

Thursday, May 7

Math	
6 th Grade:	<p>Hey, 6th Grade Friends,</p> <p>As we begin to wrap up another week of our new normal, please continue your optional work on any of our multiple platforms of learning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ALEKS• Canvas<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Week 3 will be available Monday morning• Respond or ask questions in our Week 3 channel on Teams or Flipgrid• Khan Academy (please link to our class)• Prodigy <p>Are you using Teams? Please make sure to check on your Teams page for a fun activity.</p> <p>As a reminder, you are more than welcome to connect with us on Teams during our office hours: <u>Tuesday from 9:00 – 11:00 AM and Thursday from 1:30 – 2:30 PM</u></p> <p>If neither of those times work, send a message, and we will set up something that works for you. Please don't hesitate to reach out and say hello throughout the week. Hearing from you really brightens our day!</p> <p>Please continue to make good choices! Have a great week!</p> <p>Mrs. Dahms - paige.dahms@dmschools.org Mrs. Majure - laura.majure@dmschools.org Mr. Hendricks - william.hendricks@dmschools.org</p>
7 th Grade:	<p>Hello, 7th Grade Math Students!</p> <p>Thank you for continuing to challenge yourselves with the weekly Canvas coursework, district packets of materials, and ALEKS.com assignments! Even though we are not physically together this spring, you are in our hearts and on our minds. Please know that you can reach out to Mrs. Hleihel or Mrs. Short during the school day via Outlook emails or Teams chats with questions about distance learning. We will respond as quickly as possible. By the way, some of you are already taking a picture of your work to solve the equations or other posted Canvas problems and sending those as emails, which is a highly motivated way to get feedback. We love to hear from you!</p>

	<p>7th Grade Level Students</p> <p>In next week's Canvas 7th grade module (releasing May 11), the focus shifts from equations to inequalities. Inequalities are more "real world" in many senses than equations, as very often a math problem can have multiple answers. Does your family spend an exact amount on a grocery store trip? Probably not! You fill up your gas tank and know it will be around 11 gallons, for instance, not exactly 10.48 or 9.52 gallons. Life is full of inequality situations, which Week 3 explores in detail with wonderful examples of roller coasters, bridge height, and Khan Academy examples of how to test solutions.</p> <p>We will meet again the week of May 11 in Microsoft Teams meetings on the same day and time as this week and would like you to bring an example of a real-world equation or inequality that you or your family has recently faced.</p> <p>7th Grade Accelerated Students</p> <p>We will continue to meet on the same day and time as this week. Our meeting will be a good time to discuss any questions you have regarding Canvas coursework. In addition, I want to encourage you to send your work to me for feedback; you can take a picture (or scan) of your answers to the activities posted on Canvas and email them to me.</p> <p>Finally, some of you have been moved up to a higher class on ALEKS due to your great efforts towards mastering math skills, others (with 60% or higher) are very close to being moved up too. Congratulations! Keep it up, Mustangs!</p> <p>Office Hours for Mrs. Hleihel: noon to 3:00 weekdays</p> <p>Looking forward to more sunshine and warmer days ahead! Mrs. Short (cathy.short@dmschools.org) Mrs. Faten (faten.hleihel@dmschools.org)</p>
8 th Grade:	<p>Dear 8th Grade Students,</p> <p>We miss you! We love getting your emails and hearing your updates on our class calls. We'll continue to meet at the same day and time as this week – look for an email reminder from your teacher if you forget what time your class meets!</p> <p>We hope you are engaging with the review and preview material on Canvas. Although none of this is required, we do highly recommend you log in and try the activities and practice opportunities on Canvas. It will be very helpful as you prepare to move forward to high school math next year!</p>

8th Grade Level Students:

- Be sure to post your answers in the discussion area that is linked in this week's Piecewise Functions lesson. You can see answers from your classmates, and your teachers will provide feedback to let you know if you are on the right track.
- Keep an eye out for new optional ALEKS review and preview assignments as well!

Algebra Students:

- If you are working to IMPROVE your grade, make sure you are working through the correct standards in the Exponential Functions module on Canvas. If you don't know which standard(s) to work on, please email Ms. Nolan. You'll need an access code to complete the retake assessment, so make sure you complete all of the practice quizzes before asking Ms. Nolan for the access code.
- If you don't need to improve your grade but you want to keep learning new material to prep for next year, try out the Quadratic Functions module! There are lessons, along with answer keys, and a discussion page so that you can post questions and answers about any confusing parts of the lessons.

Office Hours:

Mrs. Faten: 12:00-3:00pm Monday through Friday

Mrs. Ferring: 11:30am-12:30pm Monday through Friday

Ms. Nolan: 11:30am-1:00pm Monday through Friday

Missing you all and thinking about you every day!!

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Science

6th Grade:

Hello, 6th Grade Science Families!

This week we continue work on a diagnosis for our patient, Elisa. Students should join their science class Teams meeting at 4:00 today if they didn't join the 11:30 meeting this morning. Students can go to the calendar in their Teams account to join, or click the link in their email invitation. A final diagnosis should be written by May 12th and submitted to Mr. Hammond or Mrs. Swanda.

Please encourage your student to visit the 6th grade challenge page today (May 7th) to complete a brief survey regarding ongoing challenges. Students and parents can visit the page [HERE](#).

The 6th grade science canvas course is now live for week 3. This week's focus is on characteristics of viruses. Enjoy!

Mrs. Swanda and Mr. Hammond

7th Grade and 8th Grade

Hello, 7th & 8th Grade Students and Families!

We hope you are doing well and being able to enjoy these beautiful, not so hot, days outside. Did you know that a 10-minute walk can help boost your immune system and get you some vitamin D?

This week you will have new information under Week 2 in Canvas. If you have any questions, either about the topic or how to navigate Canvas, communicate with your teacher. Please reach out through Teams or email.

To help you see that Science is actually everywhere and not just in the classroom, we decided to come up with a challenge for you and your family. Check it out:

For this week, you will be embarking on a scavenger hunt: go for a walk around your home or outside, be sure to follow social distancing protocol, and take a picture or several, of things that you find interesting. Determine if the item in the picture is biotic or abiotic. Share the picture(s) with your teacher with a quick note explaining why you think the organism is adapted (can grow and survive) to the environment it's in.

We miss seeing you in class with your curiosity and partnership. Please stay safe, and stay curious!

Mrs. Luckow
Ms. Sweers
Mr. Quinlan

Other Notes

Happy Teacher Appreciation Week! Students - Let your teachers know how much they mean to you via email. They would love to hear from each one of you! Thank you!

Lockers and Personal Items: If you haven't already, please complete the following survey regarding personal items you left at Merrill that you need.
https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=O2KI6_5QN069OITMpTBd53kMHISTcJhHohsYNk3F7nFURVZVVIREUIZOVDQwUzRENjU3WjdSMFVVS4u