Study Club is Now Open

Need some help with homework or help with navigating your on-line classes, Study Club is now open on-line Monday - Thursday from 1-2 pm. It is set up through a Google Classroom - class code i4qa3ga. Click on the Zoom link at the top of the stream page for help.

Tuesday and Thursday we have a Math Tutor available to help out with Math.

As I have been helping students, one thing I have discovered is they have way too many windows open on their computers. During Zoom meetings, we can share screens and this is one way we (the teachers) can help the students navigate on-line lessons. But when a student is having trouble, sometimes it is because they have too many windows open. So the next time they can't get on-line or go to that website or hear during class, check to see how many windows they have open and if any of them can be closed.

5th/6th Grade Classes:

Social Studies with Mr. Bird and Ms. Ferguson:

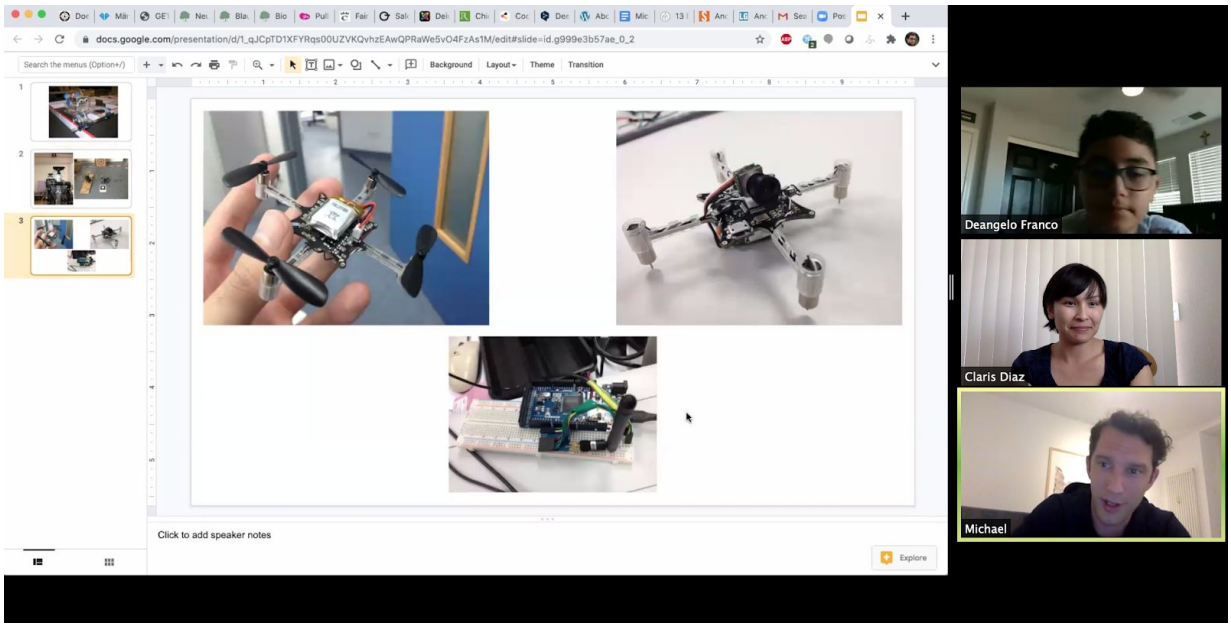
For the week of September 28th in Social Studies the students will be working on a culminating project to wrap up their Age of Exploration unit. The students will have their Unit test on Thursday (10/1) and will spend the day before reviewing for the test! Please make sure your students study!

Science with Ms. Diaz and Mr. Dougherty

Greetings Scientists, congratulations on completing week 8!

This week: Using their great sleuthing skills, the DCS forensics team were able to figure out what their mystery substances were. They compared the data of the analyzed known substances to the data of their mystery substance to look

for similarities between them. With this technique, they successfully solved the mystery. On Friday, the forensics team were put under the lamp with their end of the month test. Furthermore, one of the team, Deangelo Franco, had a Zoom interview with a computer scientist engineer/robotics engineer from Munich, Germany. Deangelo was able to ask questions and get a good view of what the career field is like, in addition to seeing some nifty robots that the engineer Michael Shelley made. Lastly, Nayomi Shih, who had the opportunity to speak with a Neuroscientist, received the great surprise of a Lund University hooded sweatshirt! See pics below of Deangelo's Zoom and Nayomi in her awesome hoodie.



