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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

This is a busy month as we head into fall. The Eighth grade is focusing on learning soft skills and the importance of working towards mastering those in life.

We also are exploring how setting goals is an imperative part of life in learning how to manage time and energy.

Please be checking your students' grade's as the end of the 1st nine weeks will be here before you know it! Because this 9-weeks is 3 weeks shorter your student may not have as many grades, therefore, missing assignments can really have a negative effect.

Reminder that the assignment sheet is available on the school website under 8th grade team.

Please e-mail us at any time if you have questions.

Calendar of Events

October:

5th– Drama Club Begins

7th–11th–Anti-Bullying Week

7th–11th–Spirit Week

M–Tie Dye Day

T–Twin Day

W–Super Hero Day

TH–Rocket Pride Day

F–Disney Day

16th–End of Nine Weeks

22nd–Fall Concert Choir

Conferences–Still Somewhat TBD

28th–Conferences 3:45–7:30

29th–Conferences 7:30–11:30

30th–No School Teacher Comp Day

Volleyball

Date: Opponent: Location:

10/1	Wellington	Away
10/5	Prairie Hill	Away
10/08	Prairie Hill	Here
10/12	Haysville West	Here
10/17	League Tourney	

Football

Date: Opponent: Location:

10/1	Wellington	Away
10/5	Circle	Away
10/08	Prairie Hill	Here
10/12	Haysville West	Here

Cross Country

Date: Opponent: Location:

10/1	Winfield	Away
10/5	El Dorado	Away
10/8		Away
10/12	Patriot League Meet	

In the Classrooms...

Science: Keith George email: kgeorge@usd394.com

We are wrapping up our focus on Ecology and are going to transition into Environmental Science. Students now know how living things interact with each other and the nonliving factors in their ecosystem. We are now going to focus on how the human population affects other organisms and the environment.

History: Sally Smith email: ssmith@usd394.com

This month we will begin to learn about what compelled the Thirteen Colonies to rebel against Great Britain. We will be focusing on the principles upon which our country was founded and how it applies to today. This being an election year we will spend some time talking about the presidential election and the process in which the president is elected. I encourage my students to take the time and watch the debates in order to be an informed citizen, which is what the Founders felt was critical in order to safe guard the republic.

Language Arts: email: pvanhorn@usd394.com

This month, we will finish our survival informative essay unit by reading “The Most Dangerous Game” and “Cask of Amontillado” before exploring the narrative writing style. During the narrative unit, we will read my favorite Halloween story—“The Lottery”—and write a creative sequel. Our six-trait writing focus will be sentence fluency and word choice, and we’ll continue to work on diction with daily action verb vocabulary.

Reading: Donna Walker email: dwalker@usd394.com

The 8th graders are continuing to improve their comprehension and vocabulary skills during October as well as taking and organizing notes from details in informational text. In conjunction with history, we will be beginning a novel, My Brother Sam is Dead set during the Revolutionary War.

Math: Gina Geer email: ggeer@usd394.com

Pre-Algebra and Intermediate Algebra are two units in to our Interactive Notebooks. I would encourage you to check these out. They are a great way for students to personalize their learning and for you to see what they are learning. We are wrapping up Scientific Notation and will start on working with rational and irrational numbers. Algebra is wrapping up basic Algebra review and will be learning how to solve equations and inequalities. We will also have an introduction to functions.