

February Newsletter

From the desk of Mrs. Redman...



Dear Parents,

Spring is quickly approaching! While we are looking forward to warmer weather, we would like to remind everyone that with the Springtime comes state-wide assessments and testing. Please remember that student attendance is imperative during the upcoming assessment window. Please continue to provide encouragement and support as these tests can be stressful to students. I would like to thank everyone in advance for their willingness to be flexible as we attempt to get all of our students tested.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Redman



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

December Graduates!!!

MAT 612 would like to congratulate Dundre B, Julia S, and Danielle B for being December Graduates!!! A Graduation Luncheon was held at Rosati's Pizzeria in Taylorville to celebrate the students' accomplishments. They were awarded their diplomas by THS Assistant Principal, Eric Bruder. Congratulations!!! We are very proud of each one of you!



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Committed to preparing students to be College, Career, and Citizenship ready.

At MACT & MAT 612 we aim to focus on helping our students to be 3C Ready. While enrolled in the program, students are exposed to curriculum, experiences, and tasks designed to help them prepare for life after high school. No matter what their individual goals are, we strive to help each student prepare in the areas of College, Career, & Citizenship.

Here are some highlights of how our students are being prepared in these areas...

Career



Mrs. Colgan's class took a field trip to the Chevrolet Hall of Fame Museum in Decatur, IL. The students in the class share an interest in cars and possibly pursuing careers in auto mechanics in the future. The museum houses a large number of Chevrolet race cars, pace cars, and show cars from the 1920's all the way to the latest models. Alongside of the impressive cars, the museum also has a great deal of memorabilia and displays. Students had a great time viewing car engines as well and how they work from a first hand perspective!



Mrs. Stephens' elementary class recently took a field trip to the Decatur Children's Museum. The participated in many activities, but one of the most popular was learning about a career in law enforcement. The students were able to learn about how science is a part of solving crimes. They were also able to sit in a law enforcement vehicle.



Citizenship

On Wednesday, February 6, MAT 612 students ventured to the Illinois State Capitol in Springfield. Students were given

a guided tour of the Capitol which included a view of the House Chamber, the Governor's wing/Governors' Hallway of Portraits, and the original Supreme Court meeting room which is now used for Senate Committee Hearings. After the tour, students were granted access to the Senate Floor and spoke with Senator Andy Manar at the Senate Leadership podium. Senator Manar talked about how the proceedings happen in the Senate as well as how debate and compromise are key components to the work of government. Students got to see, through the use of the different buttons and switches at the Senate Leadership podium and at each Senator's spot in the chamber, how things get done. After their return to MAT 612, students wrote Thank You letters to Senator Manar and his staff for giving their time on the field trip.



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Field Trip Spotlight: JH to Abe Lincoln Presidential Museum!!!

The jr. high class went to visit the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum on 2/7/19. When we first walked in we were greeted by our tour guide. He discussed how we will see the different stages of Abraham Lincoln's life. We were welcomed by life size replica of Abraham Lincoln's family, as they would have looked entering the White House. We then walked through a replica of a log cabin that Abraham Lincoln would have grown up in, in Indiana. They learned about the Emancipation Proclamation as we watched two different theaters within in the museum. They also had a scavenger hunt to find specific items within the museum. A few of them were even able to find and take a penny home that they found on the floor.



Students in front of the White House with the Lincoln Family

Reminder of Inclement Weather Notification Procedures

As inclement weather season is upon us please check the following media outlets for the latest information on school closings:

WCIS- Channel 20 Springfield

WAND TV- Channel 17

WTMI/WMKR/WRAN- Miller Media Group Radio



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School Calendar Snapshot

As a result of the inclement weather day on January 30th & 31st, Menta Taylorville will be in session on the following days.

February 18th

April 15th

March 15th- End of 3rd Qtr.

Updated school calendars are being sent home with students. Please contact the school of you need an additional copy!



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