Next week: The DCS forensics team wraps up their investigation by writing up their mystery substances lab report. On Friday they will have their weekly quiz.

Mission to Mars: The trip has been rescheduled to April 5-8, 2021. This is during the second week of spring break. Please check [Diaz Does Science]() for the video update if you

did not receive the email containing the video link.

Math with Mrs. Zuniga

Varsity: We took our first quiz on division this week. We will focus on word problems and 2 digit divisors starting next week.

Scholastic: Students finished their 2nd quiz for the unit. We will begin practicing adding and subtracting decimals next week before moving on to much more applications of decimals.

Honors: Students took their 4th quiz on scientific notation and operations. We will spend all next week reviewing for our first test of the unit which will take place Friday.

Math with Mrs. Nijjar

Varsity: Students this week learned to solve multiplication and division word problems. In the coming weeks, and took the quiz for the same. IXL is an online resource available for the students to practice and reinforce the math concepts.

Scholastic: Students this week learned to write decimals in word form, standard form, and expanded form. We started with the concept of rounding decimals. In the coming weeks, students will be learning about comparing decimals.

Honors: Students in this week learned about writing numbers in scientific notations. In the coming weeks, students will be learning about operations with scientific notations.

Language Arts with Mr. Harding

We did a little less reading and focused on writing in week 7. Each class has finished a Google Drawings project designed to promote understanding of the themes and background information from the Cold War Era. We even saw James Bond in action, and studied Ian Flemming's real life inspirations. Hopefully, I will no longer hear "M-16" or "Mig" when they read MI6.

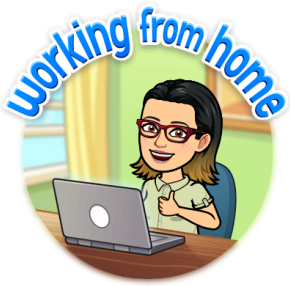
For week 8 we will resume reading and inquiry about this obscure era.

NewsELA, IXL, and NoRedInk are online resources we used throughout the 2019-2020 school year. We will continue to use these resources, and

emphasize their importance in the gradebook. Every student is encouraged to practice using these online resources to build skills and knowledge.

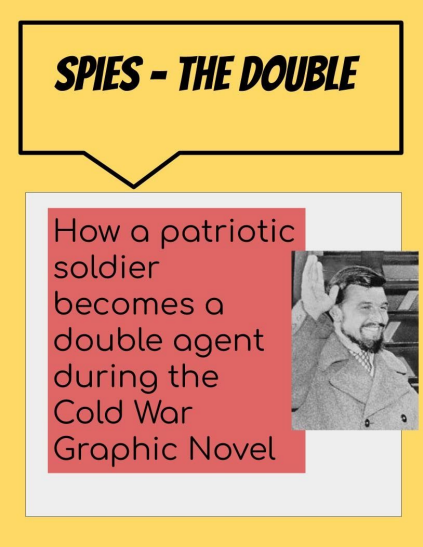
Remember, I hold office hours from 1:30 - 2:00 PM, Monday through Thursday. Check Google classroom for the link.

Language Arts with Ms. Rodieck



Did you know this was week 7 and we are halfway through the first trimester?!

Scholastic and Honors have been reading about George Blake, a double agent for MI6 and KGB during the Cold War. He was a prisoner of war during the Korean Conflict, so we also learned a very little bit about the Korean War. To showcase our learning and demonstrate how events and experiences can change a person, we are creating a graphic novel of the chapter. Below are some pages that have been created. They are a work on progress and we will be finishing both the chapter and this project next week. Also next week, we will start working on Argumentative Essays focusing on the first paragraph only (to start). We will also move on to diagramming articles, adjectives, and adverbs, oh my.



Varsity classes finished their first unit on story elements and will be moving on to main ideas and supporting details in non-fiction. We will continue to learn about Spies and the Cold War with abridged reading passages from the book. We are also working on parts of a sentence and writing complete sentences. Some varsity students are very good writers and will start work on paragraphs and paragraph formats in the next few weeks.