

News from Mrs. P's class

February 7, 2013

- ❖ Happy February! I'm afraid I never checked to see if the groundhog saw his shadow or not over the weekend, but I have a feeling that regardless of what he saw, spring is definitely NOT right around the corner ☺

What we've been up to . . .

- ❖ **In 7th grade**—This week, we wrapped up our unit on Nothing but the Truth. Students took a test and will have opportunities the end of this week to go over their tests to improve their grades. Next week, we'll be starting a research project. We'll be spending the next two weeks in the library learning about media literacy, how to take notes and paraphrase, how to make notecards, and how to organize information into a presentation.
- ❖ **In 8th grade**—This week, we began our unit on research papers. We spent two days in the library perusing topics and the databases/sources that are available through our Shattuck library. Tomorrow (Friday), students will be selecting their topics and beginning to narrow their focus into subtopics. I'm looking forward to seeing what topics are selected. I have students interested in researching fast food, autism, boat safety, ADD, yoga, body image, test anxiety, sports drinks, Tommy John surgery, and a host of other interesting topics. I'm looking forward to learning a lot of new information!

**Next week Friday (2/15) is the second annual Valentine's Day dance. The dance will run from 3:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. The cost of the dance is \$3, concessions will be sold, and it's sure to be a great time! From what I understand, there are also going to be some pretty awesome chaperones. I have some pretty sweet dance moves, but I don't want to make any student feel inadequate, so I'll probably keep my dancing to minimum. Hope to see many of my students there!

Have a great end of the week and a great weekend. Thanks again for all you do,
Jen Peterson