

Webberville Middle School
Weekly Newsletter

4/19/2024

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# NEW IN SCIENCE

### **Solar Eclipse Viewing**

On Monday April 8th the surrounding area was able to view an almost total solar eclipse. 7th and 8th graders were concluding their unit on the Sun, Moon and Earth. Students participated in making safe solar eclipse viewing boxes in which the eclipse image was projected on the inside of the box. They also took turns using approved solar eclipse viewing glasses. Images are below.







#### **The Tongue Debunked**

Last week, Kitchen Chemistry students discussed and debunked tongue mapping. They were given 13 mystery ingredients; some being strawberry glaze, coconut water, beef broth, and siracha sauce. Groups were tasked with determining their correct flavor profiles: sweet, sour, salty, bitter and/or umami.



#### **MSTEP Testing**

7th (AM) and 8th (PM) grade students will be testing on Tuesday.

6th Grade are testing on Wednesday (AM) and Thursday (PM)

PLEASE make sure your student has a good night sleep proceeding these days and that Chromebooks are charged and ready.

#### MRS. MAYES... 6-8TH GRADE ELA

6th grade: This week, sixth-grade students previewed "The Mighty," the movie adaptation of "Freak the Mighty." Students are diligently working on creating Tcharts to identify similarities and differences between the two. We will use our discoveries to aid us in writing an essay analyzing both the book and the movie next week.

7th grade: This week, seventh-grade students took a break from their class novel, "The Giver." They worked diligently on their M-Step ELA test, taking their time and giving their best effort. As a reward, we watched a "Weird but True" episode on Nat Geo to give their brains a much-needed break!

8th grade: This week, eighth-grade students finished reading their class novel, 'The Outsiders.' We'll be screening the movie next Monday and Wednesday. An informational opt-out letter was sent home with students today, and I'll also be sharing it on the district app."



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#### MRS. CLOUDMAN... 6-8TH GRADE MATH

6th grade: Students are finishing up the first chapter of algebra this week. They have learned about terms and combining "like terms." We will be reviewing for several days and then taking the test Tuesday, 4/30.

7th grade: Our next module is Surface area and students have been learning about the characteristics of a prism and pyramid. Next week we will be looking at the surface area of these shapes.

8th grade: Students have been finding the volume of spheres and will be taking a short quiz. There will be no module test for Volume. Next week, we will begin the Linear Relations module and investigating slope.

MS JOURNALISM/YEARBOOK

We are in need of spring sports pictures: baseball, softball, track and golf. Please feel free to email if you have taken pictures at these events.



#### MR. FOLDENAUER 6-8TH GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES

6th Grade World Geography: This week, students explored how human interactions with the environment have led to the creation of harsh conditions. Next week, we will examine efforts made by various groups to rectify the mistakes of our past. Please note that there will be a quiz next week to assess understanding.

7th-8th Grade U.S. History: This week, students delved into the election of 1824, 1828, and the presidency of Andrew Jackson. Next week, our focus will shift to topics such as the Trail of Tears, the Mexican-American War, and early abolitionists. Please be aware that there will be a quiz next week to gauge comprehension.

6-8th Grade Current Events: This week, students continued their exploration of Israel and how the conflict has evolved since the 20th century. Next week, they will participate in a mock debate to prepare for a class debate on U.S. intervention in the Israel conflict.

#### MS. PETTY 6-8TH GRADE SCIENCE & KITCHEN CHEMIST

- 6th Grade Science This week classes continued their work learning about various weather patterns and cloud formation. Next week they will continue with hands on projects creating various clouds and making their own barometer.
- 7th/8th Grade Science Students completed a three day project on Natural Selection and understanding variation, environmental factors and the role of mutations. They finished the project trying to survive a zombie apocalypse. Next week we should wrap up this unit.
- <u>Kitchen Chemistry</u> Class got their bearings using Canva to begin their digital cookbook project. The project is due no later than Tuesday May 21. We will spend a significant amount of class time the next few weeks working on this. Please check in with your student to make sure they are progressing regularly. At this time, they should have Recipe #1 completed. All students were given a copy of the grading rubric and a digital template of the cookbook to work from.
- All Classes Earth Day is Monday April 22, 2024. All classes will be doing a community service project outside this day on school grounds picking up litter and beautifying common areas. They are encouraged to wear appropriate shoes and clothing. They may bring in their own work gloves but will be given nitrile gloves as well.



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# MR. FRANKS ... 6-8TH GRADE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC & TECHNOLOGY

Congratulations to Victoria (Torminator) Taylor (pictured right). She was the first Beginning Band student to complete all the belt challenges for Band Karate! Additional news about Beginning Band can be accessed with <a href="mailto:thislink.">this link.</a>

Intermediate band students should be practicing Royal Road, Spring, and Night Fury. You can get additional news about Intermediate Band by using this link.

US Music History students are just about done with their Doo Wop unit. They will be taking a quiz which involves some listening early next week.



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#### **Band Parents**

Please consider
volunteering for a 2hr
shift to work concession
on April 26th during the
Perkins Track and Field
Invitational. No
experience required.
Money raised goes right
back into the band
program to support all
band levels. CLICK HERE

## **Important Dates**



SAY SOMETHING

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4/23	8th grade M-Step (AM) 7th grade M-Step (PM)
4/24	6th grade M-step (AM) Early Release 1pm
4/18	6th grade M-Step (PM)
5/15	Band Concert, 7pm
5/21	8th grade Graduation, 8:15 am
5/28	Awards Night, 5:30 pm