

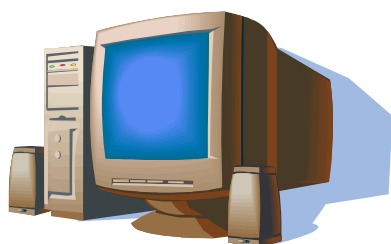
# EIGHTH GRADE NEWS

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## Computers

**Mrs.Botelho & Mr.Weissman**

We are currently learning our keyboarding skills. This is an important skill for our students to master. It will help them in their school activities, as well as everyday life.



## FUNDRAISER

We are currently trying to raise funds to purchase new computers. We began selling our fundraising calendars on October 18, 2009. We will be drawing a winner every day in November. A list of the winners will be posted near the office. We would also like to thank everyone who has supported this event. We greatly appreciate all your help!

## ART

**Mrs. Mattei & Mrs. Mandeville**

Students are doing a fantastic job expressing themselves creatively. Wow! We have many talented students this year. Students are continuing to explore, observe, and discover how to create realistic pencil drawings. Students will pay close attention to shape,value, and texture.

## DECEMBER

monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday
	1	2 8th grade field trip to Christmas Carol 3D	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16 Christmas Concert 7PM Durfee	17	18
21	22	23	24 no school	25 no school
28 no school	29 no school	30 no school	31 no school	

## Music

**Mr.Mazzarella, Ms Murray & Ms. Laprise**

All of the music performance groups are currently working on and rehearsing for our holiday concert. The concert will be held on Wednesday, December 16, 2009 at Durfee High School starting at 7:00 pm.

## Foreign Language

**Ms.Gioni,Ms.Negron &Ms.Resendes**

Beginner Spanish/Portuguese is learning numbers, days, months,& season vocabulary. Advanced Spanish is learning food/restaurant conversational language. Advanced Portuguese is learning ar verbs and school based vocabulary.

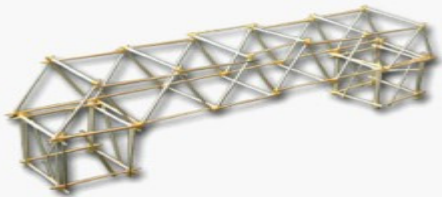
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## ACROSS THE CURRICULUM

### Bridges of Morton County!

Students in all subjects will be focusing on bridges to prepare for the Science/Technology portion of the MCAS test. They will be reading about symbolic "bridges" in Walter Dean Myers, they will research historic bridges, configure angles and even build one out of toothpicks!!!



### NOVEMBER

monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday
2	3	4	5 Fall Fundraiser due	6 Walking Field trip SS.
9	10	11 no school	12	13
16	17	18 Parent Teacher Meet 6-8 *Report Cards!!!	19	20
23	24	25 1/2 day no lunch 11:00 dismiss	26 no school	27 no school
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## Social Studies

**Mrs. Furness & Mrs. Carberry**

We are finishing African history and moving into Asia. In celebration of Veteran's Day we are walking down to Bicentennial Park to view & discuss the Iwo Jima Memorial on Nov.6th. Permission slips due Nov.4th. Rain date is Nov.9th. There will be a writing assignment regarding this trip due Nov.13th.

## Science

**Mrs.Ouellette & Mr. Grey**

We are currently studying ecology. The students are probably talking about their terrariums and whose plants are thriving and whose are not! In Dec. students will be doing research on "Kingdoms". This project will be completed at home using class notes and information obtained from computer class. Ask you eighth grader to share in the process in order to make this a great success.

## Math

**Mrs. Kelly & Mrs. Clancy**

Students just finished thinking with math models and are beginning Pythagoras. They will explore lengths and areas of right triangles and squares which will lead them to discover the Pythagorean Theorem. This is important for geometry, trigonometry, and calculus.

## English

**Mr. Burns & Ms. Demers**

We just finished a perplexing unit on Lizzie Border. We are now working on The Walter Dean Myers author study. \*Please donate magazines for journalistic feature unit.