteria and shopping in the Exploris store.

The information and experiences gained at the museum was used during the second six weeks as background to several writing experiences when classes visited Mr. Cigary for writing time in the afternoons.

During the present six weeks, the social studies classes have been looking at the cultural element of language. Students compared and contrasted the different written languages of the Asian continent as they analyzed how the word "apple" is written in Turkish, Arabic, Hindi, Hebrew, Chinese and Japanese. Presently they're in the process of learning how to transliterate their first names into the Hebrew language and then drawing them in actual Hebrew characters. Check out the "Wall of Fame" in the seventh grade hall for the fantastic results.

History Club

The 7th & 8th grade History Club has met several times this year. One meeting was spent choosing officers for the club. Amanda Cooke was elected president, Victoria Sellers was elected vice-president and Justin Spaulding was elected secretary/treasurer. Another meeting was spent

in a competition using the "dice-dart region-country" game. The most recent meeting was spent experiencing what archeologists go through. Each member had a scroll written in a foreign language to decipher and translate. Danielle Boone and Caitlyn Brigham got the farthest in the translating but nobody figured out who the scrolls were written by.

Library and Media Center

In the library we have lots of fun. We put up books and try to keep things orderly. Each of us has a certain level or section of books that we are responsible for maintaining. We also assist at the checkout desk where we operate the computer and help students with the materials they want to take from the library.

What I like best about working in the library is getting to help on the computer. Sometimes Ms. Blanchard has to close the library to do some important things on the computer. During these times we get to sit and talk and have great fun. In the library there's lot of hard work but also some good times to be had.

By Danielle Perez

Being a library assistant is a lot of work but also much fun. How, you may ask, is working in the library fun? To begin with, you get to meet new people. You see them face-to-face and get to know their names and a little about their lives. You also get to answer the phone and help people find good books. You also get to read all the magazines that you want.

Working in the library involves shelving books and keeping the place clean. You also learn how to repair books. Closing the library down at the end of each days involves shutting down the computers, stamping the cards for the new date, and catching up on the book shelving.

I always leave the library with a great sense of accomplishment. In my opinion, working in the library is worth all the work and effort.

By Christina Ferrida

Tribute To A Friend

My cousin Antonio Martin was a good boy. He probably got into trouble some times. He was known as a sweet, honest, loving, kind, and funny young man. He always put 100% into everything that he did. Sometimes I just wish I could be with him at his new home. We used to play jokes on each other and he would always win. We would fake a fight and he would always win that, too. My cousin was like a brother to me. I wish I could see his face one more time. I know he sometime had his troubles, but he really did try hard to do good. I miss him at school very much

Rest in peace. I miss you, Antonio. Your cousin.

By Torrey Meares

Hallsboro Middle School Basketball Schedule 2004-2005

Dec. 2	West Pender	Home – 5:00
Dec. 7	West Pender	Away - 5:00
Dec. 9	Cape Fear	Home – 5:00
Dec. 11	Shallotte	@Leland – 9:00 a.m
Dec. 13	Whiteville	Away – 4:00
Dec. 15	Williams	Away – 4:00
Jan. 5	Tabor City	Home – 4:00
Jan 10	Acme Delco	Away – 4:00
Jan 11	Chadbourn	Home – 4:00
Jan. 19	Whiteville	Home – 4:00
Jan. 24	Williams	Home – 4:00
Jan 26	Tabor City	Away – 4:00
Jan 31	Acme Delco	Home – 4:00
Feb. 2	Chadbourn	Away – 4:00

Hallsboro Invitational Tournament – Feb. 7-11

Girls Basketball Coach – Dave Zickafoose
Boys Basketball Coach – Gary Smith
Cheerleading Coach – Sharon Ehlers/Z.
Principal – Mike Mobley
Asst. Principal – Carol Moore
Athletic Director – Dave Zickafoose

Cheerleaders

Captain – Krystal Young	Kayla Jacobs
Valerie Edwards	Michelle Soles
Heather Jones	Sierra Edwards
Chante Clark	Deondra Jenkins
Jordan Fox	Tabatha Moore
Ivette Andres	Chelsea Lambert
Sky Jacobs	Victoria Cherry
Shantia Davis	Katelyn Jacobs

Girls Basketball

Kayla Jacobs	Valerie Edwards
T.T. Bennett	Megan Lennon
Sierra Edwards	Deondra Jenkins
Tabatha Moore	Shakeyla George
Shaneeka Hampton	Reneshia Baldwin
Delena Anders	

Boys Basketball

Antonio Bellemy	Kevin Boone
Justin Graham	Alton Holloman
J.D. Jackson	Bradley Moore
Demetrics McKelvie	Alex Sasser
Jyrell Spaulding	Charles Bowen
Byron Bracey	Weston Lawing
Beret Proctor	Channing Smith

What comes once in a minute, twice in a moment, but never in a thousand years?

The more of them you take, the more you leave behind. What are they?

Brothers and sisters have I none, but that man's father is my father's son. Who is he?

I fasten it and it walks. I loosen it and it stops. What is it?

There are four brothers in this world, all born together. The first runs and never wearies. The second eats and is never full. The third drinks and is always thirsty. The fourth sings a song that is never good. Who are they?

Poke your fingers in my eyes and I will open wide my jaws. Linen cloth, quills, or paper, I am greedy and devour them all. Who am I?

