

8TH GRADE NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2026

MRS. SMITH & MS. SHANA

1. Classwork.

Math: Exponents and scientific notation.

History: Women's Suffrage; Current Event presentations continue.

Language Arts: we will analyze various literature selections through close reading, class discussion, writing, grammar, and language study. We are writing paragraphs and essays, and are reading *The Diary of Anne Frank*.

Science: Genes and proteins, mutations, then genetic variation and heredity.

2. Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences, March 16-20. Look out for a green letter coming home with the date and time of your child's conference. Thanks, in advance, for making the time to meet with us to discuss your child's progress. We also encourage your child to come too!

3. CAASPP Testing for math, science, and language arts. This month, we will begin to prepare for the end-of-year tests by taking practice tests and reviewing test formats and types of questions. Test anxiety can run high, and this can help alleviate some of the stress.

4. 8th Grade Slideshow Photos. Over the next month, please look through your family photos and gather your top **ten single** photos (no collages). We need a variety of photos that show your child growing up. For example, start with a baby picture, the next at 1 year, 2 years, 4 years, 5 years, 6 years, 8 years, 10 years, 12 years, and then one recent picture. Please send all **10** of your **digital** photos to me ismith@dcesd.org in 1-2 emails. Make sure they are cropped just how you'd like them to appear in the slideshow. Thanks!

5. Lawn Sign Photo. Please submit one recent photo of your teen for the lawn signs. You can email that over, too! Due April 3.

6. Other Upcoming Events:

- Crescent City Tourney March 6-8.
- Ski Trips: March 20 OR April 3 (weather dependant)
- Please check the play practice schedule as practices will intensify over the next couple weeks.
- Spring Break: no school from April 4-12.
- CAASPP Test Week: May 4-8. Please do not schedule appointments during this week.
- School Play, Disney's Little Mermaid, Save the date May 14-16.

Virtue of the Month:

Integrity

"The quality of being honest and having strong moral principles that you refuse to change"

- Cambridge 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@dcesd.org.



'Be sure to show school spirit by wearing green every Wednesday