

MULTICULTURAL ACADEMY NEWSLETTER



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DECEMBER

*the month of joy, happiness and
to finish what you started.*



The Vision

The Mission

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**The mission at
Multicultural Academy is
to create and maintain a
learning environment
that maximizes the
potential of our diverse
learners.**



**The vision at
Multicultural Academy is
to impact the lives of
our students to enable
them to become creative
thinkers and lifelong
learners.**

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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH?



- ★ Dec 2 School Resumes
- 📅 Dec 2 NWEA Window Opens
- 📅 Dec 5 Picture Day Retake
- 📅 Dec 6 English Spelling Bee Competition
- 📅 Dec 9 Mobil Dentist
- 📅 Dec 16 Progress Reports
- 📅 Dec 19 Board Meeting @ 6 pm
- 📅 Winter Break

Principal's Corner

Dear Families,

December is here! Cooler temperatures... disappearing daylight. The upcoming weeks can become quite overwhelming as families prepare for family gatherings, special travels, and perhaps some shopping outings in preparation for special traditions. In school we will focus on intensifying the curriculum because in January the school administers the Winter Session of NWEA. We will be sending out NWEA schedule before the Winter Holidays begin because, as much as we'd all like to feel that we are organized and well-prepared for the upcoming weeks, each family deals with the stress of the holidays in different ways. Of times, children fall victim to later bedtimes, hectic trips to the store for that last item, and sometimes experience first-hand the financial stress that plagues many families during this time of the year. Routines often fall to the wayside along with daily reading practices, consistent homework support, and even family meals. At times families need to make a concerted effort to see that the rush and stresses of the holiday season do not seep into their child's daily routine and need for consistency.

I hope each and all of you have a blessed year end it is always a pleasure to be co-educating your child, along with you as equal partners in the process. As I always mention, I welcome suggestions of every form and please feel free to reach me at : mmukherjee@macademyk8.com

Together in Education

Mrs. Mohana Mukherjee

Principal.



LOWER ELEMENTARY

Kindergarten and First Grade

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It's hard to believe that it is already December, but I am so excited to share what we will be working on in the Kindergarten and First Grade room this month.

ELA

Kindergarten - This month we are going to work really hard on completely mastering our alphabet and reading CVC words. Additionally, we are also going to work on using sight words to read predictable texts. Please continue to read with your child at home as well as go over the sight words that I will send home every week. We are also going to be learning how to write sentences and how to leave a finger space between each word in a sentence.

First Grade - In December, our first grade students are going to start discussing the different aspects of a story such as characters, settings, and events and will be identifying the beginning, middle, and ending of stories. We will also be working very hard on a variety of grammatical skills such as creating past tense verbs and contractions. First grade students are going to use these newfound grammar skills to increase their writing and speaking ability. Additionally, we are going to start taking weekly spelling tests that include several sight words

Math

Kindergarten - Although I have already introduced our Kindergarten students to the idea of adding, this month we will be diving into addition and subtraction. I am so excited to watch them master these skills. We will also be continuing to work on our number sense, one-to-one correspondence, and counting to 100. We have really been enjoying exercising while counting over the past several weeks.

First Grade - We will be finishing up our chapter on adding strategies and will be working on our subtraction strategies. Additionally, we will be beginning to work on place value, which I am very excited to teach! You will see your students begin to soar in their math skills during this next month.

Social Studies

I am so excited about our social studies unit during December! We are going to take the opportunity to travel the world with our friend "Globe Trot Scott" and learn about different holidays all around the world! Along with increasing our knowledge of the world and different cultures, we will also be able to work on a variety of literary skills. If you would like to be part of this special social studies unit, please let me know. I am also collecting toilet paper/paper towel rolls and clean empty cans for a couple of our activities during our world travels.

Science

Over the next several weeks, we will be discussing animals! We will discuss what animals need to survive, compare and contrast their habitats, and even some animal families!

LOWER ELEMENTARY

Second Grade Classroom News

Hello Parents/Guardians,

Second grade is getting ready for their Spelling Bee Competition! Every student was given Spelling word list that they can use to study at home! We are working really hard to master our Spelling words!

- In Math we are learning about the fact families, we have watched video clips, various manipulatives, and used online math games to become Mathematicians!
- My second grades are working really hard academically and behavior wise!
- **Just another Reminder NWEA testing is around the corner starting in January after Winter Break! Feel free to contact me about any questions and concerns at nfarha@macademyk8.com**



Upper Elementary

Third/Fourth Grade

Third Grade

Dear parents of 3rd graders,

I hope your Thanksgiving holiday with your families was enjoyable. I enjoyed being with my family as well.