Second Six-Weeks Principals List

1. Derrick H Bracey
2. Amanda Faye Coffman
3. Jordan M Fox
4. Hanna E Garrell
5. Brea K Hampton
6. Summer Raine Jacobs
7. William W Lawing
8. Natalie Malpass
9. Samantha D Malpass
10. Andrew McKeithan
11. Randy Mack Miller
12. Kelsey Roxane Mills
13. Danielle R Monroe
14. Tabatha Renita Moore
15. Alexis Rae Osbourne
16. Lexus N Pyatt
17. Janna E Sasser
18. Terri B Spaulding

Second Six-Weeks Honor Roll

Ivette Anders	Cassidy Malpass
Jonathan F Baldwin	Monica S Mitchell
Alex Ray Batten	Charles Tyler Moore
William Trent Bostic	Sarah E Moore
Diamond Ravel Bright	Ryan C Noble
James Brandon Carter	Daniel M Nolan
Chante Renee Clark	Andrew R Parker
Amanda Gail Cook	Bobby Daniel Patrick
Kaylee Dewitt	Kimberly Maxie Pope
Sierra C Edwards	Beret H Proctor
Valerie Edwards	Jonathan B Reynolds
Joseph M Ferriola	Zachary Reynolds
Jana B Freeman	Carlton Rouse
Brittney N Godwin	Alex D Sasser
Jessica C Harrelson	Victoria B Sellers
Taylor N Helms	Timothy L. Smith
Kayla Briana Jacobs	Michelle L Soles
Sky Victoria Jacobs	Justin O Spaulding
Benjamin E Jenkins	Taylor D Stevens
Deondra D Jenkins	George Tedder
Erikka S Johnson	Brandon Graye Walker
Angelica J Kinlaw	Juston Blake Ward
Jaquetta T Lewis	Forrest M Wayne
Raymond W Blanks	Krystal M Young

Head Lice

Between 8 and 12 million children in the United States will get head lice this year. It can happen to anyone regardless of cleanliness or income. It is an easily treated condition that can be eliminated by the treatment of the infested family member and household environment.

Prevention Tips

- Do not borrow combs, brushes, barrettes, ribbons, headbands, or other personal items.
- Do not share hats, helmets, scarves, pillows, or sleeping bags.
- Hang coats and hats separate from others, instead of on top of each other.
- Clean thoroughly any sports equipment, headphones, or ear phones that must be shared.
- Wash any clothing that has been returned to you from the lost-and-found box at school.

Depression In Young People

Middle school students will go through many changes during their teen years.

- Fast-paced physical growth
- Making new friends
- Meeting people with different values
- Becoming more independent
- Adjusting to a new school building
- Adjusting to multiple classes
- Peer pressure
- Higher academic demands

These changes will likely cause middle school students to feel unsure of themselves. However, most young people adapt to these changes over time. But what if your middle school student doesn't seem to be adapting very well at all?

There are signs that may tell you if your middle school student is having trouble. These can be signs of depression, and they should be heeded. Determining whether or not your child is depressed depends on several factors.

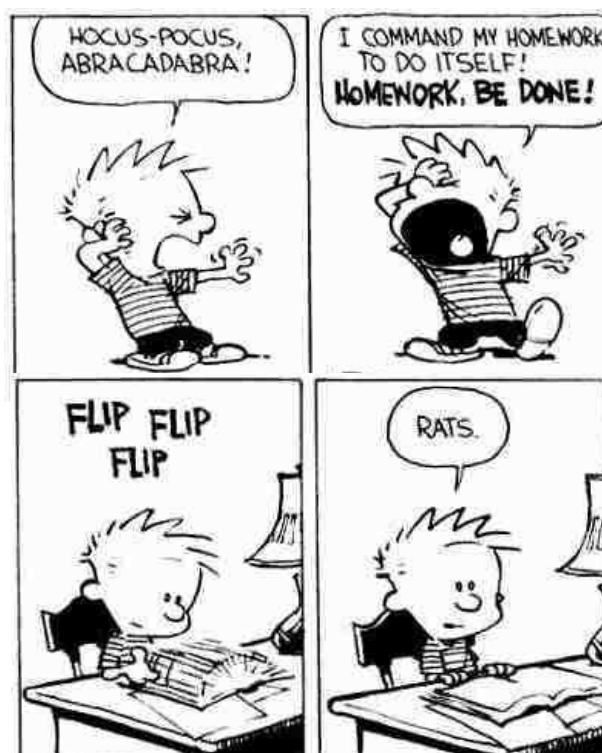
- Frequency—How frequent are these behaviors? Everyone has a bad day once in awhile, but if your student seems to have a string of bad days, you might want to pay closer attention.
- Severity—How bad are the “bad days”? Moodiness is a common characteristic of teens, but intense rages, crying binges, or fearfulness may be a sign that something else is going on.
- Endurance—If these signs don't seem to go away, you might want to seek help for your child.
- Previous changes—If your young person has undergone a big life change (e.g., parents' divorce, moving, death of someone close) or even a smaller change (e.g. going to a new school, peer problems), he or she is more vulnerable to developing depression.

Here are some things to look for to determine if your teen may be suffering from depression:

- Sad or “down” mood
- Increased irritability
- Intense worry
- A lack of interest or enjoyment in normal activities
- Low energy
- Withdrawal from interactions with others
- Increase in anger or verbal hostilities
- Defiance of authority
- Restlessness
- Frequent complaints of being bored
- Drop in school performance
- Changes in eating or sleeping habits
- Poor self-esteem
- Intense self-criticism

What should you do if you think your middle school student is depressed?

- Be available to your young person as much as possible. Finding ways to be with him or her will send a message that you are available to talk when he or she is ready.
- Talk to the school counselor at your child's middle school, the school principal, your pastor at church, a worker at the local community center, or a mental health professional.
- Get evaluation and help.
- Do not ignore depression.



9 1. The letter M. 2. Footsteps. 3. My Son. 4. A Sandal
5. Water, fire, earth, wind. 6. A pair of scissors