

AFTER-SCHOOL ENRICHMENT NEWSLETTER



Happy New Year!

January marks a fresh start and a return to routines, learning, and enrichment. As we head into the new year, our programs continue to offer meaningful experiences that inspire creativity, collaboration, and growth. We're excited to see what this season brings!

Notable
DATES

1-19
Martin Luther King Jr. Day



1-22
Quarter 2 / Semester 1 Ends



MS. DROSOS

Meet Ms. Drosos!

Ms. Drosos is a 6th grade ELA teacher at Hanson Middle. She loves helping students grow their writing skills in fun, imaginative ways and fuels her school days with a blueberry vanilla iced coffee. When she's not teaching, she enjoys audiobooks, playing soccer, and dreaming of future travels.

Get to know her in this month's IG feature!

MEET OUR STAFF

DID YOU KNOW?

Whitman was once a part of the shoe capital of the world, while Hanson has deep agricultural roots tied to its cranberry bogs. Both towns were shaped by craftsmanship and community. Values that continue to inspire student learning through our enrichment programs.



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Crochet Bookmark

PRESENTED BY CROCHET CLUB

You'll need:

- Crochet hook
- Scissors
- Yarn

Create a cozy crochet bookmark just right for winter reading and quiet moments with a favorite book.

STEPS:

- Make a slip knot and place it on your hook.
- Hold the yarn and hook comfortably in your hands.
- Chain stitch: Yarn over (Lay the yarn across your hook, then use the hook to grab it and pull it through.) and pull through the loop on your hook.
- Repeat step 3 to make a chain as long as you'd like.
- When finished, cut the yarn and pull the tail through the last loop to secure.

Optional:

Tie the ends together for a bracelet or add beads or tassels for decoration.



STAYING HEALTHY THIS SEASON

Cold and flu season is in full swing, making it more important than ever to take care of ourselves and one another. Simple habits like washing hands often, covering coughs and sneezes, staying home when sick, and getting plenty of rest can help keep our school community healthy. Thank you for doing your part to help keep everyone feeling their best.

JOIN US FOR A SUMMER OF DISCOVERY!

JULY 6-30 SUMMER ENRICHMENT:
PASSPORT TO POSSIBILITY



Keep an eye out for more information!



CLUB SPOTLIGHT

Three of our Creative Writing students, Abby D., Azaylia L., and Emerson L., have been selected to have their work published in a national anthology through Young Writers USA! Under the guidance of advisors Ms. Brain & Ms. Drosos (our January Staff Feature!), the students submitted original pieces to a Halloween-themed writing contest. Their spooky stories stood out among entries from across the country.

We are incredibly proud of their creativity and hard work!

CREATIVE WRITING CLUB



HAPPY JANUARY

As we welcome the start of second semester, this is a wonderful time for students to explore new interests, take on fresh challenges, and discover exciting opportunities within our enrichment programs. Whether trying a class they've never considered before or diving deeper into a favorite subject, we encourage every student to embrace this new beginning with curiosity and confidence.

This semester also brings a transition in leadership. I will be stepping down from my role as I take on a new opportunity outside the district. It has truly been an honor to support our students and families, and I am deeply grateful for the trust you have placed in me throughout this journey. I am pleased to share that Nikki Semas-Schneeweis will be stepping into this position. Nikki brings great enthusiasm and dedication to the enrichment program, and I am confident she will continue to help it thrive.

Thank you to all of our parents and guardians for your ongoing support and for allowing me to be part of your students' educational experience. I wish you all a wonderful second semester filled with growth, excitement, and new possibilities.

CHRISTOPHER SZKUTAK
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