Your mind is a garden. Our thoughts are the seeds. You can grow flowers or you can grow weeds. **Author Unknown**

I am certainly looking forward to the flowers! With all of the snow melting, it is becoming evident that there is a lot for me to clean up in the yard both at school and at home. Quarter 3 ends next Friday and Spring Break is right behind. Please connect with your teachers if you have questions regarding grades before the end of the quarter. Grades will begin transferring and locking in right after break.

Regardless of how you choose to spend the time we have away from school, I am hopeful that you will find ways to recharge and surround yourself with family and friends. In the world of education, we find these breaks to be very important for both the students and staff as we get ourselves ready for the final push to the end of the school year. I wish you all a safe break and hope that everyone stays healthy!

**Celebrations:**
1. [#Pilotprops](#) of the week! Mr. Madden would like to celebrate Nay Blu Paw. She consistently works everyday in math class and never gives up. We are so lucky to have Nay Blu in our community. Go Pilots!
2. Huge congratulations to all of the Regional History Day qualifiers!!! Way to go Pilots!
   a. Individual Exhibit: Dallia Hansen, Zoey Howard, June Staloch, Maddie Flink, Maeve Callahan Schreiber, Sofia Patronski, Paloma Dashevsky, Niko Solheid, Clara Dunn
   d. Group Documentary: Gus Orezzoli Robinson and Louden DeGaetano, Keagan Campos and Jane Williams, Logan Blank and Adeline Hanson
   e. Individual Performance: Harriet Spencer, Lilly Coyle, Ayla Bornsztein, Alani Schubert, Andrew Noble
   f. Group Performance: Allison Parker, Lucy Peltier & Amelia Larsen, Caroline Naperiela & Hattie Miller, Anna Peltier and Addie Power-Theisen
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**Yearbooks**

Yearbooks cost $20.00. Students can pick up an order form from the office or see Ms. Pittman. The easiest way to buy a yearbook is to purchase it online at [https://www.jostens.com/yearbooks/high-school-yearbooks.html](https://www.jostens.com/yearbooks/high-school-yearbooks.html)
Seventh Grade

Science with Mr. Altringer:
In life science, students are studying microbes like bacteria, fungi, protists, and virus. They are using the microscopes to identify microscopic protists.

Social Studies with Ms. Newman:
This month in American Studies, we will be learning about World War II. Students have selected their expert group by content and will be learning and presenting to the class their learning about a different part of the War. After World War II, we look towards the division of the world along Capitalist/Communist, Democracy/Dictatorship lines. We are interspersing our current content with news from Ukraine. Virtual Regional History Day projects are currently being judged and State Finalists will be announced March 25th.

Eighth Grade

English with Ms. Roe:
Eighth graders just finished our Fantasy and Dystopian unit! Each student created a project advising people to either READ or NOT READ their book. If you need a book recommendation- ask an 8th grader! We are now starting a short unit to prepare for the MCA tests coming up. We will be reading a shared text and using our critical thinking skills to analyze the characters, conflicts, themes, and more!

Social Studies with Ms. Kroll:
In Global Studies, students are researching a topic of their choice in Africa! We started the region learning about the Sahara and the Sahel, and will end with a student guided research project. Next, we will move into Asia!

NJHS

The National Junior Honor Society kids did their March volunteer project this year. Representatives from StreetWise, a local non-profit group, came to talk to the students about the services that they provide and how their work supports homeless youth.

Then the students created care packages along with cards wishing the recipients a happy (soon to be) spring.
Counselor’s Corner

Social Media Use:

As a follow up to the Murray Family Communication that went out earlier this week regarding Social Media use, Common Sense Media is a reputable website that has resources to help families and students navigate the use of screen time. The link below has some helpful conversation ideas and questions to ask older kids and teens regarding time spent on Social Media.


Summer School:

Summer School Registration is now open.

The main link is:

spps.org/summer

The middle school link is also included below. Priority date to register is April 15th.

https://www.spps.org/Domain/12605

Middle School (5-8) / Middle School (5-8) - Saint Paul Public Schools
Grades 5-8 Summer Session. Journey to Discovery Students receive academic support, develop leadership skills, and discover new talents and interests through enrichment activities.

www.spps.org

Course Selection for 2022-23:

Over the next few weeks, you will be receiving communications regarding Course Selection for next school year 2022-23. Course Selection dates are in the process of being finalized and we will be communicating those dates when they are finalized. If you have any questions, please reach out to School Counselors.

Counselor (Schedule questions student last names A-L) - Justine Revermann (Justine.Revermann@spps.org)
Counselor (Schedule questions student last names M-Z) - Lisa Engelstad (Lisa.Engelstad@spps.org)
Murray Pilots advancing to Regional History Day 2022

**Individual Exhibit:**
1. Dalila Hansen
2. Zoey Howard
3. June Staloch
4. Maddie Flink
5. Maeve Callahan Schreiber
6. Sofia Patronsiki
7. Paloma Dashevsky
8. Niko Solheid
9. Clara Dunn

**Group Exhibit:**
1. Isabelle VanNett & Alison Lohse
2. Mitch Pelzer & Giovanni Dobbins
3. Vivienne Dankert, Nkele Gaseitsiwe, Bianca Marlowe-Madrid & Sudden Kaul
4. Adayla Morant & Eleanor Kerr
5. Ava Baum & Kate Peterson
6. Lucy Dietz & Saleah Sanders

**Individual Documentary:**
1. Patrick Tennison
2. Arthur Anderson
3. John Murray
4. Anna Amman Steger
5. Frannie Howatt
6. Ingrid Bollman
7. Tate Spaulding
8. Logan Small

