



The Sixth Grade Times

Happy New Year!

Happy New Year! As we head into third quarter, sixth grade students will continue to move forward with skills needed as they get ready for middle school. Please continue to look in the Thursday Folder for the latest information and updates, including information on our next major field trip to Pamplin, a historical Civil War battlefield, scheduled for April 12. Please note that bus space may

be limited so we will be restricted to a set number of chaperones for this trip.

Math, Science, and Career Night is scheduled for April 19. One of the highlights of the evening will be the display of Science Fair projects. Sixth grade Science Fair projects are actually judged and awarded ribbons by The Science Club from Hayfield High School. This group does an excellent job and they award rib-

bons on the science boards. Additionally, the winning projects will be recognized on our morning television show, WHES. Plan on stopping by to see all the wonderful projects, participate in some fun and challenging math games and gather future career facts and information!



Middle School Information

Tomorrow, February 3, students will be visited by a middle school counselor to begin the process of selecting classes for next year. This will be followed by a guided tour of Hayfield Middle School on the 13 of March. During that

field trip, students will have a chance to discuss middle school expectations and explore the building with current seventh grade students. If you have any additional questions regarding middle school classes and

electives or the registration process, please do not hesitate to call the Hayfield Middle School Guidance Department directly.

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a Time is the KEY to Our
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Curriculum Corner-Language Arts

The students have a lot going on in language arts! Third quarter will be devoted to the study of poetry and figurative language. Upon completion of the unit, students will select various pieces to put together for their writing folder. Writing will be a major focus as we prepare for middle school. We will continue to work on planning strategies and



organizing ideas, along with establishing a central idea, elaboration, and unity. Students will also work on reading strategies including summarizing, comprehension, inferring, and making connections to the text! Literature circles will continue with the in-depth study of realistic fiction, historical fiction, fantasy and biographies.

Curriculum Corner-Mathematics

We are beginning our last full quarter before our review of all math skills for our math SOL. This quarter will focus on geometry and measurement skills. Geometry studies will include everything you can do with a shape. Students will identify, classify, and describe the char-

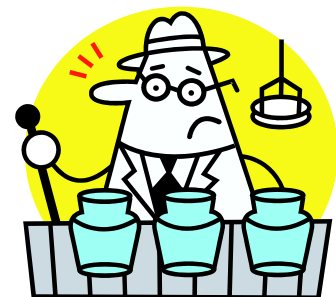
acteristics of plane figures, describe their similarities and differences, and define properties of figures. We will also study customary and metric measurements. During our recent study of algebra, we investigated, described, and extended numerical and geometric patterns, includ-

ing triangular numbers, patterns formed by powers of 10, and arithmetic sequences. As you can see we will be really busy learning new skills, reviewing past concepts, and preparing for SOLs!

Curriculum Corner-Health and Science Fair

This quarter we focus our study on mental health. This will include ways to recognize and relieve stress. We will be using Fairfax County Public Schools provided lessons for health and safety! Also, during this time, students will utilize the computer lab to begin researching

and formulating topics for their Science Fair projects. Again, these projects will be displayed during Math, Science, and Career Night, scheduled for April 19, 2012.



Curriculum Corner-History

We are nearing the completion of our American Revolution unit and will begin the study of the Constitution shortly. From there, we will be moving towards the causes and effects of the Civil War. In conjunction with our Civil War study we will be visiting Pamplin, a Virginia Civil War Battlefield, on April 12. Pamplin is located approximately 20 miles south of Richmond. Over the years, Pamplin has proven to be a very educational



field trip for the students. There are hands-on activities and demonstrations, as well as a superb museum. More information will be coming out about this trip soon! If you would like to chaperone this trip, please let us know as soon as possible after permission slips go home, as bus space will be limited.

Curriculum Corner-Science

The quarter will be spent studying weather patterns. The *Patterns of Weather* unit provides students with a basic understanding of the properties of air, the structure of the atmosphere, weather, and air quality. It expands upon their understanding of effects of solar ra-

diation entering earth's atmosphere on weather and the significance of convection and radiation in distribution of energy on Earth. This unit builds on the 4th grade science unit on *Weather* in which students first learned about weather instruments and predictions. Stu-

dents will understand that changes to the atmosphere can be caused naturally or by human actions, whose results are not fully understood.



