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Patriots Pen Essay Contest Winners

Mr. Bomgren

Congratulations: Amos Dubois, Sabrena Beckwith, and Mariah Murrell have recently been announced as winners of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars Patriots Pen Essay Contest. Amos Dubois won first place, Sabrena Beckwith received second place, and Mariah Murrell placed third. Each student received an award and a cash prize for their placement. Their essays will now be passed on to the county competition where they have the chance

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to further advance to the state and national competition. The students completed the writing activity as part of a classroom assignment in Mr. Bomgren's English class. Each student is part of the Eight White team at the Fulton Junior High School. Each student in the class

“Does Patriotism Still Matter?”

participated in several literature circles that entailed the theme and answered the question “Does Patriotism Still Matter?” Each student worked hard on their essays and excelled with their writing!



Pictured from left to right: Auxiliary President Roxanne Demars, Mariah Murrell, Mr. Bomgren, Sabrena Beckwith, and Commander Carlton J. Weinhold

Pictured above is Amos Dubois with his award from the VFW Patriot Pen Contest.

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Message in a Minute from the Library

Mrs. Bettis



Our library is a busy place! Eighth graders have been working on researching American artists using library resources while polishing bibliographic skills. In addition, we have a scavenger hunt going on. Students can use library resources to answer questions. After completing this, names will be entered into a drawing to win a book!



A few items of interest/reminders:

- The Battle of the Books group has been using our Novelist database to look up summaries for the books on this year's list. This will help them decide which books they want to read first.
- The library web page is always evolving.
To access this: Go to the Fulton City School District website at <http://www.fulton.cnyric.org/>

Click on Fulton Junior High
Click on the blue "Library" link

New links have been added for you to take a look at!

Mrs. Bettis
Teacher Librarian

** NOTICE **

Student Council News

Monday January 3rd
2011

NO RASP
Afterschool

Please make
appropriate arrangements
ahead of time.

Don't forget to send your favorite teacher, friend and even that special someone a candy cane-o-gram for only a dollar! You can purchase these during lunches during the week of December 13-17th, 2010 and they come with a personalized message.

Continuing the tradition this year, Student Council will be hosting our annual *Canned Food Drive*. It will run from December 6th -10th. Please be sure to bring in canned and boxed items in order to help reach out to our community. One homeroom **per team** will be awarded breakfast on December 23, 2010, for collecting the most cans!

Are you ready to party? If so, join us on December 17th 6-8 pm at the school dance. There will be pizza and soda to enjoy! Join your friends and get into the holiday spirit!

A Message from the Principals

Dear Junior High Families,

Winter is just around the corner and with that, the first half of our winter sport's season has arrived with our girls volleyball and boy's basketball teams hard at work. They have just begun competing and seem to be enjoying learning how to play as a team.

Our first orchestra and band concerts went off without a hitch as our musicians, under the direction of Mrs. Farden and Mrs. Delfanian, had a stupendous performance on November 2nd. It certainly was an enjoyable evening, as our students performed for a packed house. Dressed in their concert best, they looked as great as they sounded!

You have received your child's first quarter report card. Please take the time to review it with your child. Find one thing to praise and one thing to help your child set a goal on. If you have concerns about your child's progress, please call our Counseling Office to schedule a conference. Regular communication with our teachers is a must, and we encourage you to feel comfortable in doing so.

As we look toward December, our choruses will make their debut as they join our band and orchestra for our annual Holiday Concert on December 8th. If you aren't in the Holiday spirit by then, I can assure you that you will be when you leave!

Our entire school is enjoying our PBIS Celebrations and we look forward to our next one December 16th. These opportunities are for students to celebrate positive behavior with a variety of fun activities ranging from creative art to electronic games! Each teacher hosts a different activity for students to enjoy. Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports (PBIS) is practiced throughout our entire district as we work together to build systems within our schools to reinforce positive behaviors and intervene/re-teach when necessary. It is our goal throughout the Fulton City Schools for everyone in our School community to know and understand what it means to "Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Safe."

