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Dear Parents,

 8th grade parents – the students are starting to attend presentations on the various high school options that are available to them. On Thursday, October 13th, Thurgood Marshall Middle School will host a High School fair from 6:00 – 8:00. I would strongly encourage all 8th grades and their parents to attend. 7th graders should also consider attending to educate themselves on the various high schools in the area.

 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.***

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please feel free to reach me through email 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 & 8thMs. Collinsjcollins@bridgeportedu.net | **Reading**: **“Racing the Moon”****Writing:** Students are starting a new assignment in letter writing, writing to a famous person of their choice, in the hopes of getting a return letter. | **Monday**–Reading worksheet**Tuesday**–Reading worksheet**Wednesday-** Reading worksheet**Thursday-**Reading worksheet**Friday-**Quiz on **Racing the Moon** |
| **Social Studies: 7th & 8th Grades**Mrs. Hoffmannjhoffmann@bridgeportedu.net**Website:**<http://bridgeport.ct.schoolwebpages.com/education/staff/staff.php?sectionid=5688&> | **7th grade**: Starting Iroquois Confederacy.**8th grade:** Continue working on the Constitution and their DBQ on Tyranny. | **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-Thiampscott@bridgeportedu.net**Website:**<http://bridgeport.ct.schoolwebpages.com/education/staff/staff.php?sectionid=5687&>**Science - continued** | **7th grade-** will complete a lab report on the density of three liquids. They have started the process in class with writing the problem, variables and hypothesis. Tuesday they will begin writing the research with their class notes on density and listing the materials they used. Wednesday will they write the procedure and graph their data. **The conclusion questions will be done at home.** **8th grade-** students will learn about the three major symbiotic relationships among organisms and complete a lab on predator/prey adaptations.  | **7th grade-**Homework given nightly – look in planner.They will have one week to pass in a completed lab with the rubric that was provided in class. Friday-QUIZ on past homework assignments dealing with fractions, multiplying and dividing integers. **8th grade-** Homework given nightly – look in planner.Quiz – Tuesday & Friday on the trophic pyramid, energy transfer, food chains, food webs & the various types of consumers, i.e. carnivores, scavengers, herbivores and omnivores. Students will receive a science fair packet this week with due dates. Students are encouraged to brainstorm as many projects as possible and narrow down their interests. |
| **Math:** specialized math for **8th grade**Ms. Collinsjcollins@bridgeportedu.net | The students will be having a test this Friday on proportional relationships. Please have students practice their multiplication and division facts every day! | **Homework:** Nightly worksheets on writing algebraic equations.**TEST on Friday!**Tuesday - Proportional Relationships in word problemsWednesday-Multiplying fractionsThursday - Dividing Fractions |
| **Reading/Writing:** Ms. Silano 7th GRADEtsilano@bridgeportedu.net**Website:**http://bridgeport.ct.schoolwebpages.com/education/staff/staff.php?sectionid=5685& | Students will be continuing their study of characterization with the district performance task, "Pink & Say". Students will be expected to read and respond to "Pink & Say" by Patricia Polacco. The reading of this text will be done primarily in class.Students will be answering short response text dependent questions provided within a district writing packet.   Students will also be creating a graphic organizer exploring the characterization of the text's main characters, Pink and Sheldon. (This graphic organizer will be identical to the one used for "Amigo Brothers".)Students will also be exploring and comparing the concept of conflict in relation to both texts studied for Literacy. | **Homework: Look on PowerSchool and/or Planner for further information and details on homework assignments!**Students will be expected to do a QUOTE & RESPONSE chart for this text. I am expecting at least one quote per page. |
| **Math:** Ms. Taylor 7th Grade dtaylor2@bridgeportedu.net**Website:** http://bridgeport.ct.schoolwebpages.com/education/staff/staff.php?sectionid=5686& | **7th grade –** Working on solving proportions. Work nightly on multiplication and division facts at home on [www.math-drills.com](http://www.math-drills.com)  | **Homework -** Practice nightly on multiplication & division facts!!**Monday-Friday-**solving **Proportions** written as fractions and through word problems |
| **6th Grade****Math –** Ms. Moranemoran@bridgeportedu.net **Science/Social Studies-**Ms. Naberwnaber@bridgeportedu.net **Reading –** Ms. Zambranoazambrano@bridgeportedu.net  | **Math-** This week we will continue with ratios. For homework we will be reviewing division with one digit divisors.**Reading:** We will continue with NTS book, also a new vocab list will be handed out today. We will continue working on characterization & creating constructed responses based on our book reading with Google classroom. | **Math-**Multiplication Fluency quiz every Monday. **Test on Wednesday, October 5th on ratios** - study guide was send home last week.**Reading:** **Homework****Monday:** Reading Log and 2A Finding Meanings**Tuesday:** characterization worksheet and reading log**Wednesday:** reading log and 2B Just the right word**Thursday:** Reading log and vocabulary sentences (pick 10 words)Students should be practicing 4 words a night for their spelling and vocab comprehension tests.**Number the Stars: Quiz chapters 1-3 Friday****Next week:**Spelling Test: Lesson 2: 10/11/16Vocab comprehension test: Lesson 2: 10/18/16(First ten words only will be tested) |

**Important Things to Remember!**

**Monday, October 10th – No School – Italian Heritage Day**

**Wednesday, October 13th – No School – Yom Kippur**

**Gym Day**

**Bring shorts, t-shirt, sneakers to change into!**

**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!**

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.