

Monthly Blast!

Today's news comes from Mr. Brian Walsh and his 7th Grade Team, along with an I&I (Innovation & Inquiry) update from Ms. Paula Palatella.

~7th Grade Class~

The end of the first quarter is approaching quickly. Most 7th grade teachers will be having end of the quarter quizzes and tests so be sure to keep an eye on your calendars in Canvas and students, remember to study.

The 7th grade team is planning a range of new experiences for this year's 7th graders. In the spring, all 7th graders will be learning about Anne Frank and visiting Toby's Theater to watch their production of the *Diary of Anne Frank*. Seventh grade is also developing a new service-learning project. Details will be coming after winter break. Finally, 7th grade will be hosting an end of the year celebration to be held at Mount View in June.

Brian Walsh

7th Grade Social Studies/7th Grade Team Leader

~Innovation & Inquiry~

6th Grade

Students in the Connection Module are evaluating fiction and nonfiction with an emphasis on summarizing. Ask your child about being "11".

Students in the Careers Module are researching the decades of the last century to evaluate the effects of history on jobs and society.

7th Grade

Students in the Digital Citizenship Module are focusing on the concept of a digital footprint.

Students in The Readers' Café Module are focusing on developing an appreciation of self-selected reading.

8th Grade

Students in The Writer's Café Module evaluated texts in either the genre of memoir or poetry. Students wrote their own memoir and are currently working on their Portrait Poem.

Students in the Future of Food Module have been reading and discussing the book, The Omnivore's Dilemma by Michael Pollan.

Reading Seminar Students have been introduced to the web-based program, Study Island, and are able to access this tool at home.

Paula Palatella

8th Grade I&I/Reading Instructional Team Leader

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

MS. KANN

Grade/Subject/Position [7th grade English Teacher](#)

Favorite book [It is difficult to pick a favorite book, but my favorite genre is satire.](#)

Most Played Song on your iPod [The Pokemon theme song \(it's inspiring\)](#)

Favorite Quote? [“To live in this world you must be able to do three things: to love what is mortal; to hold it against your bones knowing your own life depends on it; and, when the time comes to let it go, to let it go.” – Mary Oliver, poet](#)

If you could learn to do anything, what would it be? [Be a sushi chef!](#)

If you could meet anyone, living or dead, who would it be? [Emily Dickinson. She was very funny and she was an amazing baker.](#)

If you could be any fictional character, who would it be? [Fawkes the Phoenix \(because I'd be beautiful, my tears could heal people, and why WOULDN'T you want to be a phoenix?\)](#)

Tell us something fun/interesting/silly that we don't know about you.... [I was a theater and show choir nerd. Yes, there are videos. Nope, you can't see them.](#)

MR. BRADY

Grade/Subject/Position: [7th grade Science Teacher](#)

Favorite Book: [My Side of the Mountain](#)

Favorite Movie/ TV Show: [Tin Cup](#)

Favorite Sports Team(s): [Buffalo Bills, Buffalo Sabres, Orioles](#)

Favorite Vacation Spot: [Great Cacapon, WV](#)

Which celebrity do you get mistaken for? [Tony Romo](#)

If you could meet anyone, living or dead, who would it be? [Coach K](#)

If you could be any fictional character, who would it be? [Ironman](#)

Tell us something fun/interesting/silly that we don't know about you- [I'm pretty much into anything outdoors \(archery, fishing, waterfowl etc\) but at the end of the day I'm a teacher and a mechanic. I've fixed everything on all of my and my family's automobiles and ATVs.](#)