

The CCMS Connection

December 2018 & January 2019

Clear Creek Middle School - Ellijay, GA 30536

Holiday Break (Dec. 21 - Jan. 7)

Wishing you & your family good health, happiness & success in the coming year.
Happy Holidays from the Clear Creek Middle School family.



Winter is Coming - Snow Day Decisions and Notifications

If the district decides to make a change to the school schedule or bus routes, it is communicated as quickly as possible in several ways:

- Automated call (**make sure the school has updated contact information!)
- Text alert (message CCMAlert to 19011; reply STOP to opt out)
- WSBTV (<https://www.wsbtv.com/>)
- GCCSS Facebook

FREE Online Tutorial for Parents - Dec. 6, 2018

Learn how to assist your student using the online resource, Britannica Digital Learning. Register for the free session on 12/6 from 4:00-5:00 (ET) - <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7158632529704833027>

Department Highlight

Best. Staff. Ever. School support staff make a huge contribution to quality teaching and learning every day. Thank you for your commitment to making a difference in the lives of our students:

- Nancy Cantrell (Secretary)
- Holly Barr (Data Clerk)
- Patty Lozano (Translator)
- Lynn Craig (ISS & Attendance)
- Sabrina Teague (Bookkeeper)

THANKS
FOR
BEING
AWESOME

Reinforce Learning Outside of the Classroom

Your middle schooler's education doesn't just happen at school. It happens everywhere. You can support your child's learning by:

- Have student teach you – ask what your student is learning & have him retell what is going on
- Put new knowledge to use – example: if the class just finished fractions, have your student show skills in the kitchen/around the house
- Introduce the student to new things – trips to local stores, garden centers, library, & a museum will affect learning
- Watch a show together – and ask questions, create a new ending, what else could've happened?

7th Grade Info...

ELA - Students will be reading a play adaptation of Charles Dicken's, *A Christmas Carol*, in December to analyze how particular elements of dramas interact to shape the characters and plot. Students will continue reading a variety of short stories and poetry during the month of January while completing narrative writing assignments focusing on changing a character's point of view. Please remember, all students in 7th grade should be reading outside of class for 20 minutes each day to increase Lexile levels. MAP testing December will show individual student Lexile growth. This score will let you know at what level your child is reading. The website <https://www.scholastic.com/parents/books-and-reading/reading-resources/book-selection-tips/lexile-levels-made-easy.html> can help with understanding your child's score.

Math - Your students will be learning Geometry during the next few months and will need to complete homework assignments each night to be successful. Students will still be using the Go Math Workbook for Math 7 and Math 7/8 students will be working in the Carnegie Learning system for both classwork and homework. Please be sure to check with your student each night to be sure assignments are completed.

We began holding tutoring sessions after school from 3 - 4 on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Please let your child's teacher know if your student needs to stay for extra assistance. They will need to bring a permission slip in order to stay. Please notify carol.mickus@gilmerschools.com if you have any questions.

Social Studies – Your child's success in Social Studies depends on studying the material at home. Flashcards, oral review, and self-quizzing are all ways to practice SS information. All notes for each unit should be in your student's interactive notebook, and powerpoints are available for review on Google Classroom. Your child is always allowed to bring his/her notebook home to study. Google Classroom can be accessed through your child's phone.

8th Grade Info...

Social Studies – In Georgia Studies, students just finished the units on Georgia's government. We are picking up where we left off on the history standards at Westward Expansion: the creation of UGA, land policies, technological developments of the time, and Creek and Cherokee removal from Georgia. Students may use the websites below to stay on top of assignments and for studying purposes.

Edublog - <http://nickierogers19.edublogs.org/> - all PowerPoints, class calendar, assignments, and any other information about the class

Georgia Studies Exceed the Standard - <http://www.exceedthestandard.com/ga-studies.html> - online resource with PowerPoints, vocabulary quizlets, videos, and kahoots which go along with the content

Math - As we begin the 2nd semester it is a good time to check and replenish your student's school supplies. Key items include filler notebook paper, pencils, erasers, and graph paper (Algebra I students). Students will be completing unit 2 and will begin unit 3. In unit 3 students will extend their work with irrational numbers by applying the Pythagorean Theorem to situations involving right triangles, including finding distance. They will investigate the proofs of the Pythagorean Theorem and its converse. Students will also solve real-world problems involving volume of cylinders, cones, and spheres.

Algebra I - Students are continuing their understanding of quadratic functions. They will investigate key features of graphs, solve quadratic equations by taking the square roots, factoring, completing the square, and using the quadratic formula. They will also compare and contrast graphs in standard, vertex, and intercept forms.

Important Dates

Dec. 5	8th grade fieldtrip	Jan. 1-7	Holiday Break
Dec. 10-11	MAP assessments	Jan. 8	Students return
Dec. 12	Curriculum Night - Math	Jan. 21	MLK Holiday
Dec. 14	PBIS Celebration	Jan. 24	SGT meeting
Dec. 19	Finals	Jan. TBD	Reading Inventory (RI)
Dec. 20	Finals		
Dec. 20	SGT meeting		
Dec. 20	Early release		
Dec. 21-31	Holiday Break		

Yearbooks are on sale at jostens.com for \$35

8th Grade Parent Recognition Ads for the yearbook are due Dec. 14. \$20 per 1/10 page space. (1 picture per space)