REVOLUTIONARY NEWS

Clay Middle School Team Revolutionaries Newsletter

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Meet Our New Students

Welcome to the first edition of Revolutionary News where we'll spotlight students and teachers! Team Revolutionaries is excited for a new school year! We have several new students joining us and are looking forward to creating new memories with them in 2015-2016.



Mina Abdelmalek

Mina moved to Clay in hopes of finding a better education. His favorite thing about Clay is the nice teachers and new friends. His favorite subject is math.

Brayden Campbell

Brayden moved to Carmel from Fort Wayne where he previously went to Blackhawk Christian School. His favorite part about Clay is that the students are more open and friendly than at his old school. Brayden plans to try out for basketball later this year.

Robert Fry

Robert moved to Clay from Northview Middle School. He will be joining track and trying out for basketball this year. Robert enjoys the new block schedules we have here at Clay.

Kevin Miller

After being away from Clay for a year, Kevin is excited to be back. He is most looking forward to using the school computers.

Jay Ridoux

Jay moved from Fishers in order to find a better education and teachers. His favorite subject is currently Language Arts.

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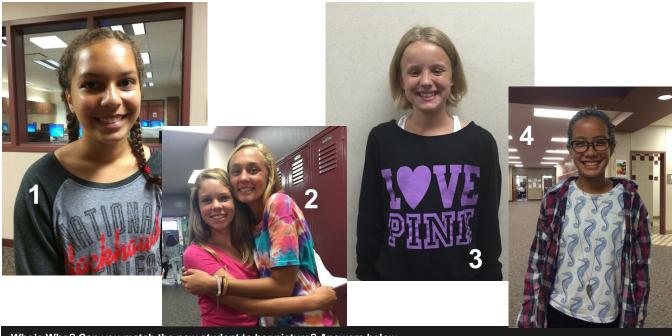
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Announcements

- MAP testing for our team runs from September 11-21
- The Trojan Trot 5k is Saturday, September 12



Who's Who? Can you match the new student with his picture? Answers on page 2.



Who's Who? Can you match the new student to her picture? Answers below.

Meet Our New Students

Jenna Wold

Jenna moved here from Plainfield, Illinois, and previously went to Ira Jones Middle School. Jenna said that she really enjoys the schedule. Since she has come to Clay she has joined the Wind Ensemble, playing the trumpet, and she is involved in cross country.

Lexi Dufek

Lexi was previously a Carmel Middle School Cougar, but has quickly found a home at Clay. She likes Clay better than Carmel because it's bigger and the students are friendlier. Her favorite class is science.

Bella Miller

Bella is new to Clay, previously living in California. She has already become involved at school by trying out for Clay sports and being part of the fall musical *Peter Pan*. Bella will be playing the part of Nana, the Darling's dog.

Jessica Mackey

Jessica moved here from southern Chicago. Her favorite thing about Clay is having so many welcoming people and friends. At her old school, her entire school only held 300 students. Her favorite subject is social studies.

Who's Who Answer Key

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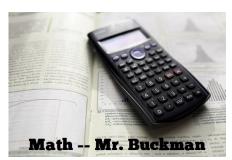
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Core Classes Updates



Language Arts

We are finishing up a unit on journalism and beginning to read the book *Drums*, *Girls*, *and Dangerous Pie*. The story focuses on Steven's 8th grade year and his little brother's battle with leukemia. Vocab and stems can be found on my website to prepare for weekly quizzes.

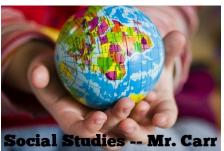


Pre-Algebra

In Pre-Algebra students are working on solving equations. It is important that students make sure that whatever they do to one side of the equation, they do the same thing to the other side. Students have been using a visual aid to help them decide which steps to use when tackling an equation. Students are permitted to use calculators when solving equations, and I have been encouraging them to bring their calculators each day to class.

Algebra

In Algebra students have just finished a small unit on proportions. One of the highlights of the unit was a simulation that modeled the method that scientists use to estimate animal populations. (It turns out that they use proportions!) Our next area of study will be with linear relationships. Students will learn different forms of linear equations and at the end of the unit be able to quickly move from one form to the next.



Social Studies

We have studied longitude and latitude in order to understand how to find absolute location of places in the world. We have also started our colonization unit. Students are participating in a simulation called Discovery in order to replicate the challenges and triumphs that early colonizers faced. At the same time, students are also learning note taking and reading strategies to enhance their learning of U.S. History.



Wellness

During Wellness this week, the students have been involved with FitnessGram Testing! Push up and curl up testing has been completed. Our activity for the past two weeks has been soccer.



Science

In science class, the students are busy studying metrics, speed, velocity, and acceleration. The students are applying these concepts during our labs and physics challenges. We will have a Kahoot review session in class and take the test using our metric strips on the 15th and 16th.

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