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News from the Library

Third quarter is ending! We have ordered more books for history day research this year. Titles/topics include:
Women’s Suffrage
1968 Olympic protests
The book of Awesome Women
The Rodney King riots
Space Race
Tulsa Black Wallstreet
LGBTQ history
Human Rights

We are in a partnership with the Saint Paul Public Libraries and encourage students to use both their school library and their public libraries. Each neighborhood in St. Paul has a local branch. I am including a link for parents and students to be able to learn more about their public library branches. You can use any of them and just need to ask for a library card and show your address to be able to check out books from any St. Paul Public Library. Together with community members, Saint Paul Public Library is creating a vision to transform libraries in Saint Paul to meet the needs and desires of community members—now and for the next generation. Survey closes March 31, 2022. Learn more and sign up for the newsletter to join us at sppl.org/transforming-libraries

You can get movies and video games as well as new books and a wide variety of fiction, YA (Young Adult), kids, and non-fiction books. As we are nearing summer vacation it is a good idea to start getting in the habit of going to these other libraries and getting familiar with what they have to offer.

Libraries are a cornerstone of democracy and a pillar for communities. We are so lucky to have them, both in schools and the public libraries. With this link you can sign up to get the public library newsletter, take a survey on what you'd like to see in some of the remodels, and learn more about what they have to offer for events aimed at families, students, kids and adults.

Peace,

Elizabeth Decourt (she/her)
Librarian 744-5325
Murray Middle School
Junior Achievement Field Trip

This year, our class will participate in an exciting Junior Achievement program called JA Finance Park. JA Finance Park encompasses important educational lessons about personal financial literacy and career awareness. As part of the program, we will spend the day at a hands-on, experiential JA Finance Park site on May 3 half the 8th grade and May 4 the other half. This visit will provide students with an opportunity to apply, in a realistic setting, what they have learned in the classroom. Students will be responsible for planning a budget for themselves and their fictional family.

The goal of experiential education programs such as JA Finance Park is to help students see how classroom learning connects to real-world actions and events. Students acquire knowledge through hands-on classroom activities and discussions and then seek relevance between their new learning and their future lives. Because of this unique learning format, students remember this Junior Achievement experience for many years. Your involvement with the students as they go through this learning process will be very beneficial.

To make the visit to JA Finance Park a real success, we need volunteer facilitators to accompany us. Look for more information to come about volunteering for this exciting learning opportunity.

We look forward to participating in this exciting educational opportunity with you.

Este año, nuestra clase participará en un emocionante programa Junior Achievement llamado JA Finance Park. JA Finance Park abarca importantes lecciones educativas sobre educación financiera personal y conciencia profesional. Como parte del programa, pasaremos el día en un sitio práctico y experimental de JA Finance Park el May 3 half the 8th grade and May 4 the other half. Esta visita brindará a los estudiantes la oportunidad de aplicar, en un entorno realista, lo que han aprendido en el salón de clases. Los estudiantes serán responsables de planificar un presupuesto para ellos y su familia ficticia.

El objetivo de los programas de educación experiencial como JA Finance Park es ayudar a los estudiantes a ver cómo el aprendizaje en el aula se conecta con las acciones y eventos del mundo real. Los estudiantes adquieren conocimientos a través de actividades y debates prácticos en el aula y luego buscan la relevancia entre su nuevo aprendizaje y sus vidas futuras. Debido a este formato de aprendizaje único, los estudiantes recuerdan esta experiencia de Junior Achievement durante muchos años. Su participación con los estudiantes durante el proceso de aprendizaje será muy beneficiosa para ambas partes.

Para que la visita a JA Finance Park sea un verdadero éxito, necesitamos voluntarios que nos acompañen. Busque más información próximamente sobre el voluntariado para esta emocionante oportunidad de aprendizaje.

Esperamos participar en esta emocionante oportunidad educativa con usted.

Permission slips will available the week of March 28th. Please contact Elizabeth Decourt with any questions. elizabeth.decourt@spps.org or 651-744-3238
What is Flipside?

Flipside is the free after school program at Murray Middle School. After school classes are offered Monday - Thursday and a snack is provided each day.

Busses are now available for students after program on Mondays and Wednesdays!

Register

Questions?
Email: jenna.joswiak@spps.org
Phone: 651-744-3189

Featured Class

In cooking club, students take turns selecting new dishes to make and share with each other. This session’s dishes have included shrimp tacos, sushi, cheese fondue, guacamole, shrimp Alfredo, chocolate truffles and more! Join the fun with Ms. Stedji & Flipside!
SPPS Indian Education Program Traditional Powwow

April 2 - 3, 2022

Harding High School
1540 6th St E, St Paul, MN 55106

Grand Entries
Saturday 1:00pm & 7:00pm
Sunday 1:00pm

Dinner Break
Saturday 5:00pm - 7:00pm

MC: Jerry Dearly
AD: Norman Benson

Host Drum TBD

Contact Cynthia Johnson at cynthia.s.johnson@spps.org or 612-756-0185 for vendor information

Bring your powwow gear and join us for a fun weekend! If you should get the urge to dance and don’t have dance regalia, don’t worry! We’ll have regalia available at the powwow that you can borrow.

All SPPS Indian Education Program Powwows are drug & alcohol free
Children’s Defense Fund (CDF)

FREEDOM SCHOOLS

June 27-August 5* | 8 a.m.-3:15 p.m. | Grades K-8
Capitol Hill Gifted and Talented
560 Concordia Ave., Saint Paul

Hazel Park Preparatory Academy
1140 White Bear Ave., Saint Paul

Register Online: spps.org/cesummer

* No program Monday, July 4

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## Summer Camps for Teens 2022 Langford Park/North Dale/Northwest Como

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