



Mr. P's Hall of Fame: A Report Card Record!

Mr. P's Hall of Fame wall has been updated! The second report card has 7 students with all As (Principal's List) and 8 students with all As & Bs (Honor Roll)! What an incredible feat! Our class also has 6 students with all 4s on effort. Way to go, students!

Principal's List:

Brooke Baker, Avion Brown, Tyler Bullock, Julia Dennis, Samavathey Nhon, Xander Reveal, and Florian Sabatini!

A/B Honor Roll:

Sawan Ahmed, Emmanuela Ekwo, Jillian Kelton, Cheryl Quartey, Sam Roth, Mia Sanchez-Guevara, Sophie Tyler, Riley Verner!



PBL Expo...

The Meigs Sixth Grade PBL Expo will be the week of February 9-13. All sixth grade students are participating in this grade level PBL (project based learning) unit by responding to a driving question. The driving question for 2015's PBL is: "Nashville was given the moniker 'Athens of the South' in the 19th Century. How do we promote Nashville as the 'Athens of the South' in the 21st Century?" As the month-long study continues, students will learn all about the legacies of Ancient Greece (Athens), learn about propaganda techniques and how to state a claim and support it, learn about scale and the golden ratio among many other connected topics.

Students are being given the challenge of creating a print ad or video PSA to use in their presentation. Along with this challenge, students will separately write a persuasive essay and create a scale model during this nine weeks connected to the PBL. Students will keep all information and documentation in a PBL binder that is divided into sections. Mrs. Parks has created a working Lib Guide that has all rubrics and details needed. To access that site, visit <http://www.flyparsons.org/PBL.html>

4-H Club News...

Our class 4-H club met on December 9. Students gave speeches. Congrats to these students.

1st Place: Tyler Bullock, Brooke Baker, Ellery Hulse, Max Langlais

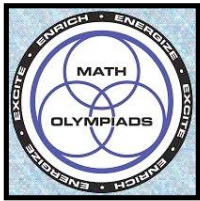
2nd Place: Mills Coleman, Julia Dennis, Xander Reveal

3rd Place: Kelsey Amberson, Cheryl Quartey

Our next meeting is January 27. At that meeting, students will present art posters. Check out Mrs. Hayslett's video explaining the rules on the 4-H class webpage.

Math Olympiads!

Mr. P's class competed in contest #2 of this year's Math Olympiads on December 16.



Congrats to our top mathlete, Kelsey Amberson with another perfect score of 5, bringing her year-to-date total to 10 points! Cheryl Quartey is in second place with a year-to-date total of 8 points. Tyler Bullock is in third place with a year-to-date total of 7, and followed by Samavathey Nhon in fourth place with a year-to-date total of 6 points. Three

students are tied for fifth place each with 5 year-to-date points: Mills Coleman, Florian Sabatini, and Clay Williams. The following students are all tied for 8th place with a total of 4 points each: Sawan Ahmed, Brooke Baker, Drew Bathon, Avion Brown, Emmanuela Ekwo, Bella Felts, Max Langlinais, Xander Reveal, Mia Sanchez-Guevara, and Riley Verner. The next Math Olympiads contest is on January 13.

From Mr. P...

1. **TOP TYPISTS:** Mia Sanchez-Guevara is our top typist this week with a rate of 54WPM. Thanks to Jillian Kelton for completing 56 exercises- the most this week.
2. **HFA TUTORING:** The Hume Fogg tutoring will be held this Wednesday, January 14.

Mr. P's Student of the Week!

January 12-16, 2015: **Samavathey Nhon**

Next week's student of the week. . . Viggo Pile

Items to Bring!

- Red Tuesday Folder Signature Chart...

Mr. P's Class Calendar Up Close!

01.12.15	Spelling & Vocab Tests #24
01.12.15	PBL "It's Greek to Us" kickoff (MPR)...
01.13.15	Report Cards Issued...
01.15.15	Student Meeting with Mr. Gilkes (MPR)...
01.16.15	GENERAL STORE...
01.19.15	NO SCHOOL: MLK Day...
01.20.15	Retake Forms DUE...
01.21.15	Enrichment Wednesday...
01.23.15	Supermarket Prices Challenge DUE...
01.27.15	4H posters...
02.09.15	PBL DUE...



