

East Rockaway Jr./Sr. High School 7th Grade Team Newsletter

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Mrs. Klein: Math 7
Mrs. Loftus: Social Studies

Ms. Polito: Physical Education
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Mr. Rinn: Health
Ms. Rodriguez: Foreign Language
Mrs. Singer: Assistant Principal
Ms. Toppi: English
Mr. Vito: Health
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DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **11/26 & 11/27 Thanksgiving Recess**
- **12/23 Progress Reports Mailed & Holiday Festival**

Social-Emotional Learning

The SEL words that will be discussed in the 7th grade classes are:

Anxiety
Discouraged
Greedy
Unique

Parental Education Series

Nassau County parents are invited to attend a parental education series in the Lecture Hall of the Police Academy at 200 Second Avenue in Massapequa Park.

On Thursday, December 3rd at 7:00 p.m., the series will feature: *Internet Child Exploitation, Sexting and Child Safety on the Internet.*

The topic on Thursday, December 10th at 7:00 p.m. will be *Heroin and Drug Awareness.*

Please be aware that these sessions are for parents only; children will not be admitted.

F.Y.I.

Athletic events can be checked on the school website: go to www.eastrockawayschools.org, click on "High School", "Athletics", then on "Today's Games".

NYS Assessments

The Grade 3-8 Testing Program in English/Language Arts and Mathematics: A Parent's Guide is now available online at www.emsc.nysed.gov/3-8/parentguide.pdf. The guide includes frequently asked questions (FAQ's), sample test questions and details on how parents can help their children prepare for the assessment.

Science Fair

The annual Science Fair is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, January 14, 2010. The Science Fair provides an excellent opportunity for students to explore science topics they are interested in exploring. It provides the students with the opportunity to enhance their research skills and improve their understanding of the scientific method.

What You Should Know About *Cyberbullying*

What is Cyberbullying?

Cyberbullying is any message or publication posted or sent on-line by a minor that is intended to frighten, embarrass, harass or target another minor. Cyberbullying can take the form of an instant message, e-mail, web-site, away message, cell phone call, etc. This new form of bullying typically begins around age 9 and usually ends around 14.

What should a child do if he/she is cyberbullied?

- ◆ Stop, block & click: If cyberbullying occurs, children should be instructed to immediately stop communicating with the person cyberbullying them. They should then block the person's screen name.
- ◆ Report it: Your child should be instructed to immediately inform you if they have been threatened, harassed or bullied on line.

What should you do if your child is cyberbullied?

- ◆ Look for signs that your child may be getting cyberbullied. Some warning signs may include an unusual reluctance to use the computer or go to school.
- ◆ Stay calm.
- ◆ Let the school know so that we can be alert to any issues that may arise during the school day.
- ◆ Report the bullying to the Internet Service Provider (ISP). Provide the ISP with a copy of the message, who sent it and when. Report threats to the police.
- ◆ Check your child's away messages periodically, know their passwords, monitor their online activity. If your child has a page at a website like facebook.com, have them show it to you from time to time.

Midterm Exams

All seventh grade students will be taking midterm exams from January 26th to January 29th. All students are encouraged to begin studying well in advance of midterms (it's not too early now). Students can review their notes, reread textbook chapters, review past tests and attend extra help. A schedule for exam week will be sent home.

Homework

7th graders generally receive written homework 3—4 nights each week. Even if there is not written homework assigned, students should be studying, re-reading their notes, reviewing vocabulary, working on long-term projects and reading for enjoyment! Please check your child's agenda and homework each day. Students should be writing all of their homework assignments in their agenda. If your child does homework in school, it should be brought home for you to see.

Month in Review

English 7 & 7H: Students have finished the "Learning From Experience" unit and are completing a variety of assessments on that material. They are also vigorously preparing for the ELA, with a focus on editing. We will be working on the reading and listening portion in mid-December and January.

Math 7 & Math 7 Accelerated: We are working on functions and graphing linear equations. Then we will be using formulas to solve for variables. After that we will be interpreting graphs and raw data.

Science 7 Accelerated & Science 7: Science projects have begun. The students should have already selected their topic ideas and submitted their problem to be solved. The next phase of the project is the setting up and running of their experiment. Any problems students have with their experiments can be directed to me during extra help sessions. If all goes well the project deadline will be December 15th. The students will be asked to present their project in class the week before the holiday break. In class we will be studying the cell processes in Chapter 3 and Cell reproduction in Chapter 4.

Social Studies 7 & 7H: The students did a great job on their first quarter projects. We are learning about European exploration, the Columbian exchange, the introduction of democracy in the Americas and the first 13 English colonies. Come to extra help to keep up your good grades.



*Happy Holidays
From the 7th Grade Team*

Extra Help

Ms. Cloud: Tuesday and Thursday at 3:00 pm in room 222.

Mr. Collins: Tuesday at 3:00 pm & Wednesday at 7:30 am in rm. 217

Mr. Cracolici: Tuesday & Wednesday at 7:20 am in room 112

Mr. Gerken: Tuesday, Thursday and test days at 7:30 a.m. in room 8

Mrs. Klein: Tuesday and Friday at 7:20 a.m. in room 4 (as well as test mornings & by appointment)

Ms. Imandt: Tuesday & Thursday mornings at 7:20 a.m. in room 217

Mrs. Loftus: Tuesday and Thursday at 7:30 a.m. in room 2

Mr. Rinn: Wednesday and Thurs-

day at 7:30 in the Gym

Ms. Rodriguez: Monday and Thursday at 3:00 pm in room 208

Ms. Toppi: Tuesday and Thursday at 7:20 am in room 3

Mr. Vito: Monday and Tuesday at 7:30 am in the cafeteria

F.Y.I.

Detention

Please be aware that any student who fails to attend an assigned morning detention will be assigned an after school detention. After school detention is in addition to the morning detention which will be rescheduled.

It is the students' responsibility to make their parent(s) aware of any assigned detention(s).

Detention begins promptly at 7:20; any student who arrives after 7:20 will not be admitted.

Students who need to attend extra help on the day of an assigned detention must submit a note to Mrs. Singer from the teacher providing the extra help. The detention will then be rescheduled.



The 7th and 8th grade teams were treated to a visit with the Harlem Wizards on November 10, 2009

Textbooks

Students only need to bring text books home if homework is assigned in them. Otherwise, students may leave these books in their lockers

Tests

All tests and quizzes must be signed by a parent and returned to the teacher the next day.

Did You Know...

students can get homework help online via the ER Public Library? Go to www.nassaulibrary.org/eastrock Monday-Sunday from 3:00p.m. to 9:00p.m. All you need is the barcode number from your library card.