

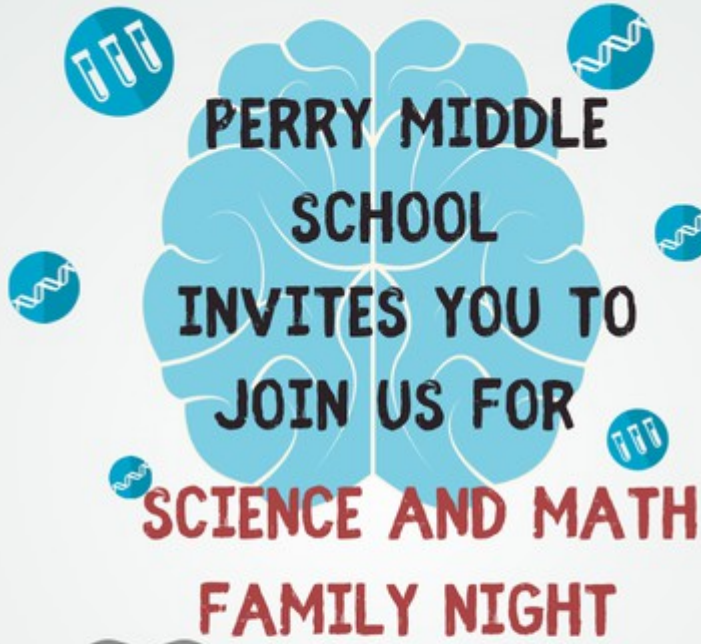
PANTHER NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2021

PRE-ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK!

Place your yearbook orders today! Students will receive a free name plate if you order your yearbook by October 4. Yearbooks are \$40 until February 4, 2022 then the price increases to \$50. Eighth grade students can purchase recognition ads. Visit www.yearbookordercenter.com and enter **School Order Number: 21991**.

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**PERRY MIDDLE
SCHOOL
INVITES YOU TO
JOIN US FOR
SCIENCE AND MATH
FAMILY NIGHT**



**Tuesday, October 5
from 5:15PM-6:30PM**

**at Perry Middle School
Cafeteria**

Do you want the chance to win an Apple watch, AirPods or cash?

JOIN IN ON THE
RAFFLE
CONTEST

DRAWING ON OCT 7TH

To enter, have your parent fill out
your meal application today at
www.nlappscloud.com!



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 FALL 
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NO SCHOOL

OCTOBER 8-16

Story Walk ®

**October
15-17**

Walk through downtown Perry as you read a story in the shop windows! The first 100 kids to complete the walk and a short survey will be eligible for a FREE BOOK!

*****FLU CLINIC- MONDAY, OCTOBER 18TH, 2021.*****

6TH GRADE

ELA-As part of our English Language Arts (ELA) curriculum, we will begin a unit titled *Never Give Up*. In this unit, students will read about people and characters who refuse to give up, despite the hardships they face. We will consider different ways to face challenges and stay strong. The texts we will read center on the Essential Question "What keeps people from giving up?" This open-ended question is intended to spark thoughtful discussion. You may wish to explore this question with your student at home as well.

Science- Students will be starting on the Rock Cycle in October.

Social Studies- In Unit 3 students will be provided an overview of civic concepts, particularly as it relates to the role of citizens in Europe in affecting the decisions made by their

respective governments. Special attention is given to the governments of Germany, Russia, and the United Kingdom and how past historical events have shaped the present government.

Math-6th Grade Math

We will finish up Unit 2: Expressions

*Students will be able to translate verbal ideas and real world situations into algebraic expressions.

*Students will be able to simplify algebraic expressions by combining like terms.

* Students will be able to apply commutative, associative, and distributive properties to help simplify algebraic expressions.

*Students will be able to show if two expressions are equivalent.

Accelerated Math is currently working on positive and negative integers. We have studied where numbers are placed on the number line in relation to zero and will begin adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing integers next week. At home show your children how you use positive and negative integers in everyday life (bank accounts, temperature, debt, etc.)

7TH GRADE

ELA- We are delving into Unit 2, exploring the question, "How do actions define us?". We have read a short story about accepting ourselves for who we are, and are currently reading a myth about Icarus, a very popular story you may know! Some skills students should know by the end of this unit are finding theme, internal and external conflicts, character traits, coordinate adjectives, and so much more!

Science-7th grade students are studying the human body systems in science.

Social Studies- History of the Middle East.

Math-7th grade math students completed *Unit 1 Rational Numbers* and started *Unit 2, Expressions, Equations, and Inequalities*. Understanding math standards in future units is dependent upon skills developed in previous units. During Unit 1, students learned how to compute with positive and negative whole numbers, as well as fractions and decimals. They will continue to use Unit 1 skills in Unit 2 and throughout the year. In Unit 2, students will solve real-world problems through the application of algebraic concepts. They will simplify expressions, evaluate equations, and find solution sets to inequalities. In this Pre-Algebra unit, students use variables represent real-world situations and use the properties of operations to generate equivalent expressions for these situations. They will be combining like terms and using distributive property, both important foundational concepts for Algebra. They will extend their previous understanding of one-step equations from sixth grade to evaluate (solve for the unknown) two-step and multi-step equations which may include rational numbers.

