

February 19, 2018

Middle School Board Report

1. 8th grade students have been working on an interdisciplinary PBL unit in conjunction with Social Studies and Language Arts. Students have used the Rhetorical Triangle to create a compelling speech about the events of WWII. Students used emotion, character, and reasoning to deliver the speech.
2. A Lot Of Shaking! 7th grade students are testing houses today. The design constraints were given and students had to use products to hold the houses together that were no glue. Pretty creative!
3. One of the 6th grade standards in social studies is to analyze and explain explain the cultural, physical, and environmental characteristics of places and regions and how this affects the life of the people who live there. The 6th graders have been learning about Ancient Egypt and how the culture has influenced the modern world.
4. On January 24th, students competed to be the New Hampton Geography Bee Champion. All students in 4th through 8th grade had the opportunity to compete. The competition began with a test in social studies class to narrow the field. Finalists for each grade were then selected and then competed against each other. There were several rounds to narrow the competitors into the final two. The final two went head to head for three questions. The winner was Katie Steinlage, 8th grade.
5. Oelwein Middle School came to visit the Middle School to see how we have our day structured and opportunities we offer students. They were impressed with all we do for students and want to continue in professional discussions.
6. Teachers continue to work on Midmester. We have had several schools interested in what we are doing with students and making learning more personal. We look forward to Midmester coming next month!
7. The students celebrated our monthly PBIS goal to reduce incomplete homework minors on 2/7 for 7th and 8th grade students. The 5th and 6th grade students celebrated on 2/12 by watching a short movie or dodgeball.
8. The 6th grade students learned about opportunities and employability skills in our community from McDonalds.