

NOVEMBER 2016

7-BLUE NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT DATES

- November 2nd-
Magazine Drive
Kick-Off
- November 8th-
Conference Day
- November 11th-
Veteran's Day/NO
SCHOOL

COMING UP

- November 23-25th-
Thanksgiving Break

HELPFUL LINKS:

- [Oak Middle School
Tutor List](#)

TEAM BOWLING TRIP

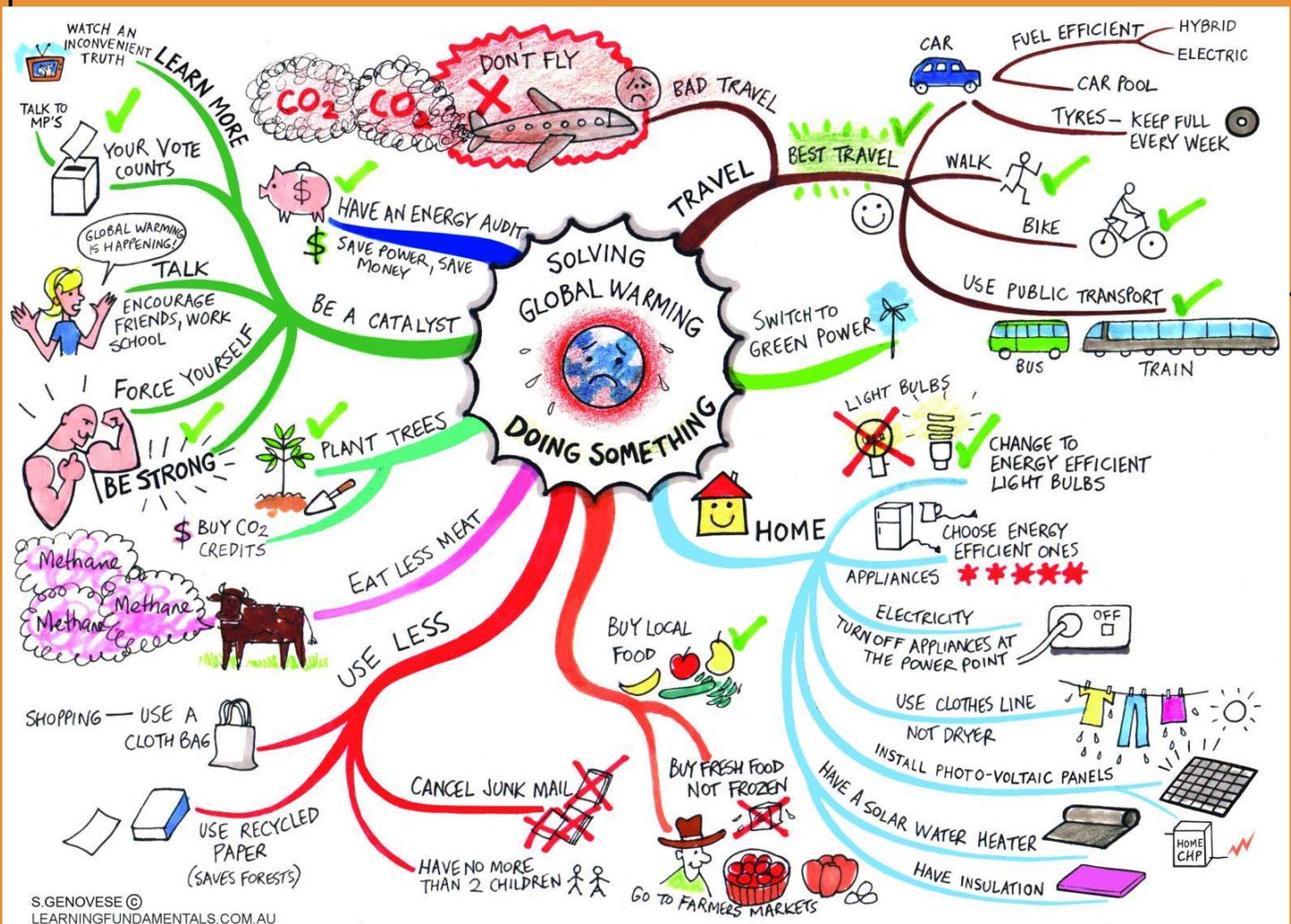


COMMUNICATION

Note: We know that there is a messaging option on Schoology, but the best way to reach us is through email and emailing all teachers at 7blue@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us is really the best practice.

