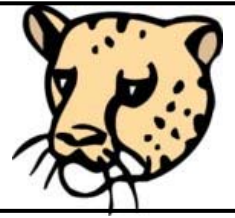


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In the Classrooms: Social Studies

The middle school social studies classes have been watching, listening to, and discussing the events occurring in the news for the past two months. Part of the curriculum is incorporating current events into the classroom, and international events have fit right in with our course of study. Each day, class begins with a discussion of the events unfolding in the Middle East, North Africa, and in our own Midwest.

Sixth grade students can easily locate countries where unrest is occurring. They are well aware of the connections between these countries' geography, religion, and/or culture. They understand the "domino effect" that is happening. Each day students ask about particular countries where unrest has not yet occurred but are countries of interest none-the-less.

Seventh grade is learning about the development of our own country. First the U.S. had a constitution that was too weak to work. Then came the effort to write a constitution that would work with power divided to prevent one person or group from

usurping the power of the people. Students have noticed the people's will to participate in their government as well as the perception of people's rights. Seventh grade students can relate to current demonstrations as they study U.S. history.

Eighth grade students have examined America's experiences in World War I and how involvement spread from one country to another until all of Europe was embroiled in war. They are learning about American soldiers' experiences in Iraq and Afghanistan. Our discussions center around America's involvement – should we? Can we? What would happen if we...?

Our prayer in social studies is for peace and hope — a peaceful end to the demonstrations and hope that the people obtain the type of governments that will give them more political power to control their destinies.



*See more
Sixth Grade Retreat
photos on page 2.*

UPCOMING

Friday, February 25

- Reregistration Forms Due

Saturday, February 26

- Father/Daughter Sock Hop (7-9 pm)

Tuesday, March 1

- Regular Uniform Begins

Friday, March 4

- **NOON DISMISSAL (NO ECP)**
- Grandparent/Special Others' Day

SAVE THE DATE!
Monte Carlo Night
Saturday, March 26

Thursday Folders

Please remember that the Thursday Folder is an important means of communication between the home and school.

Teachers make every effort to return quizzes and tests on Thursdays. Any communication about school related events is also sent through the Thursday folder.

Thursday folders should be signed and returned to the homeroom teacher by the following day.

Sixth Grade Retreat Thursday, February 17

Camping Theme

Remove yourself from all that weighs you down and return to simplicity.

