



7/8 KH Fall Newsletter

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UPCOMING DATES: Oct. 9- Thanksgiving (No School) Oct. 12- Pops Concert @ Mt.A
Oct. 13- PD for MMS Staff (No School for students) Oct. 18- School Picture Day

ELA- 7/8 Students are working well on a new morning routine which has them working in groups. They are learning about the 6 Cs when they work together to: collaborate, show creativity and innovation, use critical thinking skills, display citizenship skills and compassion for their peers. Every day, they will be working to communicate effectively. So far, the activities have been a consistent routine, which is working well. They have also completed a baseline piece of writing; a personal memoir. This week, we will complete the grade 7 and 8 OCA to assess reading comprehension. We've been reading for at least 10-15 minutes daily. I encourage all of my students to read for the last hour before going to bed and to shut off their screens and devices for better sleep habits!

Social Studies- This term students will be discussing current events using What in the World. We have already covered such topics as the U.S. election, why Orange Shirt Day is important, and some background information on the Taliban for The Breadwinner, a novel we are reading in ELA. In the next few weeks, we will be looking in depth at relationships between Indigenous Canadians and first European contact, eurocentrism, and its damaging effects on First Nations.

Art- Students have been working on radial symmetry and constructing mandalas. 7/8 KH also designed and created canvas pencil cases to hold their coloring pencils for art class.

MATH- (Grade 7) We started Term 1 reviewing integers before delving into the idea of adding them using tiles, number lines and language. Then, we will investigate halves, quarters and eighths using divisibility rules, fractions, decimals and percentages and finally adding them. We will look at patterns in data tables, graph coordinates and analyze the data. We will solve one-step equations using whole numbers and decimals. If there's time, we will discover the world of parallelograms and triangles! A

reminder that homework goes out every Monday. My website is mrsmorice.weebly.com

MATH- (Grade 8) Grade 8s looked at a new concept to start the year; square numbers! What is a square number? What is a square root? We linked our knowledge to area of a square. Next, we are looking at using tiles and numbers to represent the multiplication and division of integers. We are practicing writing word problems that accurately depict the statements. Then, we will investigate how to find the volume of right prisms and cylinders using our knowledge of area of 2D shapes from grade 7. We will review how to find the percentage of nice numbers as well as using ratios in real life situations. In time allows, we will begin exploring the idea of division of fractions. A reminder that homework goes out every Monday. My website is mrsmorice.weebly.com

PIF- During PIF classes, this term, we will be completing a review of sentences learned in previous years in both IF and PIF classes. We will, also, be completing a unit about strange phenomena in Canada. We will be speaking, reading and writing about this topic.

SCIENCE-We started Science class off with an experiment involving different bean seeds. Students took qualitative and quantitative observations over two weeks to see what changes occurred. We are now exploring water. What is it so important to us? How does it impact our lives? This will lead into the discovery of pH and its implication in our everyday lives.

PHYS. ED- Over the course of the first semester, classes will have sport units on soccer, handball, flag football, and volleyball. Along with these units, students will have the opportunity to play a variety of cooperative and low organized throughout the semester. Students will also learn about different exercises and activities to help develop and improve their overall fitness. As weather permits, we will try to hold our classes outside. All students are expected to bring a change of gym clothes and have suitable indoor shoes (no sandals, boots, crocs etc.) for all indoor classes.

