

# Seventh Grade Newsletter

May 4, 2026

## News and Events

### Pure Michigan Reminders

- The Room Buddy Form was due today, May 4.
- Chaperone/Parent Meeting is Tuesday, May 5 at 5:30 pm in the Commons
- Please turn in the medication forms as soon as possible
- Hoodies will be handed out on Thursday, May 21 along with their Luggage Pass

Progress reports for Quarter 4 will be posted on Friday, May 8 in Skyward.

NWEA testing will be held on Tuesday, May 12 and Thursday, May 14. Please avoid making appointments for those mornings to avoid students missing instruction for make-up testing.

**Please note: We will have school on Friday, May 29 in person. It is not a virtual day for seventh graders.**

## Curriculum Notes

**ELA:** In May, we will read *Out of the Dust*, a novel written in verse about the Dust Bowl. In writing, students will read and write poetry. To finish up the poetry unit, we will have a poetry cafe where students will read aloud at least one of their poems.

**Social Studies:** This week in social studies, students will be learning about the Soo Locks and how they operate. We will explore why the locks are so important for shipping and trade in the Great Lakes region, and how they help freighters move between Lake Superior and the lower Great Lakes.

We will also be studying Mackinac Island and the island's role in Michigan history as well as the historic forts, Fort Mackinac and Fort Michilimackinac.

Through these lessons, students will build an understanding of how geography and history connect to trade, transportation, and life in Michigan.

**Science:** This week, students are learning about osmosis and diffusion, and active vs. passive transport across the cell membrane. For their final project, small groups will design a model that makes connections between cell organelles and processes to roles and functions in the real world. They will have an open-note quiz on cell respiration and photosynthesis on Tuesday.

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