

# 8 GREEN

## JANUARY NEWSLETTER

### *Congratulations!*

We would like to recognize the following 8 Green students on their hard work and dedication in following areas...

- Current Events Winner:  
Amneet Bagga
- Geography Bee Winner:  
Ahura Shadfar
- Geography Bee Runner-Up:  
Tucker Montague
- AMC 8 Math Competition:  
Sophia Peng
- Math Counts Recognitions :  
Maria Miao

### *A Big Thank You!*

The teachers on 8 Green hope you all had a lovely holiday season! We want to thank you all for the thoughtful gifts.

### *Gesundheit!*

With cold and flu season in full swing, we could really use some extra tissues, hand sanitizer, clorox wipes and paper towels! Any donations are greatly appreciated!

### *Classroom Happenings*

**Social Studies:** The students have just completed a group project on the beliefs and practices of Islam. They did an outstanding job of working together, sharing the responsibility and presenting the information in a creative and clear manner. I was very proud of each student. We will be finishing our study of Islamic history in the next two weeks. The students on 8 Green are a wonderful team who truly make teaching a joy! Thank you.

**ELA:** As we continue to analyze Crispin's many character changes, students have also officially begun their research on the Middle Ages! They chose a topic that interested them and started to take notes. Their research questions will help guide them with their note-taking and analysis of their topic. We will be moving onto the essay outline and creating the thesis statement later this week.

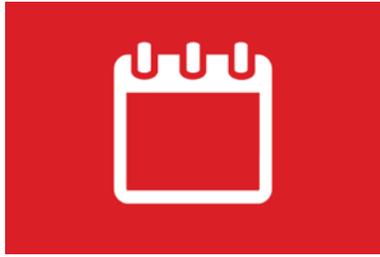
**Science:** We are in the middle of the Physical and Chemical Changes unit. We will be focusing on the inquiry lab and Balancing Chemical equations. The students have mixed some chemicals to see chemical reactions. The test will be the last week of January, and our next unit on Motion will start at the end of the month.

**Math:** In math class we have discovered the Pythagorean Theorem and are beginning to use the theorem to solve problems involving right triangles. I am encouraging the students to be observant when outside of school and recognize real world applications of the theorem. We will be working on algebraic and geometric proofs in the next couple of weeks.

\*Extra Help: Mondays and Wednesdays unless otherwise noted.

\*\*Feb 8th is our placement test.

**ESL:** Mid-January has brought us several days of WIDA-ACCESS testing for our ELLs. This English language proficiency test is required of all English learners in Massachusetts. The test measures proficiency in Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing. We are also building the vocabulary we need to describe our New England winters, focusing on words such as: blizzard, Nor'easter, wind chill, flurries and black ice. In addition we will continue reading about the legacy of civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



### *Dates to Remember*

Make sure to mark your calendars for the following dates:

1. **Feb. 8, 2016**: Math Placement Test
2. **Feb. 9, 2016**: Foreign Language Placement Test
3. **Feb. 22, 2016**: Distribution of course registration forms
4. **Feb. 23, 2016**: SHS Curriculum Night for incoming Freshmen @ SHS, 6:30 PM

## *A BIG Thanks to our Team Facilitators!*

This past Friday, our 8 Green Team Facilitators did a wonderful job leading a fun and creative Team Time. Their idea was *Minute to Win It*: a game show style program that pitted the four homerooms against each other in fierce competition. These activities included cup stacking, penny tossing and pencil catching. Mr. DeNolf's homeroom ended up on top at the end of the competition.

All students are welcome to apply to become Team Facilitators. These students meet on a regular basis during their lunch period to brainstorm team activities and plan their implementation.



Team Facilitators from Left to Right: Nihal Chaudhary, Ella Peris, Kaitlin Urbanik, Steve Asthana, Lily Thuot, Shuby Mishra and Adam Katerji.