



The Wildcat Journal

Dear Parents / Guardians:

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The last day of school is the closing of one door and the opening of another. It is amazing how quickly time passes and it is hard to believe that the summer is here! We want to thank you for sharing your child with us and for your continued support in their educational journey. 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 will continue to strive for academic excellence and prepare our students for future success.

To our graduates, congratulations on your achievement! All of the teachers and professional staff members at Faust and McKenzie Schools wish you the best 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 6th**. If you have any concerns, questions, or suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact me throughout July and August. 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 also 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.

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

Have a relaxing, safe, and enjoyable summer.

Warmest regards,

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Summertime Math Wishes

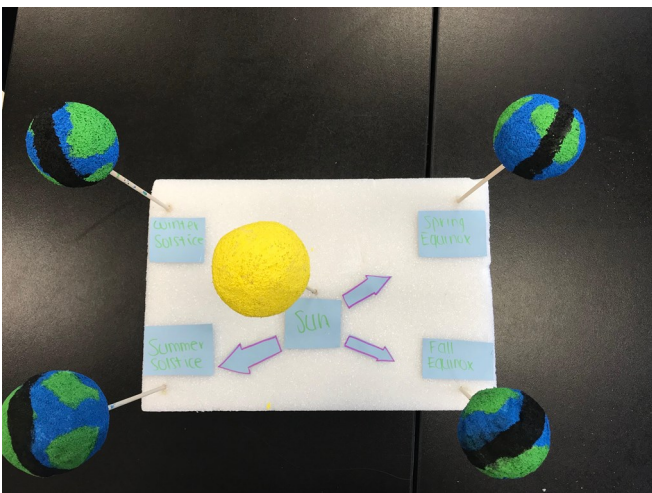
The Math Department would like to wish all our students and their families a safe, healthy, and restful summer vacation! We want our students to relax and refresh this summer but we also would like to remind our students that they can always use the time off to freshen up on their math skills for the upcoming year. The students have received their Summer Math Packets that we hope 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. To the graduating Class of 2018: Best of Luck and Congratulations 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.

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 fifth graders will be reading *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing*, by Judy Blume, while 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. Eighth graders entering Honors English will read *Night* by Elie Wiesel. Students will be tested on their respective novels during the second week of school.

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



Science

Mrs. O'Connor's class made the celestial cycles come alive with their amazing models. To learn about the celestial cycles the class created a slide presentation on different topics to help teach their classmates to understand how and why these cycles exist. They also learned that June 21st is not only the first day for summer break, but it is also officially the first day of summer. The summer equinox is the longest day of the year.

Band & Choir

Mrs. and Mr. Schweikardt could not be more proud of the One Hundred and Twenty Two members of the Faust Choir and Band who participated in this year's "Trills & Thrills" Music Festival held at Toms River North High

School on June 1st. earning themselves ratings of "Excellent" and "Superior".



On June 6th the Faust School music students had the opportunity to show off their talents by performing for their family and friends at the annual "Spring Concert". The 90 members of the Faust 5th, 6th, and 7th grade Band will also be performing at our 8th grade Commencement on June 19. Mr. and Mrs. Schweikardt would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer.

5th Grade News

The 5th graders have been very busy in the last marking period. In Science, the students have conducted several engaging projects such as building kites, building a car made out of basic materials, and constructing a volcano. In Reading class, the students have been conducting a Book Talk where they are responsible to engage with an independent novel and lead discussions based on their learning. In Math, the students are creating a Geometry Playground where they have to include a number of geometric shapes in a playground design of their creation. In Social Studies, the students are conducting a biography project on a person of their choosing who has impacted society in a positive way. The students are sad to leave 5th grade but excited for the many opportunities that lie ahead in 6th grade!

Spanish

The 6th grade Spanish Cycle decorated paper T-shirts using descriptive adjectives and conjugating "Tener" and "Ser".

Our 8th grade Spanish class had the opportunity to illustrate a suitcase with different clothing items they would wear during la primavera, el invierno, el verano y el otoño. We ended our Unit 4 with a luncheon in which students enjoyed dishes from all over the world. Thank you parents for your contribution.

Our 8th grade Spanish Honors class had a fantastic opportunity to be a part of The Famous Hispanic Flamenco Ballet. Students listened, watched, and danced to the amazing performances from countries such as, Colombia, Cuba, Puerto Rico, Brazil and many others. At the end of the day, students also enjoyed a taste of Cuba by eating from Rumba Cubana Restaurant.

Social Studies

Students in Mr. Majsiak's class created a flipbook on the Civil War. Students created pages for major battles and events. Students then completed their final unit, on Reconstruction by creating a magazine investigating its impact on the country.

Students in Mrs. Krantz's class created board games based on units they studied during the school year. Students spent the last days of school playing trivia board games based on the curriculum.

Everyone from the Social Studies department wishes everyone from the East Rutherford community a safe and fun summer.



This Summer: Bike Safety

As the School Nurse I'd like to wish everyone a HAPPY, HEALTHY, and SAFE summer. There are so many great reasons to ride your bike: It offers fun, freedom and exercise, and it's good for the environment. We want kids and families to ride their bikes as much as possible, and most importantly safely. Here are a few tips:

1. Wear a properly-fitted helmet. It is the best way to prevent head injuries and death.
2. Ride on the sidewalk when you can. If not, ride in the same direction as traffic as far on the right-hand side as possible.
3. Use hand signals and follow the rules of the road. Be predictable by making sure you ride in a straight line and don't swerve between cars.
4. Wear bright colors and use lights, especially when riding at night and in the morning. Reflectors on your clothes and bike will help you be seen.



Left Turn
Extend your left arm out straight from your side.



Right Turn
Extend your left arm out from your side, bent at a 90-degree angle at the elbow, hand pointing upward and the palm of your hand facing forward.
Another option is to put your right arm straight out from your side.



Stopping or slowing
Extend your left arm out from your side, bent at a 90-degree angle at the elbow, hand pointing downward and the palm of your hand facing backward.

-Nurse Webb

Time Capsule Webquest 2018

The students in Mrs. Pappas's 6th grade English classes created a time capsule to be opened at the end of their eighth grade year. 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 2018. 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, as well as photos. 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?



On June 8th, Mr. Holder had his students present their National Parks Projects in the new gym! Follow the East Rutherford School District on Twitter @ErutherfordSD for current events happening inside the classroom!

Important Dates

Thursday, June 21...Board of Education Meeting

Thursday, July 26...Board of Education Meeting

Thursday, August 23...Board of Education Meeting

Thursday, September 6...First Day of School

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