

INFORMATION FOR 8TH GRADERS

8th graders should click [HERE](#) to see all summer assignments for MHS. The site is still being updated, so be sure to check back after the last day of school.

Below is a description of the Milton High School Summer Reading Challenge.

READ: Students can read any title they want, rather than specifically assigned titles. They will complete a form with a written open response and some survey questions about their reading habits, etc, and will also have a chance to read multiple titles over the summer and share that with their teacher.

REFLECT: We have added a reflection piece for each student. The prompts are designed for students to reflect on their own lives, and will give teachers a chance to get to know their student, and provide a writing sample for teachers in the first days of school next year.

CONNECT: The last portion asks students to make a connection to the world around them, with three challenges... take a minute, take an hour, make a commitment. You can see the options when you click on that portion of the website.

Click [HERE](#) to access the full MHS summer reading site.



8TH GRADE AWARD WINNERS

Kai Quinones - Emily Wheeler Ayre Award
Mary Kate Maloney - Aimee & Rosamund Lamb Award
Cora Redmond - Doris Green Award
Dharnel Jean-Pierre - Robert E. Tippo Award
Moses Mann - Hanley Award
Lenny Wall - Andre Flores Award
Lucy Hollingsworth-Hays - Grace Goddard Award
Cat Best - Anna McReynolds Award

Click [HERE](#) to see a quick video honoring all the award winners.

A Note from

Ms. Jaquette

Dear Eighth Graders,

The time has come to say goodbye to your middle school years and get ready for your next adventure, high school. It is hard for me to wrap my head around the fact that you are moving on to 9th grade. I feel like it was just yesterday that I met most of you at Welcome to Middle School, or during your first few months in 6th grade (or as a new student in the later years) when you were walking through the halls nervous, excited, and unsure of what your time at Pierce would be like. This school year did not end as we had hoped or wanted. There was no Social, Field Day, DC trip, or end of year activities, but I can honestly say that I feel lucky and appreciative of the times we did have together.

Every three years I get a new group of students and I am fortunate enough to really get to know and work closely with them. Each group has its own "vibe" and personalities and teaches me different life lessons during our time together. In my 12 years as a guidance counselor I have never had a situation like we had during the last 3 months. Though it was hard and sad, you got through it. I truly admire your amazing, vibrant and resilient class! During one of my student meetings about a month ago, one of your peers told me that this pandemic has made them really appreciate what they do have and what their lives are like without the virus. This comment in itself taught/reminded me to try to stay positive and to be grateful for the good things we have in life, especially during times of adversity.

I hope that all of you feel like you did your best and had the best time while at Pierce. I am confident that all of you will continue to grow and mature into great students, friends, and leaders.

We will go back to school some day, whether at the beginning of next year, or a few months into the school year. Whatever happens, know that you made it through some really difficult days and that you can and will continue to succeed. Continue to get outside for walks or bike rides, see friends (if possible), and truly connect with and appreciate the time with your loved ones at home.

I hope you all have a wonderful and safe summer, and I will be thinking of you as you transition to high school. I will miss all of you, but I am only a quick email away. I look forward to seeing you down the road and hearing about your new adventures.

As always, stay classy,

Mrs. Jaquette



Welcome to the World
Leo Mark Fraine
born on June 8, 2020
at 4:21 AM
6 lbs, 12 oz
19.5 inches long
Congratulations Mrs. Fraine

8TH GRADE DELIVERIES

Pierce staff members took to the streets to deliver certificates and gifts from the PTO to every 8th grader's home. Congratulations to all our 8th graders!



Music That Inspires Change



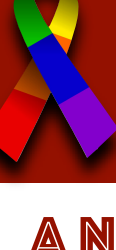
Members of the Pierce Middle School Chorus completed a choice board of activities related to Civil Rights/Black Lives Matter and LGBTQ+ Pride.

Click [HERE](#) to view a slideshow that includes just a few of the HUNDREDS of incredible pieces of artwork, poetry, and thoughtful responses that were submitted.



Click [HERE](#) to see the 8th end of year grade video.

GSA PRIDE VIDEO



Click [HERE](#) to see the GSA Pride video. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the video. A special thanks to Ms. Jaquette and Ms. Prodanas for organizing all the photos and videos and to Ms. Magill for finalizing the video.

A NOTE FROM THE NURSE

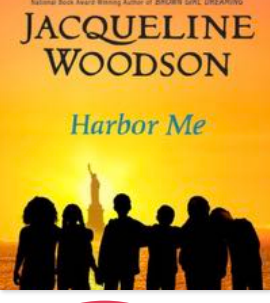
We want to make you aware that at the start of the 2020-2021 school year, school nurses will need to obtain an immunization record for the meningococcal conjugate vaccine for students entering the 7th grade, unless a religious or medical exemption applies.

All other immunization requirements for school entry will remain the same. **All students must have an up to date physical exam and immunization record prior to the entrance to school.**

Per the new requirements for 7th grade entry, the immunization record will need to demonstrate 1 dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY) for all students.

Pierce Middle School Summer Reading 2020

Please join the entire Pierce community in reading *Harbor Me* by Jacqueline Woodson this summer.



"Ms. Laverne said every day we should ask ourselves, 'If the worst thing in the world happened, would I help protect someone else? Would I let myself be a harbor for someone who needs it? Then she said, 'I want each of you to say to the other: I will harbor you.' I will harbor you."