\$10 Meigs Moolah Secret Word & Additional Info:

<http://www.flyparsons.org/notehome.html>

WEBSITE EXTRAS!

This Week's SECRET WORD (January 13):

\$10MM: NOTE HOME SECRET WORD = "GREEK"

Mr. P's SECRET INFORMATION LEAK:

WWW.FLYPARSONS.ORG/EVERYBODYSOMEBODY.HTML

TEAM SHIRTS...

Our class will wear our super-cool class shirts on Friday, January 16. Be stylin' that day! We will wear them again the following Friday, January 23. The class shirts show just how cool our class really is!



[GRADESPEED]: REMINDERS...

UPDATE! Gradespeed.com will update by 7PM, January 15. The updates will reflect the past week. Late work has been recorded as of January 15. Notice any missing assignments? Please submit them each week with the Tuesday Folder Sheet.

A Special Coupon...

Print and clip this coupon below for a special **REWARD**. To get the reward, please obtain a parent's signature that states your parent has checked gradespeed.com.

COUPON

Student's Name _____

Parent's Signature _____

Date: _____ Secret Word: _____

TECH TIDBITS

Check out the following awesome website.

<http://mathisfun.com>



Mr. P's e-mail address is now accessible through this code on any smart phone, iPod, or iPad.

Mr. P's SPOTLIGHT

Check out Mr. P's class website QR (quick response code). Use your smart phone to simple scan and presto; you're connected to www.flyparsons.com.



Did You Read The On-Line Portion?

Let Mr. P know and he will give you a special "NO HOMEWORK PASS" on Wednesday! If you did read the on-line portion, tell Mr. P by 8:30AM what's next on the Note Home (see below)!

CLEVER CARTOON CORNER...



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Important GradesSpeed Codes...

MSG (missing): counts as a score of zero...

AM (assignment missing): score of 50...

EXC (excused): not averaged in GradeSpeed...

INC (incomplete): not averaged in GradeSpeed...

BLANK GRADE CELLS: not averaged in GradeSpeed...

Remind: Text Alerts from Mr. P...

Mr. P has an app that will keep all stakeholders up to date with class text alerts! To sign up for the latest breaking news, send a text to (727) 493-4502. On the text, type **@parsons1**

Twitter Alerts...

Stay up on our class tweets. Text on @MeigsMagnet to 404-04. This will allow all subscribers to follow our class on Twitter without necessarily being a Twitter user.

RRR...

Students, please be reminded about the three Rs! You must be **R**espectful, **R**esponsible, and **R**esourceful. The administration has reminded you on announcements about the dress code, tardies, and Mr. P is reminding you about listening in class and doing your work. Please try your very best to be organized and responsible. Sixth graders at Meigs must give 100% to maintain the standard on EFFORT grading.



Intervention & Independent Study...

Mr. P will continue to use DEA probes that we started before spring break during class and intervention. These strategies, along with teacher-led class activities, will re-focus students on states assessed skills where we have a class-wide need in math, literacy, and science. Exit slips have given Mr. P direction for SS probes, which are also available on DEA. During Intervention, students with YELLOW SLIPS will go to STATION A for additional, specific probes aimed at TCAP skills where our DEA benchmark #3 data discussions have highlighted needs for improvement. GREEN SLIPS on the board will send those students to STATION B to work on some specific advanced skills. Our hope is that these interventions will help all students move forward on the always-important TCAP test.

TCAP



Dress Code...

The following appropriately fitted tops are allowed: collared shirts- any color or pattern, with sleeves; any MeigsWear; sleeveless team jerseys with t-shirt underneath, on game days; sweatshirts, hoodies, vests, jumpers, dresses - any color or pattern. The following are not allowed: spaghetti straps, tank tops, tube tops, or hoods on heads inside the building. The following appropriately fitted bottoms are allowed: pants, skirts, shorts, dresses, and jumpers that extend below finger tips; pants of any color or pattern (jeans are permitted); any MeigsWear shorts; leggings, if worn under clothes of the appropriate length; long sports warm up pants. The following are not allowed: gym shorts outside of the gym; traditional cotton "sweat pants" with drawstrings at the waist and elastic at the ankles. The following are not allowed: flip flops, house shoes, bedroom slippers, or sandals without a heel strap.