SCIENCE WITH MS. DEPALO

This year is going by so quickly. We had great success with the Living-Non-living-Dead Unit. Students brought home three grades to share with parents. We are now studying Cells and Cell Organelles structure and functions. We are using analogy to better understand the functions and will be creating a personal analogy project in the near future to showcase our understanding with each other. Following this unit we will be studying Cell Processes- Osmosis, Diffusion and active transport. Have a great Thanksgiving break!- Mrs. DePalo



ENGLISH WITH MS. LAWLOTZ

PERSUASIVE UNIT-

We recently wrapped up our Nonfiction Unit where students reviewed active reading strategies and examined various nonfiction texts for key features and structures. Students also presented on their Zero Hunger Project. I was impressed by the creativity of our students and their willingness to innovate, campaign, and invent to help people across the globe. This was a rewarding project for students in many ways. Not only did they learn a lot about their region, but more importantly about why we research and how we can work together more effectively to solve problems locally and globally.

Our next unit is all about persuasion, but before students can write a convincing essay they will first need to research to collect all the evidence needed to build on their arguments. We will be reviewing persuasive language, facts vs. opinions, counter-arguments, citing your sources, and much more. Please help support your students by checking in on their work in the research phase and the writing process. We will accomplish most of the research and pre-writing tasks in class, but the writing, editing, and revising tasks will be coming home for homework on various nights throughout the week.

If any student wants extra help, all you have to do is ask. I am available before school starting at 7:30am and after school until 3:30pm. Just set up a day and time in advance.

UPCOMING DATES:

- 11/16 Persuasive Essay Due
- 11/22 "Final Four" for Persuasive Speeches

Persuasive Super Hero Memes

SPIDER SEARCH



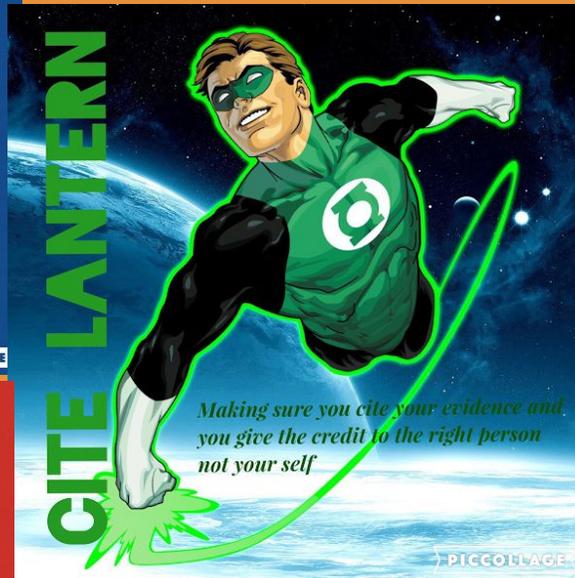
I FLY IN TO SAVE
PEOPLE FROM
UNRELIABLE SOURCES

PICCOLLAGE

CYBORG CITATION MAN



I FIGHT CRIME AND KEEP
VILLAINS FROM NOT DOING
THEIR CITATIONS.



*Making sure you cite your evidence and
you give the credit to the right person
not your self*

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CONVINCING BATGIRL



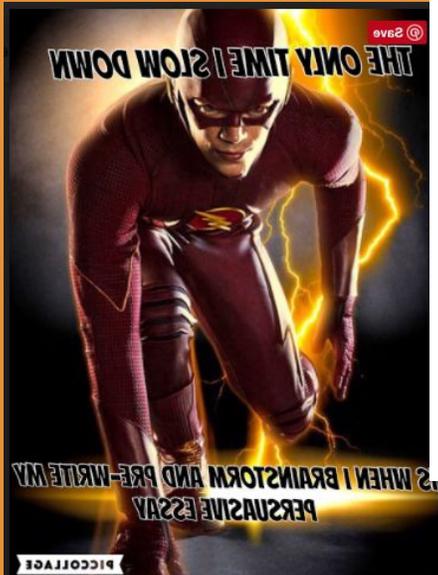
IT'S NOT WHO I CONVINCED IT'S WHAT I DO TO
CONVINCE THEM



DISCREDIT VADER

Stealing your work since 1977

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Super-Citer Man

*The person who always cites
his work in a super way*

Save
Bringing
people to
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WRITING WOMAN



