

8TH GRADE NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2026

MRS. SMITH & GREG MACLAREN

1. Classwork.

- Math: Chapter 4 Linear Equations
- History: The Revolutionary Era. Current Event presentations continue.
- Language Arts: we will analyze various literature selections through close reading, class discussion, writing, grammar, and language study.
- Science: Units include Synthetic Materials, Chemical Reactions, and Conservation of Mass. We are building rockets!

2. Red Ribbon Week (Oct 26-30)

The theme of Red Ribbon Week, the nation's oldest and largest drug prevention program, is "Be Kind to Your Mind. Live Drug Free."

Mon. "I'm too bright for drugs." Wear neon or bright colors

Tues. You choose!! Either "Drug-free America" (wear red, white and blue) OR, "Too goth for drugs" (wear black)

Wed. Make others "Green with Envy" by saying no to drugs (wear green)

Thurs. "Crazy in a Good Way Day". Wear crazy hair, hat, socks, or an outfit.

Fri. "Say Boo to drugs!" Wear your costume to school for the parade and carnival! (no weapons or full-face masks)

3. Upcoming

- Kidder Creek Adventure Camp - Oct 6
- Picture Day - November 6
- Ski trips - tentative for February 2 and March 10

4. Special Announcement!

- Raffle: your teen is selling raffle tickets to help pay for the 8th grade field trips. The more we raise, the more field trips we can do. Please help them anyway you can! Some ideas: walk around with them to support them as they sell tickets, advertise on social media, remind them to sell tickets, connect them to coworkers and family members who would like to support your teen, etc.

Virtue of the Month:

SELF-DISCIPLINE

"The ability to control one's feelings and overcome one's weaknesses."

- Oxford Dictionary

Contact Information

If you have any questions or concerns about your child and their progress, please feel free to contact me at 623-6350 (before or after school hours).

Mrs. Smith can also be reached at ismith@dcisd.org.



Be sure to show school spirit by wearing green every Wednesday