While students are learning algebraic concepts they may, at first, experience struggle as problem solving becomes more abstract. Please encourage your student to persevere, keep trying, don't give up. Our mathematical process standard states that students will make sense

of problems and **persevere** in solving them. Math mastery requires effort and tenacity. Mathematical fluency is developed through practice, practice, practice. Every moment spent struggling, practicing, and working on math contributes to current and future math skills needed for academic success.

8TH GRADE

ELA- We are in Unit 2 – The Thrill of Horror

Science- 8th Grade Science

Current Area of Study: Matter-States of Matter, Phase Changes, Physical and Chemical Properties of Matter & Physical and Chemical Changes

Coach Lane did a fun lab with "Oobleck" to help the students understand the different states of matter.

If you would like to make "Oobleck" at home the recipe is below:

"Oobleck"

1. Mix water with the cornstarch until the right consistency is reached. (about 2 cups of water and 1 cup of water)
2. What are your initial observations about the putty before you begin.
3. Roll the putty into a ball. What happens when you stop rolling it?
4. Scoop some of the putty into your hand and allow it to flow out. Cut the putty with scissors.
5. Cut the putty in the pan with the plastic knife.
6. Rest your finger on the surface.
7. Hit the putty with your hand.

Wha did you observe? Do you think this substance is a solid or liquid?

Honors Science- Will be moving into their energy unit where they will discuss the different forms of energy and energy transformations. From there, they will dive into each individual form of energy starting with heat. Students will learn about specific heat, conduction, convection, and radiation.

Social Studies-We will end our study of Georgia's statehood and westward expansion after the Revolutionary War at the end of September. We will next begin Unit 5 – The Civil War, which covers the events in Georgia, and the United States that led to the war, the end of the war, and the importance of the Emancipation Proclamation. This unit will include one quiz and a test. We will finish this unit near the end of the month and being Unit 6 – The New South, which includes the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

Math-

Algebra - Will be learning about linear equations and inequalities.

FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA (FBLA) MEETING

- October 4, 2021 - Officer Meeting (Officers ONLY)
- October 7, 2021 - Fall Motivational Rally (FMR) at Six Flags Over Georgia
- **October 19, 2021 - Chapter Meeting**
- October 21, 2021 - Community Service Meeting

FCA

Fellowship of Christian Athletes is supporting the Feed the City initiative throughout the month of October. Our contributions will be combined with other schools' to create family meal baskets to be distributed across Perry and the southern parts of Houston County. Beginning Monday (October 4th) please bring boxes of JIFFY CORN MIX to Room 708. Please contact Mr. Paalz (mike.paalz@hcbe.net) if you have any questions.

October 20- 7am in the Media Center.

October 27- 7am in the Media Center.

**FEED
THE
CITY**

**PERRY MIDDLE FCA
MENU ITEM: JIFFY CORN MIX
COLLECTION START DATE: OCTOBER 4TH**

BAND

Monday, October 4

2:45pm Honor Band help

Wednesday, October 6

3:00pm Possible Play-off game

Thursday, October 7

3:00pm Possible Play-off game

Monday, October 18

2:45pm Honor Band Help

Wednesday, October 20

2:45pm Honor Band Help

Thursday, October 21

3:00pm Possible Championship football game

Monday, October 25

2:45pm Honor Band Help

Tuesday, October 26

7:00pm Band Night

Wednesday, October 27

2:45pm Honor band help

CHORUS

October 26, 2021

- Sacred Heart Fall Festival
- Sixth Grade Honor Chorus Registration

ATHLETICS

Soccer Game

- **Thurs. Oct. 28** Northside NMS Home

Cheerleading

- **Saturday Oct. 30** All Teams Veterans HS



SOCCER TRYOUTS

OCTOBER 18, 2021
3:00 PM -5:00 PM

MEDIA CENTER

Our Scholastic Book Clubs Fundraiser will continue each month. **The next due date is October 2, 2021.** All proceeds will be used to purchase high interest books for classroom libraries and the Media Center. We are starting a new school-wide Reading Challenge. Students can enter the challenge by joining the Google Classroom with Code: **yitzguz.**

Visit our Media Center webpage for more information, important dates and links:
pms.hcbe.net/mediacenter

***Our next Scholastic Book Fair is November 1-5.**

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

It is time to celebrate another great month at Perry Middle School! I want to thank all of our families for your support and completion of our Free/Reduced Meal Applications. Our goal is to have 100% of families complete the application so we have an accurate representation of our student body and our families maximize the benefits associated with the Free/Reduced Meal Applications. If you have not completed one for your family, there is still time. Please visit <https://www.nlappscloud.com> complete the application. All families that participate will be eligible to win prizes on October 7th. Thanks for your help!



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