Along with these celebrations, during our early release days, we spend one hour turning our attention to the effects that bullying has. We have spent time creating posters depicting these effects and time was spent having homeroom discussions identifying "hot spots" throughout our school where the potential for bullying to occur is higher. Our next PBIS Celebration and Bullying activity will be December 16th. We look forward to welcoming a guest speaker to our school to talk to us about cyber bullying.

Please be sure to check our December dates. You will notice that we will be releasing students at 10:30 on Thursday December 16th in order for our staff to collaborate/participate in staff development activities in the afternoon. Our Holiday Recess begins on Christmas Eve (last day 12/23) with school resuming on Monday January 3rd.

With the Holiday Season upon us, we take this opportunity to wish all of our Junior High families a restful and relaxing vacation. Take a few minutes to think about one way that you will contribute positively as we ring in the 2011 year!

Thank you for your continued support of our students and our school.

Sincerely,

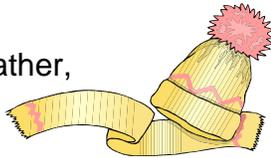
Donna Parkhurst and Ryan Lanigan

Nurses Notes

Mrs. Stoutenger

Hello Everyone! Winter officially begins on December 21st this year, but I don't have to remind you how cold our weather can be. I would, however, like to reinforce the importance of dressing warm with boots, jackets, hats and gloves. It is a proven fact that people lose body heat from their heads very quickly. Here are some helpful hints I found on eHow.com for reducing your body heat loss.

1) Wear a Hat- In cold weather, the majority of heat from the body is lost through the head. Since children have a larger head-to-body ratio than adults, they are especially prone to heat loss.



2) Wear a warm jacket- Make sure your outer layer is tightly woven and wind resistant to reduce heat loss.



3) Eat Healthy- Well balanced meals with warm beverages help reduce heat loss. Sweet, hot beverages like hot chocolate warm your body and keep your blood sugar up, which will help to regulate your body temperature.



4) Keep moving- Move your arms and legs while sitting to improve your circulation.



5) Listen to your Body- If you are shivering, get indoors or somewhere warm as soon as possible. **Shivering is the first sign of your body losing heat!**



In addition to dressing warm and eating healthy, I would like to take a moment to again state how crucial it is for good hand washing.



December 6-12 is National Hand washing Awareness Week. Please remember to wash your hands frequently throughout the day, including before meals, after going to the bathroom, or anytime they are soiled. Singing the song "Happy Birthday" assures you have scrubbed your hands for a desired amount of time with soap and water.

We will be providing SPORT PHYSICALS on **December 21st** for those students interested in participating in a sport. Girls Basketball and Boys Wrestling practices will start after the holidays on January 3rd. Please don't delay in scheduling a physical.

We have finished the vision and hearing screening requirements for the seventh graders. We ask that you return any paperwork that may have been sent home to you regarding required physicals or vision exams.

Happy Holidays 😊

Angela Stoutenger RN BSN

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What is your Birthstone?

Julia Polly

Ever wonder what your birthstone is? Well here is the list of stones. Find your birth month and your stone color.

January- Garnet

February- Amethyst

March- Bloodstone

April- Diamond

May- Emerald

June- Pearl

July- Ruby

August- Peridot

September- Sapphire

October- Opal

November- Topaz

December- Turquoise

How Does Santa Fit Down the Chimney?

Caleb Almeter

Today We'll be Investigating Santa Claus!

Me: Dr. Awesome, how does such an extremely large man like Santa fit down a chimney?

Dr. A: Magic!

Me: How do his reindeer fly?

Dr. A: Magic!

Me: Is his job on Christmas Eve legal?

Dr. A: Magic!

Me: Excuse me?

Dr. A: Oh, sorry. Yes. We welcome him with milk and cookies, so he is not breaking and entering. It's not illegal at all.

Me: Most importantly, does Santa really give coal to bad kids?

