



Middle School Newsletter

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and Reflection-



creates the pathway to our
learning success!

From: Dr. Flaherty
Week of: January 2, 2017
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January 2017

Monday, January 2	No School	
Tuesday, January 3	D Day	<i>After school help 2:20- 2:50 p.m.</i>
Wednesday, January 4	E Day	<i>After school help 2:20- 2:50 p.m.</i>
Thursday January 5	F Day	<i>After school help 2:20 – 2:50 p.m.</i>
Friday, January 6	A Day	

Messages from Principal Flaherty: Join Us on Twitter @Masco_Principal

Masco Excels, Session II

The paperwork was distributed this morning during homeroom for Session II of our Excels Program. **A correction to the dates listed on the form is as follows:** Registration ends on Monday, January 9th and programs that are running will begin the week of January 10th. Attached is the list of offerings.

Middle School Drama Club Auditions

Please see the flyer below with details for the upcoming auditions for *Seussical Jr.* in late January. Registration and payment forms are due by Friday, January 6, 2017.

Exciting News: Middle School Teachers to Visit China

We received exciting news that the Shijiazhuang Bilingual School has accepted the 4 teachers from the Middle School to participate in teaching at their summer camp. We sent 4 applicants. They couldn't take all four teachers this year, but liked what was presented and have decided to accept two for the summer of 2017 and two for the summer of 2018. This summer Ursina Amsler, art teacher and Brian O'Cock, choral director, will attend and the following year Dana Fowler, special education coordinator and Yvonne Yeung, science teacher will attend. This is great news and adds to our Global Education at Masco!

Global Curriculum Connections

Great work by the entire seventh grade! Check out the front page of this week's *Tri-Town Transcript* for more details.

The 7th grade Global Cultures teachers and students ran a fundraiser to support three different African charities. Each team picked a charity to support. The fundraiser is called "Paper Wars." Students bring in dollar bills (or 5s, 10s, 20s). Each team has a water cooler jug. The goal is for each team to fill up the other two team's jugs.

7 White's Charity

Water for South Sudan. This is the charity of Salva Dut who is one of the protagonist's in the very popular book, "A Long Walk to Water."

7 Blue's Charity

The Water Project

7 Red's Charity

Save the Children International

The 7th graders have been studying Africa for the majority of the fall. This charitable endeavor follows many of our 7th grade themes including "The Power of One." This relates directly to the 7th grade Global Cultures classes as we are showing students the interconnectedness of the world and that even though we are in the Tri-Town we can positively impact people around the globe. The final tally is in and the 7th grade donated \$1523 in total. This means \$508 will be donated to each of the charities.

Toy Drive

During the month of December, the middle school student council held a toy drive to support Pathways for Children, a head start in Beverly, MA. With the support of middle school students we were able to raise over \$1,500 worth of toys that were donated to children in need ages 3 to 5. On December 22nd, student council members traveled to Beverly to deliver toys, sing a few songs, and read a story with members of the school. As always, the student council thanks everyone in our community for their continued support and generous donations.



Project 351 Representatives

Project 351 is a statewide youth-driven service organization that unites 8th grade Ambassadors from every city and town in the Commonwealth for an inspiring year of leadership development, enrichment, and impact. Project 351 celebrates the ethic of service, youth leadership, and the diversity of our state. Project 351 brings 351 8th graders together on Martin Luther King Day to serve, develop leadership skills, and discuss issues critical to young people and their communities. These are our three well deserving representations for 2016!



From left to right: Natasha Poritsky (Boxford); Justin Crosby (Middleton) and Victoria Barbosa (Topsfield)

Masco Million:

Masco Million Results: **All Team weekly** results **7,129** and the **Grand total: 529,398** pages. Remember this week's total reflects only the **staff's** participation as it was a **Staff Challenge**. Congratulations to **staff** on **8 White** you entered an impressive total! Let's see what happens the first week of January when **all** enter their reading. These figures represent the numbers logged in by 3:00 PM Thursday, December 22, 2016.

