# The Viking View "from the middle" Grades 6, 7, and 8

## **CONGRATULATIONS A-F CLASS OF 2020!**

As this rather unusual school year comes to an end, we congratulate the class of 2020 as they begin the next phase of their lives. Good luck and remember your "roots!"

June 2020



# "America & Me" 8th grade winners!

A-F

Each year, 8th grade students participate in an essay contest sponsored by Kim Butcher-Tacey and Farm Bureau Insurance. They are asked to write about someone who inspires them; their personal Michigan hero. This year, congratulations go to:

1st Place: Gavin Prime 2nd Place: Ayden Spencer 3rd Place: Gatlin Guild

Gavin's name will be engraved on the plaque outside of Mrs. Dycus's classroom. Thank you to all of the participants.

# A note from Mr. Cockerill

I'd like to thank all the middle schoolers that have taken the time to consistently get their assignments completed. Special shoutout to all the 7th and 8th graders that produced travel videos highlighting countries' climates. They were very entertaining! For those of you that are a little behind there is still time to get caught up. I have adjusted all the due dates to June 18.

Hope everyone is looking forward to having an awesome summer, I know I am. August will be here before you know it and maybe we will be able to do this school thing in person again!

### Mr. Hoffman

When asked to sum up this year in middle school, Mr. Hoffman said the following:

"I thoroughly enjoyed the 6th grade science kids who participated in meetings and in class, and I hope that everybody has a great summer during this crazy year! And oh yeah, that knives are a bad thing to choose during a Zoom Scavenger Hunt!"

I don't think I want to know what that means, Mr. Hoffman.

### Mrs Dycus

**6th grade:** We finished reading <u>Freak the Mighty</u>, a story about two boys with disabilities that join together to tackle bullies, school, and basically life in general. Finishing it on our own, without benefit of classmates to discuss the story, was certainly not the best way to enjoy this piece of literature. Hopefully, many students will choose to also watch the movie "The Mighty."

7th grade: This class finished reading the historical fiction book <u>The Devil's Arithmetic.</u> This story tackles the topic of the Holocaust, a difficult subject and time but especially during the shutdown. I encourage you to watch the movie.

8th grade: For the first time in many years, I haven't been with my students as they read the play The Diary of Anne Frank. I feel that this is one of the most important pieces of literature we read in middle school.

As we get ready to enjoy our summer, remember to read. Choose something you enjoy and just read!

### Mrs. Hudson

Happy Summer Middle Schoolers! This has been quite the year.

**Sixth graders:** In Math we have been using Khan Academy to review ratios, order of operations, fractions, and negative numbers.

In Social Studies, we have been talking about natural resources, and the effect we have on the earth. We have watched videos and read articles on how we use resources and their effect on the earth.

Seventh Graders: We have been looking at the early dominant Empires. We reviewed the Hans Dynasty (China) first, then ended with the Roman Empire. We have been investigating the early inventions of the Roman Empire, which has been really cool. They are the template of a lot of things we use today.

**Eighth Graders:** We have been doing an overview of early Supreme Court cases and how they have influenced the laws that govern our societies. It has been interesting to see how the Supreme Court established its role and power early on.

Have a Great Summer. Keep current with the news. There are a lot of things that happened this year that will make the history books. This will be something you will want to tell your children. You will be able to say, "I remember . . ." Also keep track of the politics and all the finger pointing that is going on. This will definitely make for good class discussion next year, especially for the current seventh graders. Have a wonderful summer. Keep safe!

# **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 8TH GRADE!**

We'd like to acknowledge the class of 2024 as they complete their middle school years and begin high school. We expect to see good things from this group of young men and women. Congratulations and good luck freshmen!