Dr. A: Well, this one's hard to say. Bad is really a matter of opinion. However, Santa really does give coal to kids who misbehave hugely.

Me: Oh, shoot! I really have to start behaving between now and Christmas!

Dr. A: Don't worry. I'll put in a good word for you to Santa.

Me: Really? Thanks! (To audience) Well, it looks like we're out of time. See you at our next episode on the mysteries of the Easter Bunny!

Dia de los Muretos

Zachary Almeter

If you take Spanish for another language like I do, you probably know what that means. But if you don't, don't worry! I'll tell you. It means "Day of the Dead."

That probably sounds like a Mexican version of Halloween, doesn't it? Well, not exactly. The Day of the Dead is a three- day Mexican celebration that starts on October 31 and ends on November 2. The Mexicans believe that all of the people close to them that have died will come back to visit for this celebration. The Mexicans are not afraid to die because they know they will join these people who they love and have died and believe in a second life after death. The whole celebration honors all of these people who have died.

October 31, the first day, is spent entirely preparing for the arrival of the dead. On November 1, all of the

dead children come back, and on November 2, everyone else comes back. There is a big celebration to honor them. All the houses and streets are decorated with skeletons (not real ones, of course), and people are celebrating and honoring the dead. In the dead of night, many people gather in the graveyard, where the dead are believed to come back into the world of the living to visit, and they throw parties and sing songs. They even present gifts to the spirits that are of people close to them. It is a fun and big celebration, completely to honor the dead who the Mexicans know they will join when they die. I kind of wish Americans held a celebration like this in the United States. It would be a much better thing to replace our Halloween, which is a much less important celebration than the Day of the Dead.

Get Your Year Book

By Mrs. Curtis

IT'S TIME TO ORDER YOUR
**FULTON JR
HIGH
YEARBOOK**

Cost of each yearbook is \$17
Yearbooks are now full color!
School pictures will be taken October 7th
with retakes on November 17th.

How to purchase your yearbook:

1. Logon to www.jostens.com and click the link "purchase your yearbook" (credit card orders only)
2. Send check/cash to FJHS/Mrs. Curtis (Yearbook Advisor) to place an order.



What's going on?

We want to know!

Submit your articles, information, and events to the Jr. Raider Review. You can drop them off to Mr. Weigand in room 106.

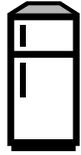
Thank you for your support!!!

Yearbook Sales Slip *(needed for cash or check)*

Student's Name _____

Homeroom _____

Quantity _____ Total _____



FRIDGE FACTS!

Upcoming dates from the Fulton Junior High...

December 2010:

- 12/2 Community Tree Lighting-Municipal Building-7:00 p.m.
- 12/7 PBIS Meeting – 2:30 p.m.
- 12/8 7th Grade Holiday Concert, 6:30pm - Gymnasium
8th Grade Holiday Concert, 8:00pm – Gymnasium
- 12/14 Board of Education Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- 12/15 Site-Based Meeting – 4:15 p.m.
- 12/16 **Early Dismissal- 10:30 a.m.**
- 12/17 2nd Quarter Five Week Period Ends
School Dance – 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- 12/24-31 ***Holiday Recess – NO SCHOOL**
(*District Offices Closed 12/24, 12/27, 12/31)
- 12/28 2nd Quarter Five Week Reports Mailed Home



January 2010:

- 1/1 **New Year's Day - NO SCHOOL (District Offices Closed)**
- 1/3 Winter II Modified Sports Begin
District PBIS Meeting- 2:00
- 1/10 Parent Group Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
- 1/11 Board of Education Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- 1/12 “Keys to Success”- Internet Safety & Cyberbullying, 6:00-7:30
- Education Center, Families Welcome! Dinner Included
- 1/17 **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – NO SCHOOL**
- 1/18 PBIS Meeting- 2:30
- 1/19 FJHS Site-Based Meeting – 4:15 p.m.
- 1/25 Board of Education Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- 1/28 **Early Dismissal- 10:30 a.m.**
End of 2nd Marking Period

