



Tiger Bite

JANUARY and FEBRUARY DATES

Jan. 15	Nature's Classroom Forms Due	Jan. 26	Nature's Classroom Information Night
Jan. 18	MLK Holiday	Feb 1	7pm in the Cafeteria
Jan. 20-22	Mid Term Exams	Feb. 2	8 th Grade History Project Due
			Mid Term reports mailed home



CLUBS AND GROUPS

Playwriting Group - Mondays, 2-3
Band Mentor Program -
Tuesdays, 1:50-2:25
Roots and Shoots - Tuesdays, Room 240

Health club - Thursdays
Math club - Thursdays, Room 103
Science Fair Club -
Thursdays, 1:45 -2:30pm
Bot Club - Fridays

TIGER PRIDE AWARDS

The following Middle School students and staff have been given Tiger Pride awards during November and December. They have been courteous and/or have committed random acts of kindness.

<u>Name of Recipient</u>	<u>Date Given</u>	<u>Given By</u>
Samantha Sullivan	11-05-09	Mrs. Buonacore
Danielle Robinson	12-11-09	Mrs. Ryan
Jin Wong	12-11-09	Mrs. Ryan
Brett Graceffa	12-11-09	Mrs. Besse
Joe Devellis	12-17-09	Mrs. McCarthy
Derek Wiley	12-17-09	Mrs. McCarthy



HIGH HONORS

GRADE 6

Hannah Alongi	Megan Bell	Brian Cahill
Alison Austin	Henri Bouchard	Antoine Clement
Ruth Ballard	Hannah Bower	Erin Dorey
Emily Barkovic	Katie Bradford	Isabella Dripps

HIGH HONORS (con't)

GRADE 6 (con't)

Sarah Elliott
Nicholas Fontanella
Kathleen Frisoli
Lindsey Gill
Hannah Goddard
Laura Hevenor
Kerry Hubbard
Emily Imbrogna
Alana Johnston
Jenna LeDuke
Kaitlyn Leonard

Amanda Luttig
Jenna McCormack
Sarah Miller
Nicholas Murray
Brian O'Neill
Alissa Ostapenko
Madeline Ragno
Lindsay Scaringella
Lorraine Sill
Jessica Sorabella
Barbara Stall

Elliana Stormwind
Shannon Sturtz
Hannah Tosi
Jonathan Trott
Matthew Vacca
Elyse Veloria
Micah Webster
Hannah Witherell
Sarah Woods
Samantha Yates

GRADE 7

Alexandra Autio
Katherine Baker
Kelly Bradford
Nicole Bussiere
Nicole Caliendo
Ashley Cotnam
Caroline Dumas
Haley Ealey
Devin Finnerty
Samantha Fleury
Luke Formichella
Isabella Goddard
Tabitha Gruskowski

Sarah Heitmeyer
Brianna Hilton
Shania James
Jacqueline Keohane
Rachel Kilpatrick
Zachary Lacroix
Kellie Larsen
Derek Murray
Samuel Paxton
David Peterson
Caroline Provost
Caroline Putnam
Katherine Putnam

Ethan Rambacher
Jenna Rigon
Amanda Sager
Benjamin Sawosik
Bridget Schofield
Melissa Shea
Jennifer Smith
Samantha Stalford
Samantha Sullivan
Alyssa Taft
Ruth Tornell
Makenzie Tucker
Michael Wing

GRADE 8

Francesca Dripps
Stephanie Gentile
Amy Higgins
Valerie Higgins

Isaac Levine
Andrew MacGregor
Eliot Putnam V
Liam Spurr

Alexandra Stea
Sienna Stea
Sydney Vacca

HONORS

GRADE 6

Hayley Anderson
Cole Armstrong
Jamie Barth
Connor Bassett
Andre Beganski
Katelyn Bertozzi
Laura Blakemore
Olivia Boucher
Erica Bradford
Eliza Bulger
Kevin Burke
Adam Byrne
Jacob Carboneau
Alexander Chilton
Gina Chirichiello
Robert Cooney

Joseph DeCoste
Alyssa Dolan
Joanna Farrell
Jacqueline Feltus
Nicole Fiske
Amy Flaherty
Brendon Foreman
James Goodwin
Hunter Gray
Matthew Green
Jenna Hlystek
Natalie Ippolito
Mariah Johnson
Matthew Landers
James Magee
Samantha Maylott

Conor McCarthy
Lori McDonough
Ryan Morse
Thomas Nanto
Nathaniel Newman
Michael Pagacik
Matthew Pappas
Michael Ray
Kristen Rebello
Roselyn Regan
Christopher Renaccio
Austin Roffee
Olivia Rothenberg
Adam Shi
Zachary Slurzberg
McKenzie Solo

HONORS (con't)

