



The Wildcat Journal

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Dear Parents / Guardians:

It is hard to believe that the end of the school year has arrived and summer is here! As I look back over this year, I feel that we have accomplished much as a school community. Our teachers and professional staff members have enjoyed working with the students and their families. We will continue to combine our efforts to build relationships as we strive for the academic excellence that Alfred S. Faust School has become accustomed to. As professionals, we make every effort to strengthen student learning and develop educational practices that include the on-going changes in technology. It is an exciting, but challenging time in education and we are continuously finding ways to best prepare our students for 21st century college and career path ways.

To our graduates, congratulations on your achievement! All of the teachers and professional staff members of Faust and McKenzie School wish you the best in your new journey as you take on the next 4 years of high school. We know that we have prepared all of our 8th graders well and each student has gained a firm educational foundation while attending the East Rutherford School District.

For those families who will be returning in September, **school will begin on Thursday, September 7th**. Over the summer, please make sure that your child completes their math and language arts packets to keep their mind stimulated and fresh for educational reinforcement. Feel free to visit our website at <http://www.erboe.net> for further details on each grade level's summer assignment and other related information pertaining to the up-coming academic school year. You may also contact me over the summer if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions.

From all of us at Alfred S. Faust School, we wish you a happy, safe, and enjoyable summer.

We look forward to seeing all of our students and their families in September.

Warmest regards,
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Spanish Cycle

During 4th marking period, students worked on the basic greetings, numbers, colors, months, and the days of the week. These students really enjoyed the videos, songs, and end of marking period review game.

Social Studies

Our 7th graders have been working on some exciting projects in Social Studies this marking period. We recently finished studying the Civil War, and students learned about this pivotal moment in American History. To share their learning, students in Mr. Barone's classes exercised their creative talents to make children's books about the war. Meanwhile, Mrs. Krantz's 7th graders put what they learned this year to the test by making original history board games. Each game focused on a different historical period and included unique characters, rules, boards, etc. that really showcased students' interests.

Eighth grade students in Mr. Barone's world History class created recruitment posters for the city-state of Athens or Sparta. After analyzing the two city-states, students utilized the information they learned to recruit people to join either Athens or Sparta.

ESL

In ESL the students learn basic structures and vocabulary of the English language through the skills of reading, writing, speaking, and listening. Currently, they are working on an educational board game. The students need to create their own board game, directions, questions to answer and game pieces. The students are working in groups and were able to choose the topic. Some of the topics were as follows: nouns, verbs, cause and effect, main idea, reading comprehension and writing techniques. The students are also practicing their oral language and listening skills through an online program several times a week.

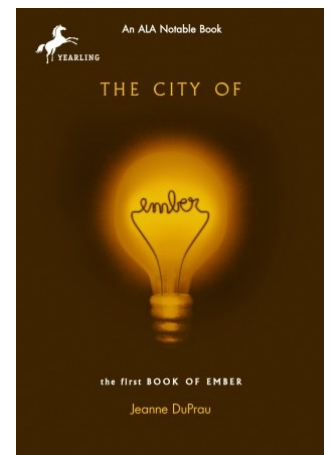
Take a Journey This Summer with a Book

As the school year comes to a close and the summer rapidly approaches, students are naturally looking forward to their relaxing vacation, and part of that is the enjoyment of a good book. It is crucial to your child's academic achievement that they continue practicing their literacy skills throughout the summer. Studies show that student reading increases fluency, vocabulary, and critical thinking skills essential for maintaining scholastic progress. Students who do not practice these skills are at risk for "summer slide", or the loss of learned academic skills.

Incoming sixth grade students will be reading *The City of Ember* by Jeanne DuPrau. The students entering grades seven and eight will have an option of two books to choose from.

Seventh grade students will choose between *Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli and *The Wave* by Todd Strasser. Eighth grade students will have the option of either *Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins or *Holes* by Louis Sachar. Seventh grade Honors students will choose a living person of interest and deliver a biographical speech about their life, while eighth grade Honors students will read *Night* by Elie Wiesel.

For more information on the summer reading assignments, please refer to your child's summer reading packet or access the erboe.net district website.



