

8th Grade Parent Meeting

April 1, 2016





Announcements

- **BMS Yearbook order deadline is Friday April 8, 2016**
 - Easy online ordering at www.coffeepond.com
 - Click on “Yearbook” then “Yearbook orders”
 - Enter the PASSWORD: bmsbears16

- **BMS is no longer accepting waivers or adjusting schedules for grade 9 SHS (deadline was 3/31/16)**

Announcements

Moving Up Ceremony

- Wednesday, June 15, 2016 from 5:00-7:00 pm
 - (ceremony is 5-6:30, reception 6:30-7)
- Tickets will be distributed to parents at BMS on June 2nd when you pick up your child from the NYC trip
- 4 tickets per family
- Two-household families will receive 3 tickets for each household
- **Extra tickets:** email Sue Bastien at sbastien@westport.k12.ct.us **AFTER** you pick up your tickets on June 2nd; any emails sent to Sue B before you pick up your set of tickets will be **DELETED**.



Field Trip Updates

NYC Field Trip

- Thursday, June 2, 2016
- Harbor Cruise and Broadway Show: Matilda
- Payment of \$165 and permission slip due: Wed. May 25th
- We will be leaving before and arriving after regular school hours.

Field Day

- Tentatively June 16th



Important Dates: 8th Grade

Science Showcase

Families are welcome to attend on

Monday, June 6th, 3:30 pm in the Cafeteria

End of 3rd Quarter - April 5th



End of Year Activities

◦ Final Exams

- Math: mid-June
- World Language: TBD



Relay for Life @ Staples High School

Saturday, May 7th 2-8pm

Chaperoning (1:5 ratio)

You must have completed forms for each child

T-shirts \$15

www.shopasf.com Logowear 2nd item in the dropdown menu

In the comments section write: **BMS Grade 8 HR 213 M**

8th Grade Fundraising Raffle (Sponsored by teachers, week of 4/11)

ALL \$ goes to our Grade 8 Relay Team

Email questions to 8th Grade Relay Team Leader, Alison Antunovich

aantunovich@westport.k12.ct.us



Social Studies Update

Current Unit: Civil Rights

- Mock Trial
 - Civil Rights case
 - Understanding the Trial Process

Next Unit: Human Rights Unit (after April break)

- Declaration of Human Rights
- Role of the United Nations
- Human Rights Book Club
- Genocide since the Holocaust

Science Update

- **Recent - Forces and Motion**
- **Current Unit - Bridges**
 - In-class project
 - Optional local/national contest
 - www.bridgecontest.org
- **Science Showcase**

Detailed documents on Schoology



Science Showcase

- March 24nd - June 6th
 - Showcase on June 6th for public view at 3:30PM
 - Students should dress professionally
- Highlights
 - Most work completed in class
 - SHS Scientific Research mentoring
 - Value-driven experiments
 - Choice to work w/partner – in same class section only
 - Display boards will be created digitally
 - Schoology will contain additional information



The Consumer-Product Testing Trap

Consumer Reports[®]

Testing a product for what
it's *supposed* to do



TECHNICAL PROJECT

- Experiment-based
- Well known question
- Well known outcome

- Predetermined procedures
- Predictable results
- Example: “How Does Music Affect Plants?”





TECHNICAL PROJECT WITH VALUE

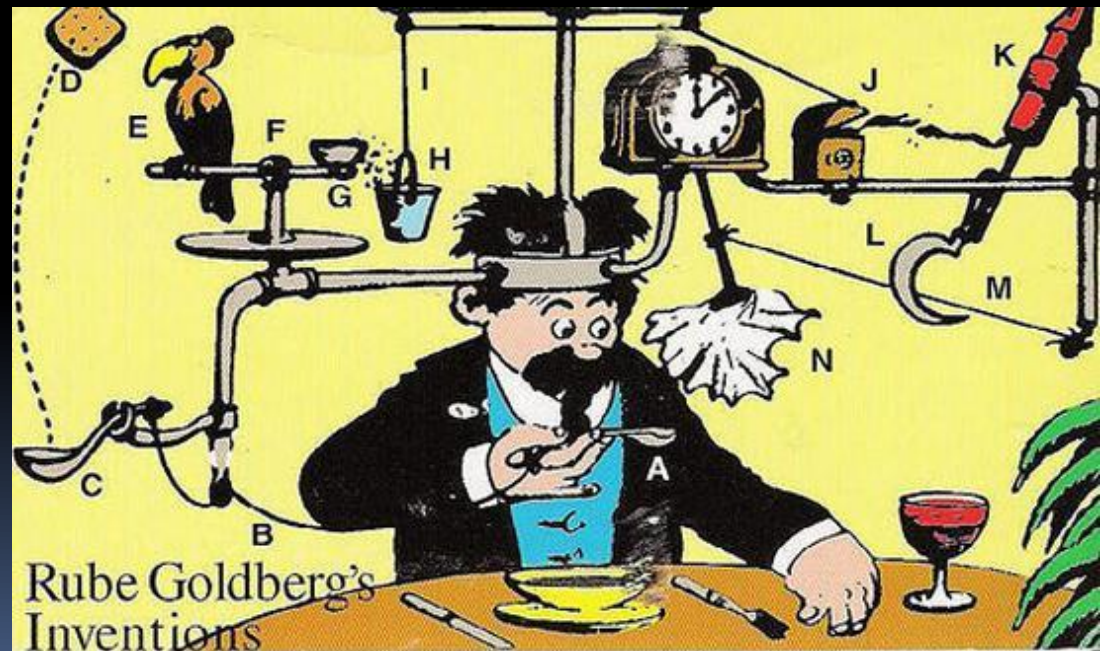


- Experiment-based
- Technical (measurable) data
- Original conclusion based on new or existing data
- Value to an authentic audience
 - Relevant to a specific group
- Example: “What environmentally-friendly method of farming produces the most crops?”



ORIGINAL APPROACH PROJECT

- Unique question
- Unique method to solve a preexisting question



English Language Arts Update

Tentative Dates

- Essay due **Monday**
- **Memoirs assigned 4/8**
- *Romeo and Juliet*
performance **5/31**

Things to look forward to...

- *TKAM* (Gregory Peck)
- *Night/Memoir*
- *Romeo and Juliet*
 - Performance
 - Creative project

Mathematics Update

Pre-Algebra:

- Currently studying Percent Applications
- Upcoming Unit of Study:
 - Geometry Basics
(triangle properties, similar shapes,
area & perimeter of 2-dimensional shapes,
surface area & volume of solids)



Mathematics Update

Algebra (Honors & A level):

- Currently learning about *Absolute Value Functions*
(solving, graphing, writing equations)
- Still to come:
 - Systems of Equations
 - Linear Inequalities and Linear Programming
- **ALL CLASSES:** *Final Exam* in mid-June
(second semester only)

Mathematics Update

○Geometry

- Students are in the middle of a Similarity Unit
- Trigonometry is next --- which the students love!
- Students need their graphing calculators every day.
- Check Schoology for assignments and class information.
- Extra help is available in the mornings in the World Language office.
- Please contact Kathy Sicbaldi if you have any questions or concerns.



See you at Moving Up!