GRADE 6 (con't)

Emily Stratton
Brianna Szabo

Lily Taylor
Jason Trainor

Christian Watson

GRADE 7

Meaghann Ackerman
David Baron Jr
Tyler Budd
Joshua Chesbrough
Ryan Clark
Timothy Conceison
Amanda Crory
Adam DeCoste
Sarah Drinkwater
Aimee Dwyer
Natalie Earp
Brandon Ford
Ethan Fultz
Adam Gentile
Matthew George
William Gibbons
Stefan Gibbs

Thomas Green
Edward Gruskowski
Sarah Gruskowski
John Hambelton
Alma Himmelberger
Virginia LeFoy
Mary Legenza
Corey Lelievre
Sarah Lizotte
Nicholas Lombardy
Meredith Long
Corrine Losch
Emerald MacLean
Alana Maher
Emily Malone
Ian Manning
Robert Morse

Shuntaro Ogawa
Felicia Owen
Joseph Prendiville
Samuel Presti
Jackson Rausa
Liana Sans
Keaton Shoults
Madeleine Staples
David Tornell
Sarah Towle
Jared Ward
Brittany White
Richard White
Jonathon Young
Audrey Zaborowski
Kaiwen Zheng

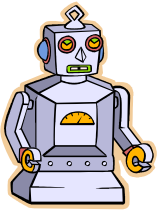
GRADE 8

Brooke Anderson
Jillian Austin
Travis Bassett
Katherine Besse
Brendan Burke
Danielle Conceison
Marcus Daisy
Bryan Gallagher
Colby Galliher
Lauren Gibbons
Katherine Goodwin

Brett Graceffa

Matthew Johnson
Suna Khan
Erin Kish
Jacklyn Lane
Shannon Luttig
Hannah Montemagno
Peter Murphy
Michelle Oakland
Marcus Otis
Nicole Patterson
Julia Pitino
Laura Platts

Benjamin Roop
Elizabeth Shaw
Chloe Shelford
Keaton Solo
Joseph Stea
Emily Stearns
Noah Tye
Benjamin Veno
Devon Webster
Emily Webster
Lauren White
Jin Wong



BOTBALL

Botball meets every Friday until 2:30. We learn to create autonomous robots that meet a variety of challenges. All of this leads up to the Botball competition in March. Videos of previous Botball challenges, and more information can be found at Botball.org

DRAMA

"The Shed," the title of the spring play for the middle school continues to develop into a full-length play with music. The eight student playwrights currently meet weekly to write and revise the play, which centers on the lives of six middle school students, and the issues that confront them during the course of a school year. Tryouts for the play will be in mid-March, and are open to all students in the middle school. Performances will be June 5-6 in the LMS Cafe.



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FOOD SERVICE TALK

The Littleton PTA has asked John Overcash, SNS, Food Service Director for the Littleton Public Schools, to host a presentation on Food Services in the Littleton Schools. The presentation, aimed at parents but open to the whole family, will be held on **Thursday, January 21, 2010** in the Littleton Middle School Cafe. The program is as follows:

- 6:30-7:00 Arrival, refreshments (available throughout), time to look at info tables
- 7:00-7:30 Presentation
- 7:30-8:15 Q&A
- 8:15-8:30 Closing

Mr. Overcash will be available after the closing for further discussion or questions. We hope that you can join us.

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

Attendance

If your child will be absent or late please call the middle school office before 8:30 a.m. 978-486-8938. You may leave a voice mail at any time of the day or night by calling the above number then dial 3. You may also e-mail the attendance secretary at jkempton@littletonps.org and please cc: dmulone@littletonps.org.



If you are having your child dismissed, please give him/her a note to bring to the office first thing in the morning. If you need to dismiss your child unexpectedly, you may call the office and come in to do so. A parent, guardian or designated adult must come to the office to pick up a dismissed student.

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE (con't)

All students arriving late to school must sign in at the office and obtain a pass before reporting to class. Please note that our tardy to school policy, as written in the student handbook, states that any student who is tardy five times within one marking period will receive a warning and will serve an in-school suspension if a sixth tardy occurs. Students should bring tardy notes to the office when they arrive.

Drop-off / Pick-up

Student a.m. drop off / p.m. pick up is located in front of the main entrance. Parents are asked to observe the lanes marked for student drop off and avoid driving in the bus lane.

Buses

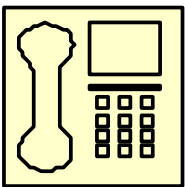
Only students with a bus pass will be permitted to ride the regular or late bus. Students are to ride their assigned bus only. Students are not permitted to ride a different bus without prior approval from the principal and bus manager.