100 Club...

There are several ways for students to earn awesome rewards. One way to get rewarded is our 100% Club. Each time the class has 100% participation in any academic endeavor, it counts toward a super class reward! Mr. P hopes to reward the entire class often. Once the class reaches ten 100% medallions, located on the cabinet below the TV, the class will become eligible to receive one of the fabulous class rewards. Class rewards may include homework breaks, pizza parties, a trip to Subway for lunch, or extra recess time! The class can be creative and come up with reward ideas for Mr. P to consider as well! So, let's get busy!



As A Reminder...

Students need to sure to come to class prepared each morning with materials for the school day. The materials needed each day include each of the four academic folders (literacy, science, SS + HW) and four academic content notebooks. Along with students' fully charged iPad, two sharpened pencils and loose-leaf notebook paper are required to be ready when morning announcements start each morning! Additional materials that are not used on a daily basis should be left in the lockers until they are needed. When they are needed, a reminder will appear on the board outside the classroom. Backpacks and other bulky

items need to stay in lockers so that the area around students' desk remains clear.

TypingWeb...

1. Students are to type at a minimum of 15 exercises per week. Students will be graded on the Gross Speed. Grades on TypingWeb are scored on a 50-point scale instead of a 100-point scale. Most students are scoring 80-85%.
2. TypingWeb is a work in progress. Students, just relax and just do the best you can; however, realize that using TypingWeb once a week will not do much to increase speeds. The students who practice 3 or 4 or 5 times a week (even if it is for shorter time periods), will see a bigger increase in their speed.
3. Check Mrs. Purcell-Orleck's website skpo.weebly.com/keyboarding.html

More From Mr. P...

1. **STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES:** Students have many opportunities to earn extra class cash by visiting the homework webpage daily. Mr. P's daily joke and HW word are updated regularly. Students, please take advantage of this opportunity. Speaking of homework, students lose class cash if they fail to get their agenda signed each day. Our goal is to have 100% of parents' signatures each week!
2. **GRADESPEED CODES:** **MSG** (missing): counts as a score of zero... **AM** (assignment missing): score of 50... **EXC** (excused): not averaged in GradeSpeed... **INC** (incomplete): not averaged in GradeSpeed... **BLANK GRADE CELLS:** not averaged in GradeSpeed...
3. **WEEBLY:** Students have a password-protected website as part of Mr. P's Weebly education account. This webpage will give student a place to link all of this year's projects and a place to spotlight their shining personalities!
4. **FACETIME:** Students are encouraged to take advantage of our technology when they are absent. If possible, students should FaceTime in to our class to keep up with everything that's happening. Students may FaceTime to another student's device or to Mr. P directly. (flyparsons@icloud.com)
5. **SCHOLASTIC READING CLUB:** Students may purchase discounted paperback books that benefit our class using the class code **GLW2M** when ordering at: <https://clubs2.scholastic.com/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/LogonForm>
6. **SOCIAL MEDIA:** Follow our class on Twitter and Facebook! See homework, special rewards, and photos of class activities there. Friend Mr. P on Facebook: facebook.com/meigsmagnet. Follow Mr. P on Twitter; twitter.com/meigsmagnet
7. **APPS:** Students have a few apps that are needed for their personal iPads. The free apps, **Educreations**, **Evernote**, **Google Docs**, **ScreenChomp**, **WoB**, **ShowMe**, **Quizlet Q Cards**, and **Socrative** ("student") all need to be downloaded on student-used iPads for class. If you are willing to spend a few dollars, the apps, **Keynote** and **Pages** are both very useful for students at Meigs. These apps will be used all this year and into 7th and 8th grades.
8. **HOME:** Please go over the Grading For Learning retake policy and the new "Professionalism and Effort Sheet" at home. The Meigs effort grading rubric has changed some from last year. The Meigs Honor Code and AUP are also important to review at home. These may be found by clicking the home icon on www.flyparsons.com, our class website
9. **LANYARDS & ID BADGES:** Students have ID badges and a lanyard that Mr. P has supplied them. It's important that students wear those at school each day. Students, here's a helpful tip: hang your ID up in your locker or on your chair leg at the end of each day. That way, you'll be ready for the next day!
10. **NOTE:** Please remember to get agendas signed each evening. Students are to get both Mr. P and parent's signatures each day!
11. **TEXTBOOKS ONLINE:** Students have been given account usernames and passwords for both the math and science online textbooks. The link to access these is found in the "TOOLBAR" on www.flyparsons.com. There is no online resource for the grammar book and the online social studies book does not require a username or password.

