



On May 14th, the Pierce Middle School Debate Team participated in the Lumos May Invitational Debate Tournament.

Students debated whether or not the United States should eliminate subsidies for fossil fuels companies. Students used the Public Forum Debate format to discuss the positive and negative consequences of eliminating subsidies. Students Isabella Alba, Tess Carroll, Adam Cheers, John Griffin, Dobie Illich, Ben Neugebauer, Avery Squicciarino, Thinh Tran, and Sadie Wetzner-Crothers competed in this tournament. Isabella Alba, Ben Neugebauer, Adam Cheers, and John Griffin received Speaker Awards for earning distinguished scores in debate rounds. The Pierce Debate Team was thrilled to participate in this fifth and final tournament for the 2021-2022 academic school year. We look forward to competing next year!

## CHROMEBOOK INFORMATION FOR CURRENT 8TH GRADERS

We are excited to share with you that Milton High School will continue with their one-to-one Chromebook initiative (1:1) for all ninth and tenth grade students next year. In adopting this model, all ninth and tenth grade students will receive a school-issued Chromebook that they will take to and from school on a daily basis. Ninth and tenth grade students **will not** be allowed to bring their own device to school.

All current eighth-grade students will be asked to return their loaned Chromebook and charger to Pierce Middle School the last week of school. Students attending Milton High School this fall will receive their Chromebook in advisory on the first day of school.

Optional Chromebook insurance will be offered to all students loaning a Chromebook. It is highly encouraged to purchase insurance for their school-issued Chromebook. If insurance is declined, students are held responsible for damage beyond reasonable wear and tear as outlined in the [Loan Agreement](#). Information on how to purchase Chromebook Insurance and 1:1 Chromebook initiative for the 2022-23 school year will be shared in the coming weeks.

## IS - English Chasing Lincoln's Killer

Pierce Middle School's 8th grade IS English class just finished the book *Chasing Lincoln's Killer* by James Swanson. The book tells the story of the pursuit and capture of John Wilkes Booth and gives a day by day account of the wild chase to find this killer and his accomplices. Students annotated each chapter and chose a topic of interest to do a deeper dive and mini-research report on. Topics included: Mary Todd Lincoln, The Emancipation Proclamation, the Gettysburg Address, Henry Rathbone, and Secretary of State William Seward. The students then presented their research to the class.



## WORKING HARD IN ART

Mr. Manning's art classes are "slaying" it and pushing hard towards the finish. 7th and 8th grade students were doing a lesson called "What's Poppin". Students were asked to choose their favorite junk candy and create a pop art style piece influenced by Andy Warhol. Salty, sugary, sweet, sour, and everything in between, students used unrealistic color schemes to create one of a kind paintings. 7th and 8th grade artists started with six small drawings and then picked one of their favorites for their painting. Students learned what the screen printing process looks like and that one of Warhol's prints just sold for \$195 million dollars. See if you can find your favorite candy below.



8th grade ACE students officially opened Caine's Arcade and the place was buzzing. Students were invited from other classes to come in and play all of the games. Visitors had a blast as they got to visit each game and win an assortment of prizes. Games were fun and challenging and a good time was had by all. Check out a few games below.



6th graders just started a new "Cartography" assignment that has them focusing on a bird's eye view of their neighborhood using google maps. 6th grade artist are learning about drawing maps and creating different perspectives of their neighborhood. The results are going to be spectacular, so stay tuned. Mr. Manning's artists also celebrated our cafeteria and food service workers during the week. They are the true heroes of keeping our middle schooler's happy with great food and service on a daily basis. They were presented with a giant sandwich board with a few hundred of the kids' signatures.



As a bonus this week, some students got a chance to work outside in the warm weather. There are challenges to working outside the classroom, but students loved the fresh air and gentle breeze while they were working. We will continue to work outside as long as mother nature helps us out.



## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

For planning purposes for next year, if your child will not be attending Pierce Middle School or Milton High School next year, please contact your child's grade level guidance counselor. Thank you!

8th graders on the Aquarius and Phoenix teams had a great time on their field trip to the Museum of Science this week. Orion students will be heading there in June.

### Museum of Science



## UPCOMING EVENTS

SCHEDULE OF DAYS THIS WEEK: Monday - D1, Tuesday - D2, Wednesday - D3, Thursday - D4, Friday - D5

May 30...Memorial Day - no school; June 24...Last Day of School

## HELPFUL RESOURCES

- Ms. Perry - School Nurse  
• [bperry@miltonps.org](mailto:bperry@miltonps.org) or 617-696-4575
- Marti McKenna, Family Outreach Liaison  
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- Ms. Benjamin - Gr. 6 Guidance Counselor  
• [ebenjamin@miltonps.org](mailto:ebenjamin@miltonps.org)
- Ms. Jaquette - Gr. 7 Guidance Counselor  
• [ejquette@miltonps.org](mailto:ejquette@miltonps.org)
- Ms. Veldran - Gr. 8 Guidance Counselor  
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