

# Team Wonder News

*Wednesday, September 3rd*

## Upcoming Important Dates

- Sept. 5: Picture Day
- Sept. 5: Color Run Day (the final event in our fundraiser) - We will have our pictures taken before the color run begins.
- Sept. 30: Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Oct. 9: Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Oct. 17: NO SCHOOL - All day Parent/Teacher conferences
- Oct. 20: NO SCHOOL: Teacher Records Day

## Headphones

Students need to have their own pair of headphones or earbuds. Wireless headphones are not allowed at school.

## Math Tests Next Week

On our team we have students who are taking 6th grade math and students who are taking 7th grade math. Both groups will have a math test next week. Before each math test Mr. Brinn gives the class a study guide that closely resembles what will be on the test. This is a great tool for practice and reflection on individual readiness.

## Sign up for this Friday's Color Run

The final event for our fundraiser is this Friday. Our team will be participating from 2:00 - 3:00. If you would like to sign up to help use this [link](#).

## Cardboard tubes

We do lots of projects on Team Wonder. For some of the projects cardboard tubes are great building supplies. If you have paper towel, wrapping paper, or other similar tubes, please send them to school with your child.

## Presentations

Groups gave their first presentations last Thursday. Overall the kids did a great job of designing a new backpack idea, using persuasive techniques, and speaking to a group of 50+ people. They will do many presentations this year, a few of which will be to adults who help us with different projects. We value authentic audiences and know how priceless these experiences are for our students to present, not to exclusively their classmates, but to other professionals.

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## **Grades**

Students check their own grades each week to prepare their Friday email to their parents/guardians. This is the first grade in Pickerington in which students receive A-F letter grades. We offer help and worklist breakdowns to students who are still developing their independent organizing skills. Our goal is that by the end of the year our students are completely ready for the junior high experience!

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## **Missing Work and Corrections**

Students can make corrections to almost every assignment. This includes quizzes and tests. We accept late work up to the end of the quarter in which it was assigned. Students should send the teacher an email when late work is turned in so we know to go back and check it. The exception is speaking grades for presentations and debates.

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## **Student emails - kids love getting responses from you**

Every Friday you will get an email from your child that gives you an update on their grades, progress on iReady and Khan Academy, goals they set for themselves and other details about things they worked on that week.

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## **Conferences**

We will send you a link in a few weeks so you can sign up for the conference day and time you would like. We will send home a paper for each student listing positive and negative characteristics we have noticed and whether or not we would like to request a conference with you.

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## **Are you interested in speaking to our students?**

We are always looking for people that would like to come in and speak to our team about careers. If you are interested, please send us an email and we can chat with you in more detail. We have had speakers about investing, literacy, and a variety of public services.

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