

News from L'Anse Middle School

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Ms. Belej's Science 8

We just finished our physics unit, studying light, sound and mirrors.

For the rest of the quarter, we will learn about thermal energy, states of matter, and if we have enough time, atoms.



Mrs. Waara's History 8

Great job handling the coursework for the first quarter!

We are headed into the American Revolution and the important foundations of our government laid out in the US Constitution. We will explore Enlightenment ideas and the philosophies of those who influenced the Founding Fathers.

Are you a Platonist or an Aristotelian? Who is your favorite Founding Father? Alexander Hamilton or Thomas Jefferson? Benjamin Franklin or George Washington? James Madison or John Adams?

Mrs. Turpeinen's Multimedia Class

In quarter 2, we learned to use new online software to create presentations and media. The programs were all free!

Haiku Deck allows students to create slides for presentations. Students designed a presentation to share about themselves. We reviewed some public speaking tips & they gave a short speech.

Pixton is a program for creating comics. After learning about preventing cyberbullying, students created comics to show how to handle cyberbullying.

Auto Draw is a simple sketching tool that predicts what you are trying to draw and generates a computer sketch. Students created an idea for a restaurant & made logos.

Powtoon is a program full of templates for creating videos. Students created a brief video to welcome newcomers to L'Anse Middle School. They also used Powtoon for their restaurant projects.



Mrs. Wilder's Math 8

As of December 10th, the Math 8 exam will cover Chapters 1-4 (Chapter 4 will be continued after Winter Break). Upon completion of Chapter 4, we will begin the semester review. Students will receive a set of practice questions.

Students should spend at least 15 minutes an evening working on their exam practice questions. They should not consider the time we spend in class as "enough" practice. The independent work time is crucial for being prepared for their math exam. Math is like a sport--YOU need to practice to get better.

Mrs. Augustine's English 8

In quarter 2, we have focused on journaling for our literature circle novels by examining characters, setting, plot, theme, & literary devices. Students have also completed reflections and their elevator speeches for their project-based learning (PBL), year-long project. Vocabulary Lessons 4 through 8 are finished too.

Coming Up: Students will work on their PBL project 2 class periods a week until exams.

Students will also soon present their literature circle projects and write a research paper related to their PBL project. They will continue with Vocabulary Units 9 & 10 and work on their writing skills related to editing and revisions.