For ELA, please continue to read with your child at home and helping to fill out the reading logs that are due each Monday. Please consider buying books for your child for gifts! Also, spelling lists come home each Monday to study for tests on Fridays. Please check your child's planner and folder for information.

We have been working on regrouping with adding 3 and 4 digit numbers in math. If your child does not know addition facts up to $10 + 10$, please help to make cards with index cards or purchase some flash cards to help learn these facts.

We have NWEA testing coming in January after the winter break. We will be going over some of the skills during the month of December so that students will be more successful. The NWEA is also called a MAP test or Measure of Academic Progress if parents want to look over it at home.

We have a field trip for 3rd - 5th grade December 16 to the U of M Science Museum. It will be an all day trip and will cost \$9. More details coming soon!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Kayser

Fourth Grade

Fourth grade will continue to study Rocks and their Cycle as we move into Weathering and Erosion.

- Math is moving fast and we are working on Factors, multiples and multiplying multi-digit numbers!
- Social Studies continues into Political scientists and the foundations of Geography. We have a field trip coming up to the Natural History Museum with 3rd and 5th grade.
- Please contact me if you need assistance with the cost of the field trip. This should be a great educational experience for our students.

• We are also looking for several chaperones to join us. Stay in touch!

Your Fourth Grade Teacher, Ms. Sachin

Upper Elementary

Fifth Grade News

Hello Families,

Welcome to December in 5th grade. I want to thank all of you who were able to attend parent-teacher conferences last month, as well as those I had phone conferences with. It is important that we work together when it comes to the growth and achievement of your child. The more we can communicate and stay on the same page about their behavior and academics the better.

LAST Month: We worked hard on our math skills thus far and have finished our first math Chapter test. Look for your child's test to be coming home soon, We also made steps to improve on our writing and spelling skills by completing an "I AM Thankful for..." activity. We will continue to sharpen our minds and our writing abilities.

THIS Month: In Math we will enter the world of fractions and decimals and how they relate to one another. We will explore where they live on a number line and how to compare two decimals or fractions using (greater than or less than). In Social Studies we will continue exploring the native settlers of the United States and how they came to settle in the various parts of our country. At the completion of this unit, the students will be assigned a project to further their exploration of a tribe of their choice. More details are to come. As this is a shortened month with the holiday break, we will make sure to get in plenty of practice of skills needed for the NWEA. Testing will begin in January after the winter break. The testing dates for fifth grade are as follows- January 10th- Reading and January 21st- Math. More details about testing will come as well.

Classroom Management: If you have NOT joined CLASS DOJO, please do so. I often will send messages through dojo when needed regarding your child's behavior throughout the day or alert you to important school news like snow days, or bus delays, etc.. I have been choosing 2-3 students almost every day to get a "Happy Call" home. If I am not able to make a "Happy Call" I will let you know through dojo. "Happy Calls" are a positive reinforcement for good behavior in the classroom. Our goal is to receive a "Happy Call" instead of a "sad call" for misbehavior.

This is just a brief snapshot of what we have had going on in 5th grade. Please feel free to contact me at anytime, with any questions or concerns regarding your child. You may reach me at the school or by email at akidd@macademyk8.com. PLEASE stay updated also by reading Mrs. Mohana's monthly column. If she has addressed it, I try not to duplicate the information. Working together with you, for the success of your child is my ultimate goal.

Ms. Kidd

Middle School

Math Class News

Welcome to Mrs. Kalem's Math Class!

Message From The Teacher

Welcome to Middle School Grade Math! I am very excited to teach MS students this year! We will be reviewing some prior learned math concepts, connecting them to future learning, and furthering our understanding of math!

In math, grades will be weighted as follow: Tests/Quizzes will be worth 40%, classwork 40%, and homework 20%. There will be a test after each topic over information that the students should have memorized or be fluent in. A study guide for test/quizzes will be given at least a week before. MS math topics include

Proportionality, Numbers and Computation, Algebra and Functions, Geometry, and Data Analysis and Probability.

We have daily online and hard copy home! Please check your child's account/folder everyday!

Math Content

6th Grade:

Students expand their understandings of multiplication and division to divide fraction by fraction. They also compute with decimals.

7th Grade:

Students expand their understandings of operations with rational numbers to positive and negative integers and rational numbers

8th Grade

Students analyze, write, and solve linear equations

What is happening?

*NWEA in progress

*pSAT test , November 12th

Contact the Teacher

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Middle School

Science Class News

Welcome to Mr. Akram's Science Class!

