



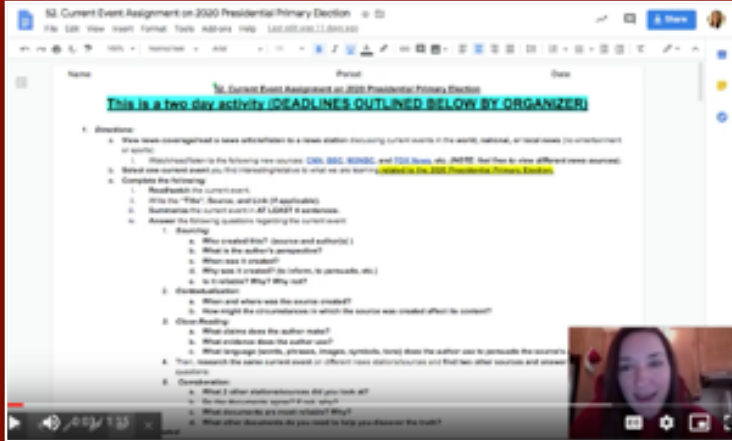
Will McDonough Writing Contest

Congratulations to Lydia Turner who won 2nd Place in the Will McDonough Writing Contest. There were over 1,100 entries. Lydia, a 7th grader in Mr. Querzoli's English class, wrote a strong persuasive essay about keeping the age requirement for competing in the Olympics to 16 years old.

Lydia was not alone. About 15 Yellowstone students gave up a couple lunch periods and took on extra weekend writing to meet the contest deadline. Congrats to everyone who entered this prestigious contest!

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

- The Mercury team is having fun meeting up with their classes virtually and checking in to see how everyone is doing.
- CoderZ is back! CoderZ is "an online educational environment that improves students' 21st century skills." Students have fun while learning to program their own virtual cyber robot. They have made their coding curriculum available for free to schools who are closed at this time. Ms. Magill created a school account so any Pierce Middle School student is eligible for an account. If your student is interested, please have them send Mrs. Magill an email at dmagill@miltonps.org with their grade, and she will get an anonymous account set up for them. There are four levels from beginner to advanced, so there is something for everyone!
- Ms. Fraine is posting daily "at-home science" activities to her teacher Instagram (@frainiac_science [link](#))
- Ms. Augustyn is updating Google Classroom and walking students through assignments with a video description. In addition, she's asking students to share using the comment feature on Google Classroom in response to my questions during my videos. See below:



WONDER WHAT YOUR TEACHERS ARE DOING?

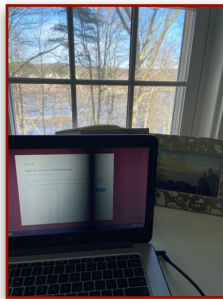
Check out the pictures below!



Ms. Percuoco's been baking and walking her dog, Cooper!



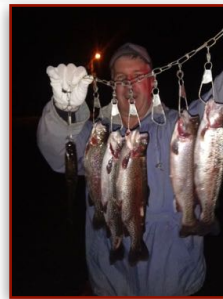
Mr. Romeo's family is living in tight quarters in a hotel room while his house is being renovated!



Ms. Jaquette has a much nicer view from her desk now!



Ms. Power is up 40,000 steps on her FitBit from last week!



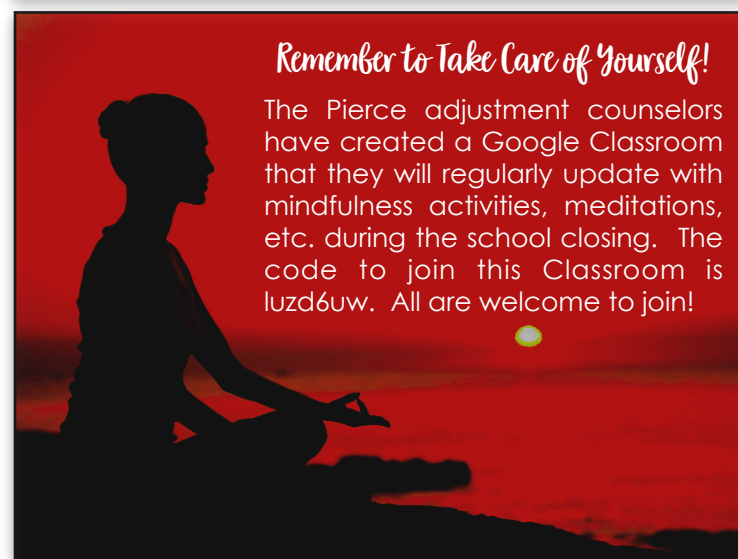
Mr. Dolan says Houghtons Pond is stocked with trout!



Ms. Mazzola finally got around to that picture gallery project she's been putting off forever!

AVAILABLE RESOURCES

MPS and Pierce have made a number of resources available for families at home. Below are just a few:



As we all navigate this unfamiliar territory that has come with Governor Baker's recent suspension of educational services and recommendation for social distancing as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019, we here at Milton Public Schools want families to know that we are committed to being a resource for you. Whether you are unsure of how to connect with school staff or directly need a referral for services or supplies please don't hesitate to reach out to Marti O'Keefe McKenna, MPS Family Outreach Liaison at 617-980-7343 or by email at mmckenna@miltonps.org.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

During this difficult time, your child may need additional support to cope with our temporary "new normal." The Pierce guidance counselors are here to help you and your child. If your child would like to connect with their guidance counselor to check in, get support, discuss academics or just talk, please ask them to email their counselor. We will then email your child and set up a time to connect through google hangouts.

- Grade 6 - lveldran@miltonps.org
- Grade 7 - ebenjamin@miltonps.org
- Grade 8 - ejacquette@miltonps.org

Please know that we are here to help. We hope that everyone is healthy and safe.

Speech & Language

The Milton Speech and Language staff members have created activities to help you work on your students' pragmatic and language skills. You can access these activities by joining their Google Classrooms.

Social Pragmatics
Link: Click [HERE](#)
Code: sn367yc

Language Skills
Link: Click [HERE](#)
Code: tmggvft

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 10...Good Friday - No School; **April 20-24...**April Vacation; **May 25...**Memorial Day - No School

SCHEDULE OF DAYS UPON RETURN ON MAY 4:

Monday - D2, Tuesday - D3, Wednesday - D4, Thursday - D1, Friday - D2