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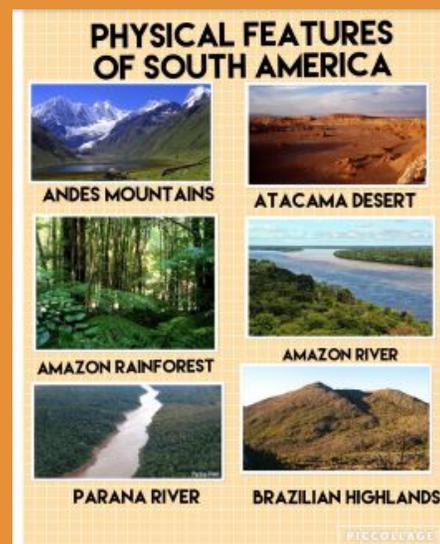
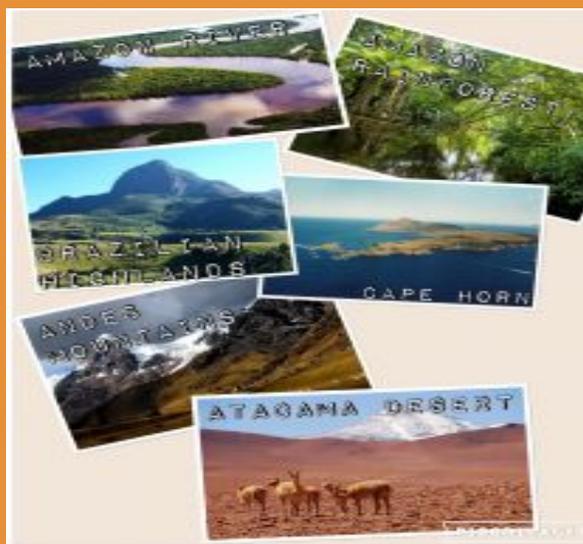
SOCIAL STUDIES WITH MS. BINDER

We all learned a lot from our Zero Hunger Projects ZHP (including me!!). I was very impressed by the empathy students developed for people in other parts of the world and how quickly they learned about food waste and food insecurity. Many did a great job researching causes of hunger and thoughtfully coming up with ideas to reduce hunger around the world. Students also learned a lot about what it takes to work "collaboratively".

Grades for the ZHP have gone home. Exemplars are in a folder in Schoology!

We are now starting a unit on South America, a land of wonderful physical features from the Andes Mountains to the Amazon Rainforest to Lake Titicaca. We did a short case study of how global oil demand has created chaos for the people of Venezuela and will now turn our attention to Brazil, the Andes Mountains and the Amazon Rainforest.

Ask to see the piccollage your kids have made. They are so cool and will make you want to visit South America for your next family vacation!!



MATH WITH MS. LOCKWOOD

Our “Accentuate the Negative” (ATN) unit involving all operations with positive and negative numbers culminated with the unit test on Friday, November 3rd. Next week we’ll work on the writing of our first ORQ (Open Response Question) on the ATN material. The ORQs inform the student’s grades on our overarching standards of problem solving and communication of mathematical thinking.

Next up are two units that together comprise our standard involving proportional reasoning. Topics will involve unit rates, scale models and drawings, and real world concepts like markups, discounts and commissions that the students typically enjoy. Much of the learning in these units will be very “hands on” - taking measurements, projecting the size of objects given the scale on a drawing, and designing “dream store” plans to scale. These concepts are extended into understanding the similarity of geometric figures, comparing their perimeters and areas.

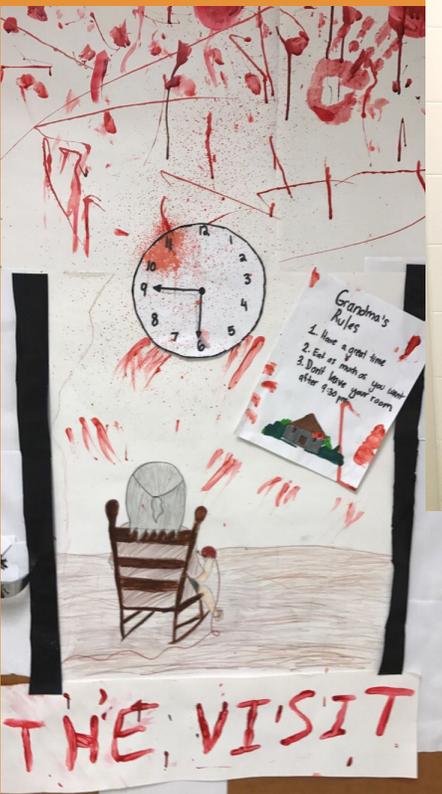
The proportions material will bridge into the second trimester, which will also include our “Moving Straight Ahead” unit involving all things linear, which includes a lot of work with graphing and mathematically describing familiar activities that occur in predictable patterns.

ESSENTIAL SKILLS WITH MRS. ORLANDO

In Essential Math, we are wrapping up our Accentuate the Negative Unit where students worked to add, subtract, multiply, and divide with positive and negative integers. Students have been working with integer chips, and number cards to create their own expressions, and solve. After the unit test we will begin Stretching and Shrinking where students will work to enlarge, rotate, shrink, and find the missing sides of geometrical shapes. This hands on unit will get our 7 Blue students thinking about geometry as well as some algebraic concepts.

In Essential ELA, we recently worked on the World Hunger Project and are now beginning our Persuasive Unit. Students will choose a topic to debate, research, and collect pertinent evidence to back up their claims. Get ready to have some star debaters in the house!

PICTURES



Halloween Door Decorating- Scary Movie Theme
Kids had a Blast and made GREAT new friends!

More Pictures from our Bowling Outing!



7 Blue Votes