Team	Week Total	Total
7 Blue	0	67,595
7 Red	562	115,595
7 White	350	100,602
8 Blue	590	76,888
8 Red	454	90,484
8 White	5,173	78,234

Upcoming Dates of Importance

January 16, 2017	Martin Luther King Day, No School
January 17, 2017	MS Chorus Concert, 7:00 p.m./Auditorium
January 20, 2017	Early Dismissal, 11:30 a.m.
January 23, 2017	Staff Work Day, No School for Students
January 25, 2017	Trimester 2 Mid-Point
February 6, 2017	Early Dismissal; 12:20 p.m.
February 17, 2017	Close at Regular Hour for Winter Vacation

MASCO EXCELS SESSION II OFFERINGS

Ping Pong 3:00-4:00pm

Gather up some of your pals and come play the fastest paddle game in the world! Ping Pong will meet in front of the Middle School Library each day.
******Please Specify what day you are signing up for******

Surette ---Tuesday
Morris--- Wednesday
Surette---Thursday
Surette---Friday (2:30-3:30)

Board Games: (Boccia) B-113A Monday 3:00- 4:00

If you enjoy board games or would like to learn how to play some of them, then join us! Each week, we will play a different traditional board game, such as Scrabble, Yahtzee, or Rummicub. Towards the middle of the Winter Excel term, we will decide on a game to play and set up a competition within our group.

Old School Video Game (Brown) C-212 Monday 3:00-4:00

Do you like to play video games, old school ones! In this excel we will be dusting off our Nintendo 64 and playing games like Mario Kart 64, Tetris, and Super Smash Bros. Participants are encouraged to bring in any games if they have any. **Participation is limited to 6, so sign up early!**
Please specify which day on your signup sheet as there are two running.

Winter Workouts (Cobb) B-119 Tuesday 3:00-4:00

Want to increase your dexterity and footwork speed for any sport you play? Sign up for footwork and keep in shape this winter for your upcoming spring sports. ladder drills, stairs etc. will be included in after school work outs inside.

Box Lacrosse (Cobb) F-House Tuesday 6:00-7:00 am

Come in early and play lax before school with your friends. We will also do various shooting drills, face offs, and footwork skills each week. Helmet stick and gloves required **NO CONTACT**
Middle School locker room will be open for students to change before and after.

Knee Hockey (Xenos) Gym Tuesday 3:00-4:00

Ready for some fun. Grab your knee hockey stick and come down to room B101 with Mrs. Xenos for a competitive game of knee hockey. Knee protection optional but a good idea.....
Please specify which day on your signup sheet

Magic the Gathering (Tzortzis) C-203 Tuesday 3:00-4:00

Come learn how to play, or sharpen your skills playing one of the most popular card games in the world. We will take the time to teach new players how to play, and will run tournaments to declare the ultimate Magic champion.

Film Fans (Wrobel) B-120 Tuesday 3:00-4:00

If you like long movies, you'll love short movies! During each Film Fans meeting we will watch and discuss at least one entertaining and thought provoking short film.

Learn Italian (Mirra) C-207 Tuesday 3:00-4:00

Learn how to introduce yourself, order in a restaurant, ask for directions, and more in Italian. Perfect for anyone who plans on visiting Italy someday, wants to try a new language, or does not yet take a language.

Book Club

(Green) Library
Wednesday 3:00-4:00

Coloring for Relaxation and Mindfulness

I will offer various levels of coloring pages for all ability levels. Use this hour for a Wednesday chance to be creative, unwind and as a stress reliever. Harry Potter, geometric designs are just two of the options or challenge yourself and create a page for others to color.

Knee Hockey

(Bridgeo) - B-101
Wednesday 3:00-4:00

Ready for some fun. Grab your knee hockey stick and come down to room B101 with Mrs. Xenos for a competitive game of knee hockey. Knee protection optional but a good idea.....

