



# North Ridge Middle School

## March 2023

### Newsletter

Dates to remember:

03/02/2023: Glow Bingo @ 5:30

03/09/2023: Early Dismissal @ 2:45

03/16/2023: St. Patrick's Day Dance

03/017/2023: Early Dismissal @ 12pm

03/18/2023-03/26/2023: No School: Spring  
Break

**Vision:**

**“Engage, Educate, Empower, Every  
Student Every Day”**

**Mission:**

- 1. Engage students by encouraging life-long learning.**
- 2. Educate them for success in college and careers, and**
- 3. Empower them with acceptance and support to be true to who they are.**



## 7th Grade ELA

The 7<sup>th</sup> grade English Language Arts (ELA) department is excited about the third quarter academic focus. We will continue use of AVID classroom activities, Smekens Writing Strategies, and our writing focus will be argumentative. Also, the reading focus will be comprehension skill building provided through the Study-Sync text. Please make sure you are attending your student's Parent/Teacher Conferences. Please remind students to arrive on time for class and ask for makeup assignments if they have been absent.

Please make sure that you have your student's TeacherEase login information, so that you can monitor their progress and communicate with teachers.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your student's language arts teacher by phone or email.

Please refill your student's supplies if needed (pens, paper, pencils)

## 8th Grade Science

Hello March! Spring is in the air. This month we will finish our weather unit in Earth Science and begin our life science unit. In our life science we will learn all about how the body works on a physical and chemical level. We will be using microscopes and learning about the cells in our bodies. As students start getting spring fever it is really important for them to attend school and complete assignments on time this will help them finish the school year strong. Please help your students stay on track in their learning. Remember if you are absent from school for an extended period of time you need to check Google Classroom for your schoolwork and complete what you can at home. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your student's teacher via phone, email, or through TeacherEase:

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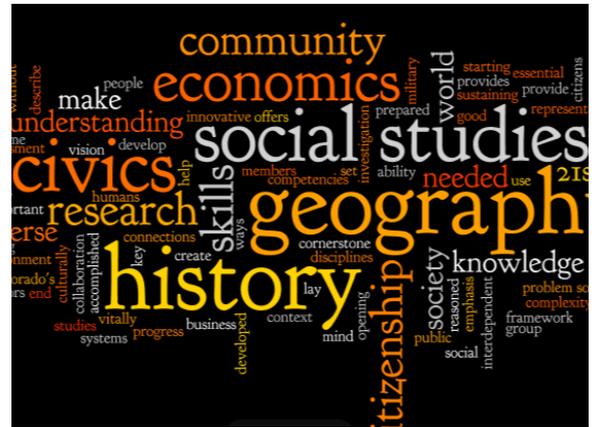
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## 7th Grade Social Studies

Dear Parents,

We just wrapped up our unit on the United States Constitution and we are starting our unit on George Washington's presidency. There will be a test that combines Chapter 5 and 6. Students should be taking structured, focused notes and looking over them each night. Please make sure students bring Chromebooks, pencils, homework, and materials to class. Also, TeacherEase is always available to check your student's grades.



### **7th Grade Science**

The 7th Grade Science class just finished our Introduction to Chemistry Unit. In this Unit

we explored different properties of matter and what happens during Chemical Reactions. We

are now starting our Physical Science Unit, where we will explore different types of energy and

how we use them in our everyday lives. The science department has been working hard to

prepare for the science fair that will be taking place March 14th from 5-7pm in North Ridges

Cafetorium. Please remember to be checking out our google classrooms if you are not going to

be in class for a period of time. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your

students' teacher via phone, email, or through TeacherEase.

Mrs. Lisa Lorenzen (217)444-3430 or [llorenzen1@danville18.org](mailto:llorenzen1@danville18.org)

[Ms. Michelle Bays\(217\)444-3461](mailto:mbays@danville18.org)

### **Earth Science**

Hello March! Spring is in the air. We will be finishing our unit on homeostasis and starting a unit on Melanin. In this unit we will dive further into understanding genetics, learning how diseases, such as cancer, mutate in our bodies. Remember if you are gone from school for an extended period of time you need to check Google Classroom for your schoolwork and complete what you can at home. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your student's teacher via phone, email, or through TeacherEase:

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### **8th Grade Language Arts**