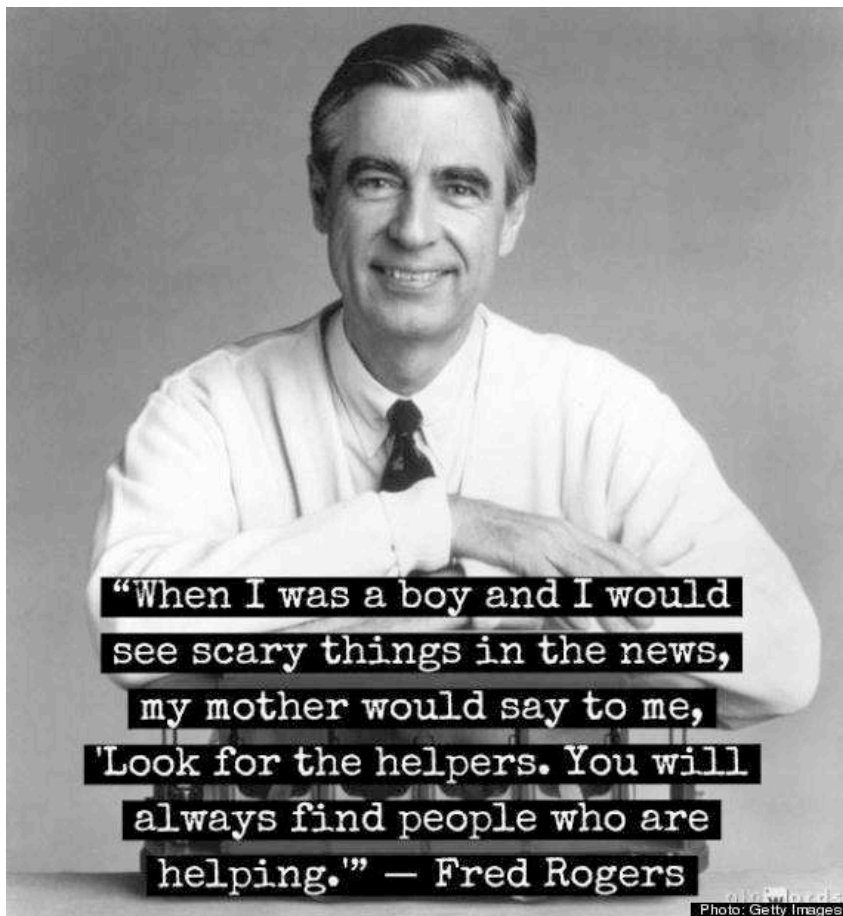
12. **DEVICES:** Students, please be responsible with your iPad. Be sure you are abiding by the Meigs iPad acceptable user procedures (AUP) you signed the first week of school. A copy of this should stay in all students' HW folders. Be reminded in order to allow everyone to keep their technology privileges, consequences aimed at curbing off-task behavior are in place. The first time a student is observed off task and not using his/her iPad for educational purposes will result in writing out the policy on notebook paper. Hopefully this will incentivize all of us to use or technology appropriately during class time. A link to a copy of the AUP is <http://www.flyparsons.org/meigsAUP.pdf>.

Mr. P's

1:1 iPad

APPSMASHERS

APPSMASHING: Students have a few apps that are needed for their personal iPads. The free apps, **Educreations**, **NearPod**, **Tellagami**, **Chatterpix-Kids**, **Glogster**, **Prezi**, **Scholastic Magazines**, **Evernote**, **Google Docs**, **ScreenChomp**, **WoB**, **ShowMe**, **Quizlet Q Cards**, and **Socrative** ("student") all need to be downloaded on student-used iPads for class. If you are willing to spend a few dollars, the apps, **Keynote** and **Pages** are both very useful for students at Meigs. These apps will be used all this year and into 7th and 8th grades.



"When I was a boy and I would
see scary things in the news,
my mother would say to me,
'Look for the helpers. You will
always find people who are
helping.'" — Fred Rogers

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Mr. P's General Store!

January 16

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MEIGS' MISSION STATEMENT...

We are an academic middle school for 5th to 8th grade students. Our mission is to provide a liberal arts curriculum that will allow our capable learners to perform at high standards of academic and social development.

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