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Risk

(Cobb) B-116
Wednesday 3:00-4:00

If you have ever dreamed of world domination it is about time that you signed up to play Risk with your friends and Mr. Cobb. We have room for 8 and games continue on each week until someone has conquered the world!

Old School Video Game

(Brown) C-212
Thursday 3:00-4:00

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Intro to Signing

(Collins) B104
Thursday 3:00-4:00

Interested in learning the basics of American sign language? Join this excel to develop some beginner techniques, alphabet and words that will get you started with this incredible language.

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(Xenos) Gym
Thursday 3:00-4:00

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Winter Kuub

(Cobb B-119
Thursday 3:00 – 4:00

Learn the ancient game of Viking Chess!!! An outdoor yard game that involves

-Two teams of players.

-who knock out the other teams castle to win the game

-strategy is a must

-Outdoor team based battle

-Possible tournaments

Best to just sign up. **LIMITED TO THE FIRST 8 PARTICIPANTS.**

*******Winter Kuub will be outside! Jacket, hat, gloves required to participate**

LETS PLAY LIKE THE VIKINGS DID!

Handy Crafts

(Boccia) B-113A
Thursday 3:00-4:00

If you are someone who likes to make things, and/or wants to learn a new hand craft or two, then please join this group. We will be working on Decoupage, cross stitch, Origami, and embroidery. You can learn them all or just work on one craft.

Writers' Club

(LeBlanc) C-215
Thursday 3:00 - 4:00

If you are a writer looking for a place to share and improve your writing, then come to the Writer's Club! If you're a budding novelist, a lover of short stories, a poet, or have always thought about writing but never tried, this is the club for you. Each week we'll do writing exercises, look at what advice & tips great writers have for writing, work on our own pieces, receive constructive feedback, and work towards creating an amazing final product. We'll also look into ways we can publish our work and learn about the submission process. If you've got a creative spark, come let it grow & burn brightly.

Volleyball

(Cobb) Field house
Friday 6:00-7:00 AM

Get a team of your friends together and come play volleyball we can organize teams to play round robin style or just establish group games each week. Basic volleyball instruction will be given each week along with match play. Locker rooms will be open to change for school.
This is a great idea for 7 & 8 graders thinking about playing volleyball in the high school.

RC Car Club

(Thurlow) B-127
Friday 2:30-3:30

Interested in building and modifying a radio controlled car? Students will need to bring a radio control car. Student can buy additional parts to modify their vehicle but will be encouraged to find alternative ways to modify their vehicles. Students will need to bring in basic tools i.e. screwdrivers, wrenches, pliers, to put the car together but I will also bring in tools for students to use. When students have completed their vehicles we will hold various competitions to test the skill of the vehicles and students. **Limited to 12 students.**

Masconomet Regional Middle School

Drama Club Auditions



Friday, January 27th

2:30-5:00pm

Auditorium

Registration and Audition Forms are available in the Main Office and
with Ms. Richards

**Registration Forms and Payments are Due by
Friday, January 6th**

Please Bring Your Audition Form, Comfy Clothes, and Water with you
on Audition Day! You will be Acting, Dancing, and Singing!

If you have any Questions or Concerns please contact Ms. Richards
(crichards@masconomet.org)



OPEN GYM & More

sponsored by Tri-Town Council

Saturday,
January 7th from 7-9pm
@ Masco Field House

Get off that couch!
Hoops, floor hockey, volleyball, and more!
Just want to hang out?
We've got board games, art stuff & more



Open Gym is open to current Masco Middle & High School students.



Get some friends together for a pickup game, board game, hang out and draw - whatever...!

Remember... it's FREE & FUN!
Please bring your Masconomet School ID and your own water bottle

Open Gym Nights 2017: 1/7; 1/21; 2/11; 3/11; 3/25

Tri-Town Council and Masco are teaming up to host OPEN GYM NIGHTS for YOU!
Contact TTC with your questions (978) 887-6512 or
horizons@tritowncouncil.org