



## News and Information

**Science – 8th Grade –** We started an Element project when we returned from break to wrap up our Periodic Table unit. Next, we will be learning about the Atom and its atomic structure.

**Math –** The 8th graders continue to hone their skills on "slope" while revisiting various methods of Data Displays.

**Social Studies –** We are beginning **Westward Expansion**. We will focus on **Lewis and Clark**, westward trails, and challenges faced by settlers and Native Americans as our country's landscape changed.

**Language Arts –** We are currently in the middle of our novel study of **The Witch of Blackbird Pond**. We are focusing on making inferences and using context clues to figure out unknown vocabulary.

**Quiz Bowl –** If your student would like to participate in Quiz Bowl this year, they need to sign up with Mrs. Carrico. More information will be coming home at a later date regarding practice and meets.

**Diploma Names –** Please fill out the form that states how you want your child's name to appear on their 8th-grade diploma and return it to school by Monday, January 9th.

**No School –** There will be no school on Monday, January 16th.

**Our 2nd 9-week cue party to SOAR and the CiCi's pizza in Joplin** will be on Tuesday, January 10th. Please sign your child's permission slip and send the money to school by Monday, January 9th.

**6th Novel –** Our 6th novel is due Friday, January 20th. Please encourage your child to finish their book ahead of time and not wait until the last minute.