Dear Families,

In the month of December, I will be covering these subjects for 6th graders; we will be discussing and reviewing the three systems forms of the heat transfer. Then we will be discussing the ecological system including the Biotic and abiotic factors that affect the human life. We would have a more in depth discussion about the different parts of the ecological system.

For 7th graders we will be discussing and reviewing the open, closed and isolated systems, we will be covering the law of the mass conservation and its practical applications.

For 8th graders we will learn how elements exist in different compounds and states as they move from one reservoir to another. We will be discussing the formation of the fossils and finding the age of these fossils. The chronological order of the different Earth layers and their importance would be also discussed.

I hope that each student does his or her best this month with Progress Reports around the corner! let's all work together for the success of your child's academics!

Contact the Teacher

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Middle School

ELA/US History Class

Welcome to English/History Class!

Message From The Teacher

Hello to December, the ELA classes of all grades will be busy reading their books/novels for research and completion of book reports as well as presentations.

Middle School Social Studies Grades 6 & 7

In December, the Sixth and Seventh graders will learn about the government and its role and the different governmental systems.

8th Grade:

The US History class will be researching and studying the Constitution in preparation for presentation and submission of Constitutional Amendment reports.

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Special Education

Parents and Families,

It's hard to believe the year is almost over and the first half of the school year is coming to an end! As we head into Winter Break in the next few weeks, I recommend that you encourage your student(s) to read nightly and practice any math facts relevant to their IEP goals. Information and skills are often lost when not used for a significant amount of time. It is important that students return to school refreshed and ready to learn, as we will try to spend as little time as possible on review in order to ensure all goals are being met and new skills are being taught and acquired.

I wish you and your family the best this holiday season, and as always, you are welcomed to reach out to me by phone (734-677-0732) or email (slampkins@macademyk8.com) for any questions or concerns.

Happy holidays,
Ms. Lampkins



Arabic Class

December

كانون الأول ديسمبر

What we are learning in our Arabic Classroom?

ما الذي نتعلمه في فصل اللغة العربية

- Alphabets with long & short vowels الحروف مع الحركات الطويلة و القصيرة
- Classroom objects في مفردات الصف
- Transportation Vocabularies وسائل مفردات النقل

Middle School:

Group A

Arabic Reader text Book: Students are working on their comprehension, reading and writing skills.

والكتابة والقراءة الفهم مهارات على الطلاب يعمل

Group B

MS students have been working on how their Arabic letters along with short and long vowels and new vocabularies.

ومفرداتها القصيرة و الطويلة الحركات مع الحروف

Important Information

لومات معلومات مهمة

- Please check the Arabic folder for potential incomplete classwork/ homework to help your kids finish it at home!
- We will be reviewing Spelling words every week! Please help your kids studying them! We will also be studying these words in class.
- The spelling words test will be every week
- على الأهل الإطلاع على ملف اللغة العربية لمساعدة الطالب على الإملاء! إتمام واجباته و التحضير لإمتحان - أسبوع كل سيكون الإملاء إمتحان

Lower Elementary:

- Lower elementary students continue to work on their Arabic Alphabets along with new vocabularies that are related to the letters of the week. الحروف ومفرداتها
- Classroom Objects vocabularies مفردات في الصف
- Transportation Vocabularies مفردات وسائل النقل

Upper Elementary:

Group A: Arabic Reader text book. Students are working on their writing skills.

يعمل الطلاب على مهارات الكتابة

Group B:

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الحروف مع الحركات

الطويلة و القصيرة
ومفرداته

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Helpful Reminders

After Care

Multicultural Academy offers after school care from 3:30-5:00PM Monday-Friday to all K-9 grade students.

Student Transportation

Please contact the office by 12:00 pm if there is a change for the bus route. If a student wishes to ride home with another student they are required to have a note with them to give to the bus driver.

School Messenger

Please be sure to listen to your voicemail whenever the school sends out a message. We will notify you with updated bus routes, events at school, as well as possible days off.

Uniform Policy

	Boys and girls must wear a solid navy blue polo. It can be long or short sleeves.
	Students must wear solid Khakis only. NO jeans, spandex, or sweatpants.
	Abayas must be a solid navy blue or black . Uniform must be worn underneath. Hijabs should be black or white. NO prints, designs, patterns, or other colors.
	Shoes must wear solid black or brown athletic shoes. NO heels or open toed shoes.
	Sweaters must be black or navy blue in color with uniform underneath. Hoodies are NOT permitted. NO colors and designs.



Our school is nut
and peanut FREE