

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.

The zoom link for Study Club has been updated for October. Some useful information was also added about how to look for missing assignments and how to turn in assignments - the reason some assignments might be missing.

5th/6th Grade Classes:

Social Studies with Mr. Bird and Ms. Ferguson:

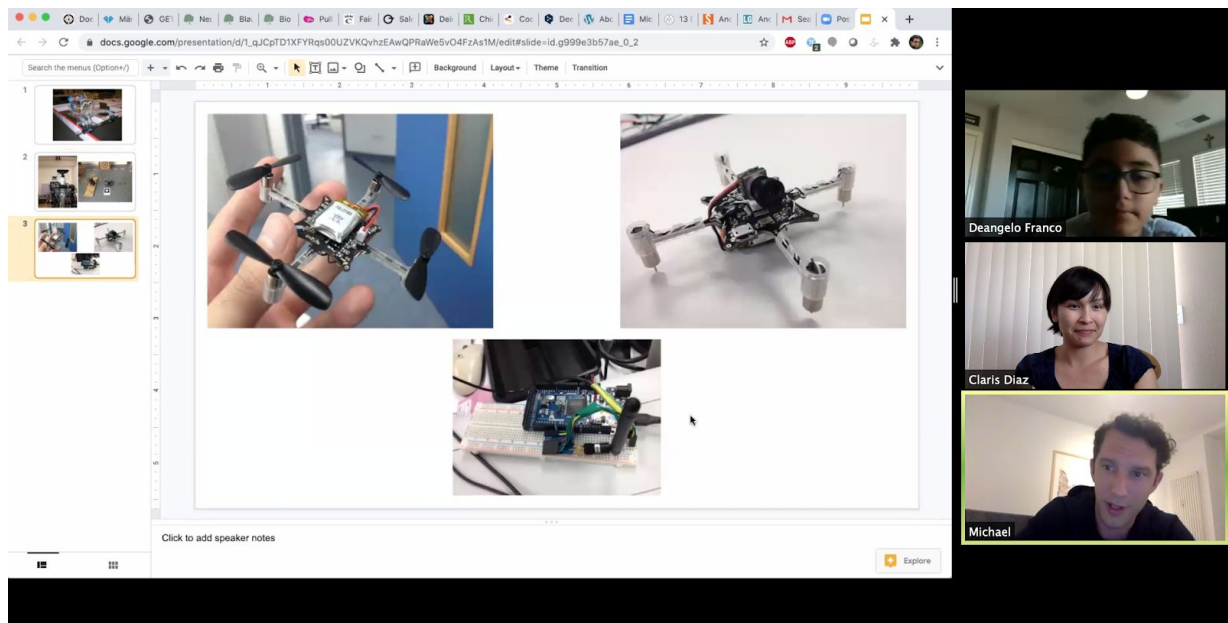
Throughout the week of October 5th the students began the unit “The Struggle for North America” beginning with the Northwest Passage, The First French Colonies, and the founding of “New France”. The students had the opportunity to play an online game relating to “New France” where they were Fur traders and collected pelts along their journey’s.

Tuesday, October 13th will be the student’s first quiz on the unit “The Struggle for North America”. Prior to the quiz the students will be making a travel brochure on “New France” to help them prepare. Beginning on Wednesday, the students will begin learning about “New Spain” and the struggle for North America.

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 took the quiz for Long Division and Input-output tables. In the coming week, students will be taking their very first unit test and will start with the next unit. Students should keep working on IXL, as that helps to reinforce the required math skills.

Scholastic: Students this week learned about rounding, ordering, and comparing decimals. In the coming weeks, students will be learning about different operations with decimal numbers.

Honors: Students this week learned about Scientific notations and took the quiz for the same. In the coming week, students will be taking their first unit test and will start with the new unit.

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.

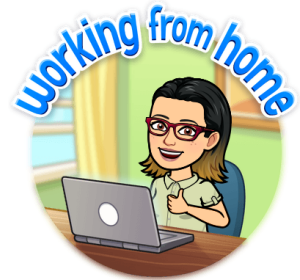
NewsELA, IXL, and NoRedInk are online resources we used throughout the 2019-2020 school year. We will continue to use these resources, and emphasize their importance in the gradebook. Every student is encouraged to practice using these online resources to build skills and knowledge.

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

September is done and we are moving on to October.

Scholastic and Honors have been reading about Francis Gary Powers and his role in the Cold War. We also learned a bit about the beginning of the Space Race, another important element in the Cold War. We learned about Direct Objects and started learning about how to diagram them. This will continue into next week. Students also learned about how to hook our readers with our writing. Next week we will do Introductory Paragraphs using a bridge to connect the hook to the thesis statement.



Varsity is continuing to work on Main Ideas and applied what we have been learning to our writing on Friday. Students will continue to learn about the Cold War with abridged reading passages. Next week, we will work on supporting details and using them in writing a summary. Students need to continue to do IXL for 15 minutes a day as Homework to help improve their skills in Language Arts.

All groups also learned about Spy Gear and created (or started) mini projects on the different gadgets created and used during the Cold War.

I may not be in class one day next week as I have to do my Civic Duty and may be called in for Jury Duty. Ms. Fergeson (of Social Studies) will cover my class and the students will learn about what is Jury Duty - one of the civic responsibilities people fought for during the Cold War.