First of all, kudos to our students who attended the movie at the Fischer Theater. Their behavior was fabulous. We really couldn't have asked for a better behaved group of students. We have now finished with StudySync Unit 3 and the final assessment has been administered. We will no longer be accepting assignments for Unit 3 stories. We will be doing an informative essay. During this process we will be going through the steps to the writing process. The focus of the essay will be on an influential African American. Standards include W.8.2, W.8.4, and L.8.1. Since this is a project and is not just a simple writing activity, we will be spending approximately two weeks on the essay. Students will have guidelines as to parts of the essay that are due and when. The 6 Traits of Writing will be used: Ideas, Organization, Voice, Word Choice, Sentence Fluency, and Conventions. The final draft of the essay will be March 10, 2023. This will take us to the week of IAR testing. After Spring Break, we will begin Unit 4. Please encourage your child to end the year STRONG! If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

## **Volleyball:**

This has truly been an extraordinary season. This team has become a family and supports each other every step of the way. This program has been recognized by numerous people for their good sportsmanship and positive energy. The picture below is just a quick snapshot of what North Ridge Volleyball has accomplished this season thus far.



## **Home Program Intervention Coordinators:**

High Five Friday is a new program we started here at North Ridge, and it is off to a fantastic start! We have had several wonderful visitors and have more fantastic guests to come! Our goal is to have area leaders/organizations come in and help us welcome our students with high fives, fist bumps, elbow bumps... you name it!

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## **Builders Club Newsletter March 2023**

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The Builders Club continues to meet twice a month on the first and third Wednesdays. We enjoyed our guest speaker on February 1st. Melissa Wilhelm, the Special Events and Development Coordinator, Public Information Officer from the Salvation Army North and Central Illinois Division spoke to our club about the Salvation Army, the needs in our community, and the importance of community service. Our February Valentines for Veterans project was a success! We would like to thank all our club members who helped make the beautiful valentines! On March 1st we will be counting peppermints for testing week later in March. In March and April, we will be planning a teacher appreciation project for Teacher Appreciation Week in May. The Builders Club continues to run the North Ridge paper recycling program and collect General Mills Box Tops for Education. The box tops program is now electronic. Participants help our school by scanning their grocery receipts into the Box Tops app. The process is very easy! Please add the app to your phone and scan your grocery receipts for North Ridge Middle School Please contact Mrs. Delzell at [delzellk@danville118.org](mailto:delzellk@danville118.org) if you have problems or questions with the Box Tops app.

#### Builders Club Tentative Meeting Dates:

All the following meetings are on Wednesdays at 8:05 A.M. in the North Ridge library.

March 1  
March 15  
April 5

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**Builders' Club**

## Music & Culture

We finished up with our Hip Hop unit and started our Rock & Roll unit in February. We are learning about the start of Rock & Roll from Robert Johnson up to modern day Rock music. As we work through each decade of Rock & Roll, we are learning not just about the music of the time, but what was happening in American society as well. We've listened to many songs in this unit and the students have been exposed to many different artists and types of rock.

In March we will get away from modern music and start a unit on Classical Music. We'll continue listening to a variety of music and keeping our music journals. I hope that the students hear a lot of music they've never heard before and hear a few classical pieces that they enjoy. After Classical, we'll be on to World Music!



## HEALTH AND WELLNESS

### **Hello 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents,**

It is not too early to get your freshmen physicals completed.

ALL 9<sup>th</sup> grade students will be required to have a physical for the 2023-24 school year completed within one year from the first day of freshmen year. Your student will not be able to start High School without a physical on file. You can either fax the completed paperwork to Gabi Ingold (North Ridge Nurse) at 217-444-3484, email it to [ingoldg@danville118.org](mailto:ingoldg@danville118.org), or drop it off at North Ridge Middle School.

Please call me with any questions at 217-444-3484

Gabi Ingold, RN

North Ridge School Nurse

North Ridge Middle School

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## Orchestra

The 7th and 8th grade orchestras are in the final stages of preparing for their next concert on March 8th. The 8th grade orchestra has also been working on two additional pieces for the Step-Up Concert with the Danville High School Orchestra on April 20th. The two pieces are challenging and introduce sounds the students are unfamiliar with. The orchestras are excited to share their work on March 8th!

## Guitar:

The 7th and 8th grade guitar students are working at different paces. The 7th graders are working towards learning *Aura Lee*, and they have learned 3 of guitar strings. The 8th graders are continuing to work at their own pace. A few students are learning how to play pop music, some are working from their provided guitar method books, and some have even arranged music they listen to.

As always, please encourage your students to practice!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at: **Mr. Aaron Escamilla**, (217) 444-3435  
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## North Ridge Bands

Band and Orchestra Instrumental Concert

March 8th, 5:15

North Ridge Cafetorium

Adam Owens

Director of Bands

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