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Dear Parents,

The 8th graders have been attending presentations by the various high schools that they are eligible to apply to. Applications for most schools are due within the next couple of weeks. If you have any questions on the high school process, please don’t hesitate to contact me. AquaCulture will be presenting tomorrow at 9:00am.

Trunk or Treat will be on the High Horizons Campus on Friday at 5:30. Please send back flyer if you are attending and or participating!

The first marking period is closing on November 4th. Please make sure all assignments and homework is completed by early next week!!!

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please feel free to reach me through email [jcollins@bridgeportdu.net](mailto:jcollins@bridgeportdu.net) , Main office (203) 576-7807, or cell phone (203) 954-9883. CelI service is very poor in my classroom, so if I do not answer, I will give you a call or text back as soon as I am able. Thanks!

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| ***Class &***  ***Teacher Information*** | ***Overview for the week*** | ***Test/Quizzes or Projects Due*** |
| **Reading & Writing:** specialized writing & reading for 6th, 7th & 8th  Ms. Collins  [jcollins@bridgeportedu.net](mailto:erodriguez@bridgeportedu.net) | **Reading**: **“Racing the Moon”** We are completing the book this week and will complete character analysis for Alex, Chuck, and Ebbs & will have a final quiz on the test this week.  **Writing:** Students are starting their 5-paragraph essay on “What they are Thankful for”. | **Monday**–Reading worksheet  **Tuesday**–Reading worksheet  **Wednesday-** Reading worksheet  **Thursday-**Reading worksheet |
| **Social Studies: 7th & 8th Grades**  Mrs. Hoffmann  [jhoffmann@bridgeportedu.net](mailto:jhoffmann@bridgeportedu.net)  Website:  <http://bridgeport.ct.schoolwebpages.com/education/staff/staff.php?sectionid=5688&> | **7th grade**: are continuing their work in groups comparing Hiawatha with Deganawida, completing their Assured Experience & their reader’s response. They will start constructing a Tree of Peace based on their readings.  **8th grade:** will be working on their DBQ on Tyranny.  They will complete writing & typing their essay this week. | **7th grade:** Daily Homework – look in planner.  CNN take home Quiz given on Friday – Due on Monday-  **8th grade:** Daily Homework –look in planner.  CNN take home Quiz given on Friday – Due on Monday |
| **Science: 7th & 8th Grades**  Mrs. Scott-Thiam  [pscott@bridgeportedu.net](mailto:pscott@bridgeportedu.net)  Website:  <http://bridgeport.ct.schoolwebpages.com/education/staff/staff.php?sectionid=5687&> | **7th grade-** continue to create a pair of homemade shoes to test in addition to brainstorming science fair ideas.  **8th grade-** students will be completing notes on biogeochemical cycles & starting a new unit on force and motion. | **7th grade-**Homework given nightly – look in planner.  **Science Fair Proposals Due by Monday, 10/31!!!**  **8th grade-** Homework given nightly – look in planner.  **Science Fair Proposals Due by Monday, 10/31!!! They must be approved by Ms. Scott-Thiam before 10/31!!** |
| **Math:** specialized math for **8th grade**  Ms. Collins  jcollins@bridgeportedu.net | Introducing ratios, equivalent ratios, and equivalent ratios with an unknown factor. | **Homework:** Nightly worksheet on algebraic equality equations.  **Students will be required to go on I-Ready nightly for 20 minutes minimum or do hardcopy worksheet.**  Quiz on Friday! |
| **Reading/Writing:**  Ms. Silano 7th GRADE  [tsilano@bridgeportedu.net](mailto:tsilano@bridgeportedu.net)  Website:  http://bridgeport.ct.schoolwebpages.com/education/staff/staff.php?sectionid=5685& | Students will be continuing their read of *Seedfolks* by Paul Fleischman. They will be given specific questions for analysis & worksheets on a daily basis to assist with their analysis and comprehension of each character.  Students will continue their study of sentence structure this week.  Please make sure your child has submitted his or her *Pink & Say* perspective piece for the first quarter. Grades are closing soon! | **Homework: Look on PowerSchool and/or Planner for further information and details on homework assignments!**  Students will be having two formative assessments on their understanding of main characters from *Seedfolks* . (The tentative dates for these two assessments are Monday and Friday.) |
| **Math:**  Ms. Taylor 7th Grade [dtaylor2@bridgeportedu.net](mailto:dtaylor2@bridgeportedu.net)  Website:  http://bridgeport.ct.schoolwebpages.com/education/staff/staff.php?sectionid=5686& | **7th grade –** 7th grade  **Quiz** on Converting Fractions to Decimals on Wednesday  Work nightly on multiplication and division facts at home on  [www.math-drills.com](http://www.math-drills.com) | **Homework -**  Monday - Converting Fractions to Decimals  Tuesday - Converting Fractions to Decimals  Wednesday -  Converting Fractions to Decimals  Thursday - Identifying Irrational numbers  Friday - Identifying Irrational Numbers |
| **6th Grade**  **Math –** Ms. Moran  [emoran@bridgeportedu.net](mailto:emoran@bridgeportedu.net)  **Science/Social Studies-**Ms. Naber  [wnaber@bridgeportedu.net](mailto:wnaber@bridgeportedu.net)  **Reading –** Ms. Zambrano  [azambrano@bridgeportedu.net](mailto:azambrano@bridgeportedu.net) | **Math-** This week we are comparing ratio tables to draw conclusions and make true statements. We will then work to back these conclusions and statements up with math.  **Reading:** identifying different parts of a story. Students will also receive a new vocab list: Lesson 3.  On Friday: students take spelling test, and identify different parts of a story.  **Science:**  **Social Studies:** | **Math-**Multiplication Fluency quiz every Monday. Homework will be multiplication review.  **Reading:** Monday: reading log  Tuesday: reading log  Wednesday: log & 3b Just the right word  Thursday log & choose 10 words for sentences  Friday: No assigned HW, students should make up any missing HW or class work from the week. |

**Important Things to Remember!**

**Wednesday, October 26th – Half Day of School**

**Friday, October 28th – Trunk or Treat!**

**WE NEED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO KEEP OUR ROOM CLEAN & HEALTHY!**

If each family could send in the following we would appreciate it!

One roll of paper towels

One container of disinfecting wipes

Two boxes of tissues

**Thank you to those that have sent in requested items – We appreciate it!**

If your child is absent, please don’t forget to send in a note when they return to school. Thanks for your help in this matter.

Please look for your child’s class and grade below along with other important information for you to know. This newsletter serves as an overview of all classes. The teachers contact information is listed as well as their **website** for further information such as homework in that particular class. PowerSchool is also a very useful tool to check in for work in the class. If you do not know how to use PowerSchool, please let me know so that I can send home directions and log in information for you! ***Also, please feel free to reach out to the specific teacher if you have any comments and/or concerns. You can ‘cc me in an email if you are emailing them directly.***

I have noticed that some of the students are coming back to school with this newsletter along with other flyers and notices that are going home. Please look at your child’s homework folder and planner each night. This will ensure that your receiving all of the notices and information that are important for you to read.