What do we need to do?

- Pick up your free book
- Read and enjoy
- Participate in team activities in September

PICK UP YOUR BOOK AT PIERCE OR THE MILTON PUBLIC LIBRARY. Email any questions to Cat DesRoche at cdesroche@miltonps.org

PIERCE MIDDLE SCHOOL

June 22, 2020
10 am - 2 pm
June 23, 2020
8 am - 12 pm

MILTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

June 22 - 26, 2020
9 am - 6 pm



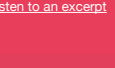
Learn about Jacqueline Woodson



Listen to Jacqueline Woodson talk about Harbor Me



Listen to an excerpt



any thanks to the Milton Public Library for their generosity and support!

The goal of this summer's all school read it to provide a common book for students and staff to read over the summer with the intention of holding small group conversations in the fall of 2020. The conversations will focus on the themes of equity, access, belonging, and community. By ensuring that all students and staff access the text, the focus will be less on accountability and more on rich conversation in relevant topics.

From Ms. Dearing, Adjustment Counselor

Congratulations to you all for finding a way to make it through the last three months of the school year and remote learning. I hope you are able to find time this summer for relaxation, reflection, adventure, recharging, or whatever it is you personally need to find some joy and calm. The link below is for a gratitude journal that I like to use with students. It can be a helpful tool in allowing our minds to take a break from worry, frustration and stress and allow for time each day to focus on something we are grateful for, something that has brought us joy or brought us peace. Use it for yourself, pass it on to your family and be well.

[Gratitude Journal: Three Good Things](#)

A VIRTUAL FRENCH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

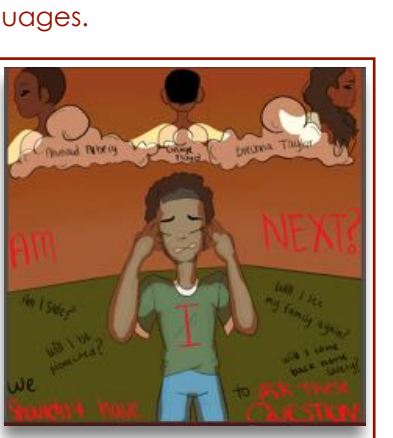
Mr Fender's classes participated in writing eBooks about their life in confinement and exchanging them with a class in southern France also in 'stay-at-home' in order to compare Covid19 experiences from around the world.



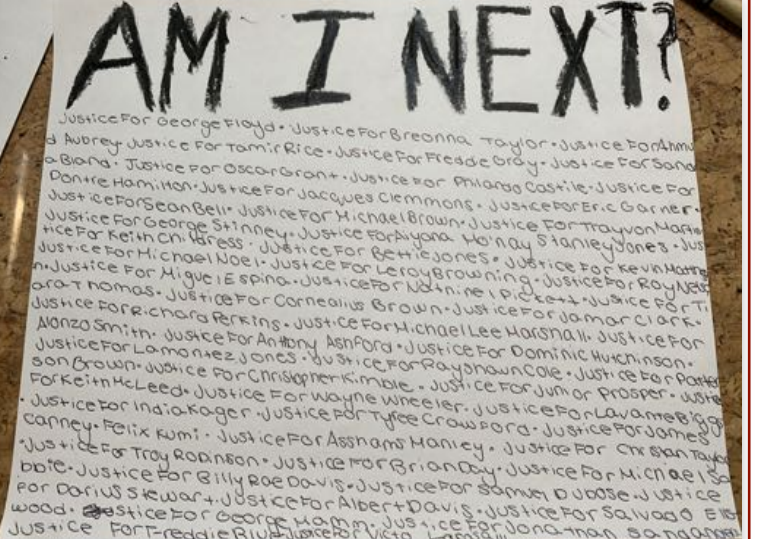
Students subsequently joined a series of bilingual virtual classrooms combining two 8th grade language arts classes from Milton and two English language arts classes from Arles, France. They had an opportunity to discuss their books, but mainly the time was spent answering and asking questions in both languages.

STUDENTS SHARE THEIR FEELINGS

In Spanish classes, students shared their feelings about current global events in the past few weeks. These are some of samples of their work.



Artwork above by Decarla Nelson, Grade 7; Artwork below by Jacira King, Grade 7; Poem below by Hilda Alexis, Grade 8



Did "Slavery" end in the late 1860's
Yes
And what happened after it ended?
The states were broke
So what did they do about that?
They created prisons
The 13th amendment had everything to do with it.
It says that no one can be a slave unless they are criminals
So this corrupt policing system was created
To purposely "re-enslave" Black People
And force us into doing free labor again
The system is corrupt
We need justice For all our brothers and sisters
It has gone to far
We are tired
We are angry
We are sad
We are mourning
Our skin color doesn't make us any less than human
Make America Equal For Once



The yearbooks have not yet arrived. As soon as they are in, we will contact parents with pick up information. At this time, they are sold out, so we cannot take any new orders.

MR. SMITH GETS A HAIRCUT

Students on the Aquarius team voted on what kind of haircut Mr. Smith should get. See pictures below of the winning style - monk/tonsure!



To see the full video, visit Mr. Smith's teacher Instagram at [mr_smithistory](#).



Marti McKenna, Family Outreach Liaison, is available all summer. Feel free to reach out if you need any support.
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