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["A Journey Through American History"](#)

Please be on the lookout for additional information regarding our sixth grade informance. Sixth grade students will take to the stage on **Friday, February 10 at 8:40 AM.** Come join us to find out what we have learned about different periods in American history!

Technology Corner - Online Testing

Do you want to know how your student is doing in math, history, or language arts and view their test grades? Never fear, Blackboard/eCART is here! Log onto the county Blackboard site, easily accessible from the FCPS or Hayfield Elementary School homepage.

As a result of this new online testing tool, paper copies of tests are not sent home. Earlier this quarter, a letter about our transition to online testing went home with directions on how to access students' test results. Directions for access are also found on the next page. Please remember to check this site regularly to keep track of your students' performance as they get ready to transition to complete online testing in middle school!



Blackboard Log-In Information

Your child should have his/her username (student id number) and password to access their Blackboard account. Once logged in, click on the eCART tab and then click on Horizon and press "Continue." Then find the test and click on the icon under the "Review Test" column. Clicking on the icon should bring up the entire test to review and show both correct and incorrect answers (see detailed directions on the next page).

IXL - New Online Math Practice

IXL is a comprehensive, standards-aligned math program offering unlimited practice in thousands of skills. One of the best things about IXL is that students can access it from school and from home.

Many of the sixth grade classes have now begun using the IXL math site. This site requires your student to actually log in. Login information will be written in the front of their agenda. This site is aligned to our standards and allows students to track their individual performance. It also provides immediate feedback on any missed questions. We are using IXL to provide extra practice, which will help students review basic math skills. If you have any questions about the site performance, please contact IXL at help@ixl.com.

1. Log onto Blackboard: <http://fcps.blackboard.com/webapps/portal/frameset.jsp> (website is also accessible from the FCPS homepage and the Hayfield ES homepage).
2. Enter username and password.

Login Here

Enter login information here and click the Login button below.

If you are having difficulties logging into FCPS 24-7 please check the Login Tips Module on the left.

Username:

Password:

[Forgot your password?](#)

3. Click on eCART tab.

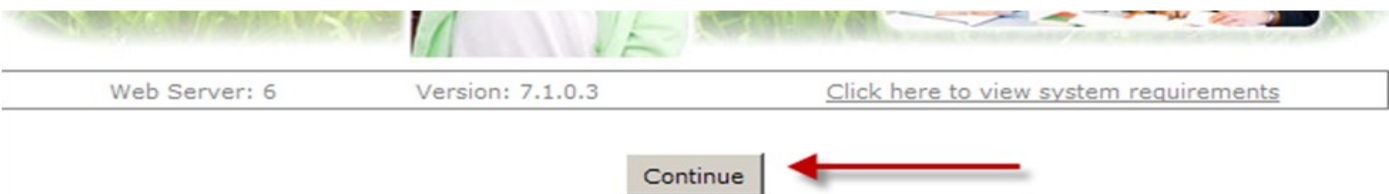


4. Click "here" to log onto Horizon.

Horizon

Please click [here](#) to go to Horizon.

5. Scroll to the bottom and click "Continue."



6. Scroll down to specified test and click the "Review Test" icon.

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Important Dates



February

- 3-Guidance Counselor to Visit Hayfield ES
- 3-PTA Bingo Night/Silent Auction. 6-8 PM
- 9-No Zero Hero Reception
- 9-Report Cards Go Home
- 10- Grade 6 Informance - HES Gym @ 8:40 AM
- 14-Winter Concert-Beginning Band and Recorder Masters
- 20- Presidents' Day- No School

March

- 3- Interims Go Home
- 13-Field Trip to Hayfield Middle School, 9:30 AM-12:00 PM
- 22- International Night, 5:45-8:00 PM
- 29- Spring Book Fair Family Night, 6:00-8:00 PM

April

- 30-End of Third Quarter
- 2-6- Spring Break
- 9-Teacher Workday-Student Holiday
- 12-Pamplin Historical Park Field Trip
- 17- Spring Picture Day
- 19- Math, Science, and Career Night, 6:00-8:00 PM

Thank you for all your continued support!

