

5th Six Weeks
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Principal's Message

The end of the school year will be here soon. I have enjoyed getting to know your children this year. I'd like to share some recent school news with you. Our choir and band programs were very successful at UIL competition. The choir and the non-varsity band earned a sweepstakes ratings, and the varsity band narrowly missed a sweepstakes rating. Our Band director, Mr. Johnson, was recently selected our Teacher of the Year. We have received our first TAKS results, and 95% of our 8th graders passed the Reading TAKS test- with 52% earning Commended performance. Our Spelling Bee Champion, Liz Adetiba, won our campus spelling bee in January, the area spelling bee in February, the regional spelling bee in March, and will compete in the National Spelling bee in Washington DC in May. I'm proud of our Coyotes.

This time of year is always very busy, so here are some important dates for your calendar.

April 28	7 th Grade Math TAKS test
April 29	7 th Grade Reading TAKS test & 8 th Grade Reading TAKS retest
April 30	8 th Grade Science TAKS test
May 1	8 th Grade Social Studies TAKS test
May 4-6	Cheer clinic
May 7	Cheer tryouts
May 19	8 th Grade Math TAKS retest
May 21	Battle of the Books
May 25	No school
June 2	Final exams (B day)
June 2	Awards Night @ Willie Pigg Auditorium
June 4	Final exams
June 15-29	MISD Summer School @ James Coble MS

Derrell Douglas
Principal

Counselor Corner

Everybody has a strength or something they do well. Take advantage of it!

What's Your Strength?

I believe that everyone has a strength; something they do well. It could be running, humor, artistic ability, growing plants, playing a musical instrument, acting, or singing. I encourage young people to build on their strengths. Sometimes your special talents can lead to a successful career. Chris Rock's strength is humor. Mother Teresa's strength was helping others. Evander Holyfield's strength is boxing. What is yours?

Help your child identify his/her special ability if he/she hasn't discovered it yet.

1. What is your strength/special ability?
2. What are you doing presently to utilize your strength?
3. Can you name a famous person who has the same strength as you?
4. What type of career or jobs could you get with your special strength?
5. Presently, can you do some volunteer work to help others that could benefit from your special talent?
6. How will your strengths help you to get along better with others?
7. Develop a plan for using your strength/special ability within the next year.

*Taken from Monday Morning Messages, Tom Carr
Coble Counselors*

Librarian News

The library will remain open through the end of school, but you will need to return your books by May 15 and take care of any library business before school is out. Please come by and see Mrs. Herford if you have any questions.

Amy Herford
Librarian
Coble Middle School
817-299-6415
http://www.mansfieldisd.org/schools/jcoble/jcoble_library/home.htm

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3rd Six Weeks Cougar Team Awards

Overall Team Awards

Character: Brittney Maulden
Most Improved: Martin O.
Academic: Rene Conyers

US History

Academic: Thang Ngyuen
Character: Rocky Skinner
Most Improved: Yinka B.

LA Johnson

Most Improved: Julio Munoz
Academic: My Cao
Character: Jamaal Deen

MATH SOWELL

Character- Lily Nguyen
Most Improved- Perry Lens
Academic- Kali Hughes

Ms. FORD

Academic - Perry Lens
Character - Khaidld Said

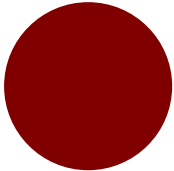
Science Ms.Lester

Academic- Marcus Jameson
Character- Jessica Gonzalez
Most Improved- Aaron Green

LA Ms. Hart

Academic: Jayme Glennon
Character: Candace Stanley

Bug Award : Reggie and Khaliah Banks



Language Arts: Mrs. Hart (Merchant)

During this fifth six weeks, students have been working on their weekly vocabulary packets, along with their weekly vocabulary tests. Students are given a vocabulary packet each Monday. They have the entire class period to work on their packets, and it is due the following Monday. A test is given on each Monday over the last week's words and this process repeats every week.

Students will be learning how to do "chunk writing." at the end of this six weeks, and into the sixth six weeks. This is a type of writing that our 8th grade Language Arts students need to know before going to high school, where this type of writing is used.

Students have finished reading their last novel, but

will begin, *The Diary of Anne Frank*, during the last six weeks. Students will be completing a research project at the beginning of the sixth six weeks that will be over the Holocaust.

Students also are required to have a book, whether it be a book from home or a book from our school library with them every day when they come to Language Arts class.

Students did take the TAKS reading test in March and when the scores returned the students did fantastic and I am extremely proud of them.

Mrs. Hart (Merchant)

Language Arts: Mrs. Johnson



The last 6 weeks we will finish the book "Homecoming" and take a final test and watch the movie. We will also complete a career investigation research project as well as learn about WWII, the Holocaust, and read "The Diary of Ann Frank".

Thank You,
Mrs. P. Johnson



Science: Mrs. Lester

The Science TAKS is quickly approaching. It will be administered April 30. Please ensure that your child receives a full night's rest and healthy breakfast prior to the test. You can also help them prepare by encouraging them, we have been preparing for this test all school year. They can do it! Other ways to help them prepare include completing Study Island assignments, reviewing their Interactive Notebooks as study material, and accessing the online study guide at <http://www.texasassessment.com/studyguides>.

Study Island is due in its entirety April 24. There is one last Super Science Saturday Camp on April 25

and TAKS preparation after school tutoring is being offered every day after school until the 24th. Extra credit and transportation are being offered for both.

After the TAKS, we will begin our forensics unit. We may need common household items donated to help your students become detectives.

As always, do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email. (817) 299-6400 or mansle@mansfieldisd.org Thanks for all of your support this school year! It has been wonderful.





Into to Algebra: Ms. Sowell

Tutoring Times: A days: 8:15-8:35 and after school by appointment only

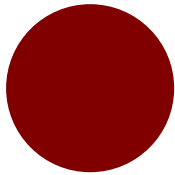
be successful in Algebra next year.

Please feel free to email me at anytime to check on the progress of your child.

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Now that the TAKS test is behind us, we will start to look toward the future.

Next year your child will be in Algebra 1. We will begin focusing on Chapters 10 and 12 in our Math books. These Chapters are the stepping stones your child will need to make sure they will



US History: Ms. Small

Go Cougars....stay focused to the end!!

We are entering the sixth six weeks which is the home stretch. The US History TAKS test date is **May 1st** and it will cover the Colonial Era to Reconstruction. We will review for two weeks with outside games, study guides and Study Island. Our students are prepared and I am certain they will surpass all expectations. The last six weeks of the year will be exciting. We will be creating Civil War re-enactments with actors, sound effects, lighting, scripts, costumes and video. The students will research primary and secondary sources of an

event that occurred during the Civil War and they will produce a mini-movie. These movies will be inserted into a power point presentation that will serve as a review for the final exam. We will be needing Civil War costumes for donation so if you are interested please contact me.

I want to thank the parents and students for giving me the honor to be your US History teacher this year. Make me proud as you enter high school and beyond!!

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