5th Grade Happenings

The 5th Grade has had a busy few months! We visited the Bronx Zoo and got to observe many zoo animals and their habitats. It was a hot day, but students, parents and staff had a great time. We also visited the Hudson County Courthouse in Jersey City and learned some interesting facts about the court system. We even got to sit in on a live trial. Students also conducted a mock trial on the Boston Massacre where they presented their facts and their peers decided the fate of the British Red Coat, Hugh White. The students tried out for parts and then the ones chosen to participate in the trial worked during lunch and after school for about a month to prepare for their performance! They did a fantastic job and the jury chose that Hugh White was not guilty! Students also had a great time at Alex's Lemonade Stand on June 9th where student council students sold lemonade to help raise money for childhood cancer research. It was a great school year overall and while everyone is excited for summer, the 5th grade teachers will miss the 5th grade class!

Time Capsule Webquest—Class of 2019

The students in Mrs. Pappas's 6th grade English classes created a time capsule to be opened at the end of their eighth grade. The students constructed their time capsules and chose the items to be placed inside which represent each student as well as the culture and fads of the sixth grade class in 2017. The time capsules contained personal items as well as current information researched in the form of a Webquest. They also included a letter to themselves. The eighth graders who opened their time capsules this year did so with laughter and tears while reminiscing about their past.



How will you remember – and be remembered?

Summer Wishes from the Math Department

The Math Department would like to wish all our students and their families a safe, healthy, and restful summer vacation! While summer is the time to relax, it is also the perfect time for our students to freshen up on their skills for the upcoming school year. With that being said, the students will be receiving their Summer Math Packets that will help keep their skills sharp and their minds ready to return to school in September. These packets will be the student's first grade upon returning in September so please encourage your child to do his/her best. Class of 2017: Congratulations and best of luck as you move onto the next exciting chapter of your lives! We know you will continue to grow and be the best versions of yourselves and we wish you all the success in the world.

Meet the Teachers

Nurse Webb—As the School Nurse for Faust School, Nurse Webb enjoys caring for and tending to the physical/emotional needs of all the students and staff. She is finishing up her Master's degree in Nursing and also works at Holy Name Hospital. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with family and friends, going to Giants & Yankee games, and running (especially in Disney World).

Mrs. Yang—Mrs. Yang came from China as an overseas student. She started to teach science at Faust in 2001 and loved working here. When she was young, she dreamed that she would be the president. When she grew up, she wanted to marry one. Now she helps her students grow and learn, and hopes one day she will be the teacher of the "future president".

Ms. Velasquez—Ms. Velasquez holds her teaching certification in Special Education and Art, and currently teaches 5th and 6th grade Math and Language Arts. Ms. Velasquez is looking forward to her third year of collaborating with the Drama Club. In her spare time, she enjoys visiting museums and spending time with family.

From the Desk of Nurse Webb

We all need some sun exposure; it's our primary source of vitamin D, which helps us absorb calcium for stronger, healthier bones. But it doesn't take much time in the sun for most people to get the vitamin D they need, and repeated unprotected exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays can cause skin damage, eye damage, immune system suppression, and skin cancer.

Most kids rack up a lot of their lifetime sun exposure before age 18, so it's important to teach your children how to enjoy fun in the sun safely. With the right precautions, you can greatly reduce your child's chance of developing skin cancer.

Sunscreen can help protect the skin from sunburn and some skin cancers but only if used correctly. Keep in mind that sunscreen should be used for sun protection, not as a reason to stay in the sun longer.

How to Pick Sunscreen

- Use a sunscreen that says "broad-spectrum" on the label; that means it will screen out both UVB and UVA rays.
- Use a broad-spectrum sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 15 (up to SPF 50). An SPF of 15 or 30 should be fine for most people.
- If possible, avoid the sunscreen ingredient oxybenzone because of concerns about mild hormonal properties. Remember, though, that it's important to take steps to prevent sunburn, so using any sunscreen is better than not using sunscreen at all.
- For sensitive areas of the body, such as the nose, cheeks, tops of the ears, and shoulders, choose a sunscreen with zinc oxide or titanium dioxide. These products may stay visible on the skin even after you rub them in, and some come in fun colors that children enjoy.

How to Apply Sunscreen

- Use enough sunscreen to cover all exposed areas, especially the face, nose, ears, feet, hands, scalp, and even backs of the knees. Rub it in well.
- Put sunscreen on 15 to 30 minutes before going outdoors. It needs time to absorb into the skin.
- Use sunscreen any time you or your child spend time outdoors. Remember that you can get sunburn even on cloudy days because up to 80% of the sun's UV rays can get through the clouds. Also, UV rays can bounce back from water, sand, snow, and concrete, so make sure you're protected.
- Reapply sunscreen every 2 hours and after swimming, sweating, or drying off with a towel. Because most people use too little sunscreen, make sure to apply a generous amount.

Have a very HEALTHY, Happy, & Safe Summer!

-Nurse Webb

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