

Starbuck IB



World Newsletter

October 2018

Important Dates

Library News

All 7th and 8th graders are invited to participate in this year's English Festival! English Festival features six different books each year selected by teachers and librarians from Racine and Kenosha counties. Students who read the books are eligible to attend an all-day field trip in March 2019 to UW-Parkside where they will participate in workshops and fun activities and get to hear from one of our authors who will appear in person!

Ms. Bast will be talking to all 7th and 8th grade ELA classes about signing up for English Festival, but if you have any questions, feel free to contact her at elizabeth.bast@rusd.org.

October 4 – Cross Country Meet at Lockwood Park

October 8 – Girls Basketball Game at Jerstad

October 10 – Girls Basketball Game at Gilmore

October 11 – Cross Country Meet at Johnson Park

October 15 – Girls Basketball Game at home

October 17 – Girls Basketball Game at Mitchell

October 17 – Cross Country All City Relay at Lockwood Park

October 22 – Girls Basketball Game at home

October 24 – Picture Second Chance Day

October 25 & 26 – No School

IB Happenings

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Family Engagement

Mark your calendars for Starbuck IB's first family event of the school year. Family Fall Fest is scheduled for Thursday November 1st. The event begins at 6pm. Family Fall Fest is open to our students, parents, guardians and family members. Come and enjoy an evening with us. There will be snacks and great activities. Call 262-664-6500 with questions.

Language and Literature (L & L)

6th grade is just finishing up their Launching Reading part of their first unit. Students have been working on reading stamina, making connections while reading, learning about different book genres, and practicing transitioning within the classroom. Students will be completing their first assessment on their chosen silent reading book. They will be writing a brief paragraph about their book that includes comparisons and contrasts to another text, connections and text evidence. Then students will be either sharing their ideas with a "partner talk" or using Flipgrid videos.

7th grade is working on a gradual release of responsibility with students in order to support students becoming more independent in their work. They are reading short stories and doing a "Sum it Up" activity where teachers model, students and teachers complete the next, and then students are ready to work independently.

8th grade is in the midst of their Reading and Writing Launch. Students are learning new vocabulary, listening to reading while teachers share mentor texts, practicing reading strategies and learning how to think in a critical way while reading independently.

Math

The schoolwide ALEKS topics competition between the three grades will begin at the end of the month. The grade with the most topics learned will get to display our new traveling trophy - the "Sword of Knowledge" being designed and created by Mr. Terry's classes.

Vocal Music

Swing Choir is off to a great start! We are meeting every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 7:20 in the morning. Regular choir students are working hard to learn how to read music, but will begin to prepare for their winter concert the 3rd week in October. All musical theater kids will present on their chosen musicals the first week in October. We will swiftly move onto improv for 7th grade and set design in 8th grade. The end of the month will have all musical theater students learning about stage makeup and creating characters.

PBIS

Assemblies

On Thursday 9/27 we had our first PBIS assemblies for all grades. Students who were nominated by their teachers for demonstrating September's IB trait of the month, Inquirer, were announced and received a certificate with a coupon for Rocky Rococo's. We played Let's Make A Deal to test students' knowledge of IB traits, school rules, and staff members. Other hands-on games such as "rolling the dice" and "don't drop the ball" were enjoyed. Shout out to 7th grade for being the most engaged grade of the day! The PBIS team has exciting ideas for upcoming assemblies so stay tuned!

School store

The PBIS school store is now open every school day from 8:25 am to 8:35 am. Students may purchase school supplies and other items with cash or C.O.R.P. CASH (CC). Prices range from 1 CC for a pencil to 50 CC for a Starbuck t-shirt. Thank you to the members of the PBIS student committee who inventoried the store, priced items and organized the operational plan. You'll also see them running the store on a daily basis!

C.O.R.P CASH (CC)

When a staff member notices a student exhibiting one of the ten IB learner profile traits, the staff member circles that trait on CC, adds his/her signature and presents the CC to the student with verbal praise regarding how the student exemplifies that particular trait. The student then writes his/her first and last names plus grade level on the back of the CC and spends it in the school store. All CC spent in the school store is entered into a lottery. During each monthly PBIS assembly, a principal does a lottery drawing from the collected CC, calls for those students and presents them with fun prizes.

International Travel Club

Any 7th or 8th graders interested in going to Europe this summer, should come to our next ITC meeting on Monday, October 8th at 5:30pm in Room 211. We will be traveling to Berlin, Prague, Krakow and Budapest with Vienna.

Also, any 6th or 7th graders interested in joining us in Japan, Summer of 2020, please join us for more information Monday, Nov. 12th at 5:30pm in Room 211.



ATTENDANCE

Excellent attendance is essential to school success. Students are expected, when healthy to attend all scheduled classes and activities on time except as excused by the school. When students are ill, parents/guardians need to report their child's absence by calling **664-6505**. If phoning in when voicemail is on, please leave the following information:

- The student's name and grade
- The reason for the absence
- The probable duration of the absence
- The identity of the person calling

If your child has been absent 10+ days this semester/year due to illness or other reasons, these absences are considered excessive and we will need a medical statement from your child's physician to excuse her/him for the remainder of this school term. All remaining absences, which are not accompanied by a doctor's excuse, will be treated as truancies as per our District Policy.

EARLY DISMISSAL OR LATE ARRIVALS

It is requested that dental and medical appointments be scheduled outside of the normal school day as much as possible. In the event a student must leave before the school day ends, or arriving at school late, the parent must come to the office and sign the child in or out. A note from a medical professional is not required but will be in favor of the parent.



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