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DRYDEN MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Events:

May 28
Memorial Day Parade
10:30 a.m.

June 7
MS Chorus Concert
Auditorium 7:00 p.m.

June 11
6 & 7 Awards Night
6:30 p.m.

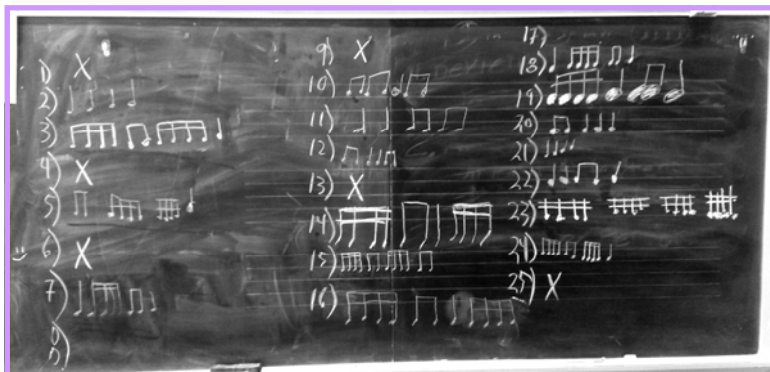
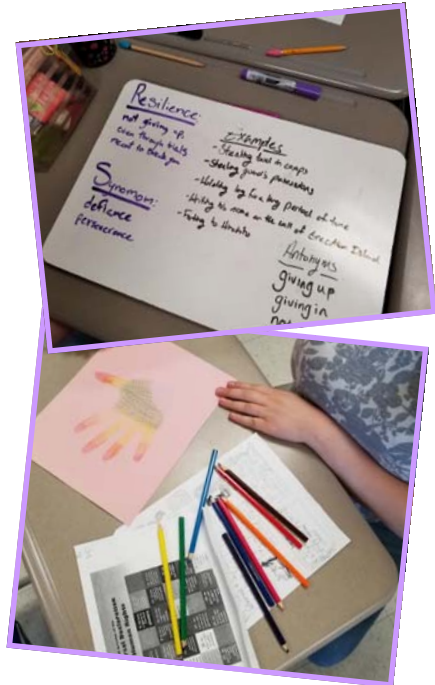
June 18
8th Grade Moving Up
Ceremony and Awards
Starts at 7:00 p.m.

June 21
Last Day of Classes

Class Spotlight

Eight Grade English Language Arts

In 8th grade ELA, students have been reading both *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand and *A Farewell to Manzanar* by Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston & James D. Houston. Through reading these texts, one about being a prisoner of war and the other about Japanese internment, students in 8th grade are being challenged to look at the same events through different perspectives. Students will explore common themes and evaluate how both prisoners of war and internees have had to be resilient, even when they feel invisible. As a class, we have also read the United Nations *Universal Declaration of Human Rights* in order to see what rights all people should have and how to respect each other so these events are not repeated in our future. In an effort to apply these themes to our school, students have traced their hands and made a pledge on how they can stop hate and judgment in our school, and bring more compassion, kindness, perspective, and humanity to our school.



Music 6

The 6th Grade General Music class has been working on composing and arranging music. See photo on the left for some of our rhythms we have created as a class. Also, please note: the Middle School Chorus Concert will be held on June 7th at 7:00 pm.

Technology 8

The eighth grade completed their Cars Unit. Students did an amazing job and we created the fastest cars that this school has ever seen! I am proud of how hard the students worked on their cars and am looking forward to seeing how well they do with the final two units where we will study Aerodynamics and Buoyancy.

**Technology 8
Model Car Designs**

Spanish 8

The Spanish 8 students have been preparing for their FLACS exam. The written exam is on June 18th, but the speaking sections will take place in class during the end of May. To help them get ready, they played *Conversation Jenga*. Students read the questions from the block and said the answer in Spanish. It was a fun way to prepare.

The MS/HS Art Department would like to thank Mr. Jarrod Keihl, technology teacher, and middle school students; Dakota Bidwell, Matt Brown, Chris Combs, Eric Crossett, Chevy Edwards, Chase Scutt and Brandon Tuttle for building new sculpture displays from scratch for this year's Art Show!

The Dryden Middle School mission is to promote the core values of excellence, integrity, and creativity.

Reading Lab

Students in Mrs. Marcham's 9th period Reading Lab designed their future dream vehicles this spring. From Lamborghinis to police cars, from off-road to on-road pickup trucks, we explored the vocabulary of transportation. We read about cars of the future and learned about the technology to come. We practiced using precise word choice to describe the features we think are important in a car or truck we want to drive.

**Dodge Charger
illustration by
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