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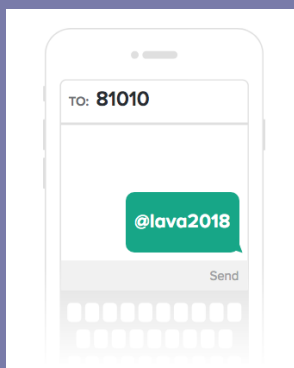
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## Important Dates

### OCTOBER

**Culture Day:**

Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 10-12pm

**The IT field trip:**

Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>

**Otis Spunkmeyer Fundraiser:**

October 9<sup>th</sup> – October 23<sup>rd</sup> (orders due)

**Colin's Crew Service Project:**

October 2018

### NOVEMBER

**End of Marking Period 1:**

Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Otis Spunkmeyer Pick up:**

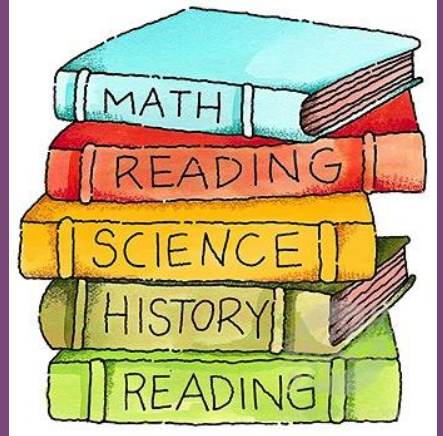
The week of November 12<sup>th</sup>

**Parent Conference #1:**

Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>



## CURRICULUM



## Social Studies

During our social studies class this year students will be learning about the beginnings of our country all the way up to the ending of the Civil War. We will touch upon current event issues as well as civics such as the rights that each individual has in this country. I look forward to making this course educational, informative and fun for each student.

## Math

In Math class this year, students will learn the foundational skills of Algebra to help them be successful in High School Math. Students will be able to solve multi-step equations, use the Pythagorean Theorem to solve for unknown side lengths of right triangles and solve real-world problems. Students will then explore the properties of exponents, what an irrational number is, determine the volume and surface area of 3 dimensional shapes, perform transformations, create equations that represent a linear relationship and finally solve systems of equations and work with scatter plots.

## Science

Welcome to science! This year the 8<sup>th</sup> grade is adopting the new National Science Standards. Students will be using questioning and investigating to learn about science. We are starting the year with part one of the Earth Science unit, called Earth in Space. The second part of the unit is called *How is the Earth Changing?* Lastly we will get into Life Science and answer the question: *Why do organisms look the way they do?* I am so excited to share these new units with the students and looking forward to the year ahead.

## English

In English this year, the students will start by studying the history of THE STORY. They will answer questions like, "Why do we tell stories?" and "Why are stories important and long-lasting?" by reading myths and short stories. We move on to the Hero's Journey, Joseph Campbell's famous pattern of storytelling. The students will research and write a multi-page research paper after studying some real-world, current event issues. They will learn to discuss these issues in a respectful manner, focusing on learning and not simply winning an argument or debate. After that, students will move on to writing a literary analysis essay on a short story, focusing on the tools an author uses to put a story together. And finally, we end the year with my personal favorite unit, Public Speaking. Students write and present their very own speeches! One lucky student will even speak at 8th grade celebration!

## Important Team Information:

- 1) Please make sure students are bringing reading books to homeroom.
- 2) Please check the Team LaVallee homework page.
- 3) Please make sure students bring and utilize their agendas daily.