

Seventh Grade Newsletter

February 2, 2026

News and Events

Students will be harvesting pond ice with Peter on Monday and Tuesday; students need to be dressed warmly for this activity. They should have boots, gloves/mittens, and a warm coat.

- February 9 Pure Michigan Payments are due \$75 students/ \$100 chaperones
- February 11 School Spelling Bee, 6 pm, Middle School Commons
- February 13 and 16 No school-Midwinter Break
- February 18 Tickets and permission slips are due for the middle school dance. A copy of the form is attached in the email.

Curriculum Notes

ELA: Students will continue reading *Bud, Not Buddy*. In conjunction with reading, students are focused on story elements, and collecting evidence for the essay question: "Can kindness change a person's circumstances?"

Social Studies: Students will be taking a closer look at four empires: Persia, China, Rome, and India.

Science: Students are testing materials and learning about the different ways heat transfers. They will then begin to design a shelter to reduce heat transfer to a penguin-shaped ice cube. Students will test their designs, then modify to improve it.

Second Step Lessons

In this week's lesson, your child will distinguish between helpful thoughts, which are thoughts that can help them make good decisions, and unhelpful thoughts, which are thoughts that can lead to negative decisions.

Question: Tell your child about a helpful thought you recently had and the decision you made because of it. Ask them to share a helpful thought they had as well. If they can't think of anything, point out something positive they did recently and help them identify the thought that went along with it.

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