Visitors

All visitors must enter and exit the building at the main entrance during the school day. Ring the buzzer and when the secretary answers please identify yourself. Pull the door when you hear the click that releases the lock. As always, visitors must check in at the office upon arrival. The Middle School office is staffed from 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Monday - Friday during the school year.

Phones



Our automated phone system allows you to leave voice mail messages for staff members. Please note that the Principal and Adjustment Counselor are not available on the dial by name directory. To contact Mr. Moran or Ms. Dorfman please press 0 for the secretary and your call will be directed to their voice mail box.

Messages

The office has been experiencing an increase of requests to pass messages and items on to students during the school day. We ask that parents limit these messages to emergencies and unexpected changes, as retrieving them often cuts into class time causing students to miss the beginning or end of a class.

After School

All students who remain in the building after dismissal must be with a teacher, coach or in sports study hall. Students may not be in the building unsupervised. Please note that after school obligations (extra help & retention) end when the late bus arrives at 2:30.

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE (con't)

Thank you for your cooperation with the above policies. If you have any questions or concerns please call the school office at 978-486-8938 between 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. or leave a voice mail message at any time.



FREE and REDUCED LUNCH

The current economic climate has affected all of us in one way or another. The good news is that parents may submit an application for free or reduced meals at any time during the school year.



Applications are held in strictest confidence and there is no singling out or overt identification of students that receive meal benefits. If your situation has changed and you feel you may qualify please complete an application and return it to John Overcash, SNS, Food Service Director, C/O Littleton Middle School, 55 Russell Street, Littleton, MA 01460. If you have any questions please call John Overcash at 978.490.7117 or e-mail at jovercash@litteltonps.org.

Applications are available on the School Web site at:

<http://www.littletonps.org/district/parent-resources/lunch-menus>

LMS ANNUAL SCIENCE FAIR

7th and 8th graders spent most of December researching their science fair topic. With the aid of graphic organizers, after school help and peer editing, they composed a Review of Literature research paper. Presently, students are figuring out HOW they will conduct their experiment and collect their data. The actual experimentation can begin as early as mid-January. but must be completed by end of February.



To maintain student safety and ensure ethical projects, we are committed to making sure that each student project meets the Massachusetts State Safety Guidelines. Even though this science inquiry spans 5 months, each student is given instructions for each step of the Science Fair process. Science Fair Club meets every Thursday from 1:45 -2:30pm for students who need extra support, would like to meet with their partners and for those who would like to conduct investigations at a higher level. We are very excited with the array of topics being covered this year, so save Thursday April 15, 2010 for our evening Science Fair Open House. Keep thinking like a scientist, Ms. Valerie Finnerty, Ms. Beth Stephenson; 8th grade science 7th grade science



NATURE'S CLASSROOM

INFORMATION NIGHT: The informational meeting for parents will be held on Tuesday evening, January 26th, at 7:00 PM in the middle school cafeteria.

PAYMENT SCHEUDLE: The total cost for this experience is \$240. Payments of \$60 each are due on November 5, January 5, March 5 and April 5. Those wishing to pay in full at anytime may do so...or feel free to follow another schedule as long as all payments have been received by April 5. As always, please make your checks payable to "Town of Littleton".

FORMS: Please download the pdf file found at

<http://strongwisdom.wikispaces.com/file/view/Packet4NC0207.pdf>

The first four pages are for information purposes. You should keep these forms. Page 5 is the NC health questionnaire; answer each question. Page 6 is their Student Registration Form and includes a permission to treat if needed section. Page 7 is the Medication Administration Form. If

medication, simply put his or her name on the form, draw a slash through the page and include it in standard Littleton Public Schools



your child does not take medication, simply put his or her name on the form, draw a slash through the page and include it in standard Littleton Public Schools

INSTRUCTIONS: Fill out the forms

homeroom teacher by Friday, January 15. Turning in the forms will count as a homework assignment for English class. Mr. Strong can provided printed copies for those who have any difficulties accessing this file.

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The eighth graders are working on a project about the five pillars of Islam. The project is due on Monday 2/1. Students have a chance to earn extra credit on the project by having parents fill out the "Parent Feedback Form." This form will be distributed to students in late January.

The 8th grade had a wonderful time at the Hanover Theater's production of *A Christmas Carol* before our holiday break. The students are now gearing up for mid year exams, taking part from January 20-22. Plans are also being made for the DC trip and for students who do not attend the trip. While in DC, we have secured a tour of the Pentagon and the Holocaust Museum. We cross our fingers and hope that this year we will get a tour of the White House. For students not going to DC, through the help of Sen. Eldridge's office, we have obtained a tour of the Massachusetts State House, a meeting with Sen. Eldridge and Rep. Arciero and, if the timing works out, the students will be able to watch the proceedings in the Senate Chamber from the visitor's gallery. Otherwise, all is well in the 8th grade.

