

Eye On Curriculum

There is so much happening in Unified Arts this fall!

- To celebrate National Manufacturing Day, 6th grade **Unified Arts students** visited Amherst Label in Milford. This is the 3rd year they have hosted MMS and it was an excellent experience for the students. The field trip exposed students to things that make a manufacturing business successful. Students were shown the sales and marketing side of the business as well as the design center. They toured the facility and observed the different processes involved in the manufacturing of labels. The skilled employees of Amherst Label led the students and shared their experiences working in the manufacturing industry. The students enjoyed the experience and especially enjoyed getting free stickers.
- 7th Grade STEAM! 7th grade **Art students** are finishing up a project inspired by Frank Warren's Post Secret project. Students focused on empathy and collaboration to carefully create works of art that were a visual representation of a peer's secret. Students were then asked to design and create an exhibition space to display the artwork to the public. Cardboard, problem solving, experimenting, and collaboration quickly took over the art room as the young artists and designers constructed their displays. Students planned an interactive activity for the public to get in on the fun as well! Stop by and see their amazing work in the lobby and the MMS library!
- **Physical Education students** will continue to use their Prudential FitnessGram Test to assess their fitness. The FitnessGram tests include the mile run, pacer, push ups, curl ups, sit and reach, trunk lift, and body composition. Other tests such as standing broad jump, forearm strength test, and pull ups are also included. Yearly scores are kept so students can track their scores and set goals toward improvement. Activities are incorporated throughout the year and students are encouraged to get 60 minutes of exercise per day to show improvement in their scores. 75-80% of our students reach the healthy zone by the end of 8th grade in each of the tests. The national average is approximately 67%.
- MMS **Band students** are preparing for the winter concert to be held on December 19th at 7pm. 8th grade band members joined the high school for the annual Halloween parade. The 7th grade general music class is currently working on a Radio Broadcast project. 6th grade general music students are learning about musical form by composing an ostinato rhythm.
- 8th grade **Family & Consumer Science classes** are learning basic cooking skills. They are focusing on recognizing kitchen tools for cooking and baking. Students are using math skills to problem solve and to properly convert recipes to fit their needs. They are also learning to measure properly and read a recipe to be successful in the kitchen. They are putting their skills to practice by creating delicious cookies, muffins, pancakes, and pizza.
- MMS's 3rd annual **Trash on the Lawn Day** was Friday, October 27. 6th grade Science classes Recycling Club Members participated in a thought-provoking learning project where students and staff had the opportunity to see how much waste of school generated in one day! Leaders from the Northeast Resource and Recovery Association (NRRRA) came to guide our students in sorting an entire day's worth of trash. This helped them to see how much of their trash could be diverted from the school's waste as recyclables, compost, etc.

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