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Dear Parents,

**8th graders -** **Applications for high schools are due tomorrow!!**

The first marking period is closing on November 4th. **All assignments and homework must be completed and turned in by this FRIDAY!!!**

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**: “Debate: A Moment of Silence, Please” Read and write persuasive essay.  **Writing:** Students are finishing their 5-paragraph essay on “What they are Thankful for” and then will be working on writing essays on non-fiction text. | **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**: 7th grade will be completing their Assured Experience on the Iroquois Confederacy that is be due on Wednesday.  We will begin Jamestown this week.  **8th grade:** starting Manifest Destiny and the Westward Expansion. | **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-** finish making their homemade shoes followed by a "cat walk" where groups will be made to test the weak points of their creation. They will collect data on each other's shoes by recording the mass of the people who wear them and compare against the amount of damage done to the shoe as it was worn within a specific distance.  **A lab report will follow.**  **8th grade-** will take a chapter test on biorhythms and biogeochemical cycles. They were given a mock test to complete for homework last week which we corrected in class and used as a study guide. They will begin a new unit on Motion and Force this week. | **7th grade-**Homework given nightly – look in planner.  Students will take a quiz on math skills in science that relate to decimals, fractions and percentage.  **8th grade-** Homework given nightly – look in planner.  **7th & 8th grade -** Friday, November 4th marks the last day of first marking period. Students will pass in their science journals and receive two quiz grades for keeping decent notes. |
| **Math:** specialized math for **8th grade**  Ms. Collins  jcollins@bridgeportedu.net | Continuing with ratios, equivalent ratios, and equivalent ratios with an unknown factor. | **Homework:** Nightly worksheets on ratios.  **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& |  | **Homework: Look on PowerSchool and/or Planner for further information and details on homework assignments!** |
| **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 –** Irrational square roots and chapter 1 review  Work nightly on multiplication and division facts at home on  [www.math-drills.com](http://www.math-drills.com) | **Homework -**  Monday - Irrational square roots  Tuesday - Lesson 1.4  Wednesday - Lesson 1.4  Thursday - Chapter 1 Review  Friday - Chapter 1 Review |
| **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-** We will focus on using double number lines to solve rate problems.  So that means we have used tape diagrams, ratio tables, and now double number lines. | **Math-**Multiplication Fluency quiz every Monday. Test on Wednesday on Ratios and using them to solve problems. |

**Important Things to Remember!**

**Thursday, October 3rd – Duke Ellington Field Trip**

**Friday, October 4th – 1st quarter marking period ends!!**

**Tuesday, October 8th – No School - Election Day**

**Friday, October 11th – No School – Veteran’s Day**

**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.