

Library News

PLEASANTDALE MIDDLE SCHOOL



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What's Happening in the Library

Magazines

Did you know that students who read magazines and non-fiction in addition to novels scored higher on national tests than those who limited their reading choices?*

Did you know that our IMC subscribes to over 12 different magazines?

Did you know those magazines are available for check-out?

Whether your student is into fashion or sports, video games or pop-culture, we are sure to have a magazine that will interest them including:

- Girl's Life
- Sports Illustrated Kids
- Game Pro
- Entertainment Weekly

- J-14
- Justine
- Shoenon Jump
- BMX Plus
- Skate Boarder
- Snow Boarder

*Dreher, M. J. "Motivating children to read more nonfiction." *The Reading Teacher*, 42, (1998/1999): 414-417.



Website Evaluation

When doing research, it is important to seek out reliable

sources. This is especially true of the Internet; where almost anyone can create a website. Since winter break, Pleasantdale students have been learning to evaluate websites for credibility. They have learned that professional looking sites aren't always trustworthy and that some seemingly silly things are real.

Our students now know what to look for when verifying a website and how to check an author's claims using onekey.com.

OneKey is a safe search engine that partnered with Google to ensure relevant and appropriate content .

Ask your student to show you some of the websites they visited. See if you can tell which are credible and which are intentionally deceptive.

Special points of interest:

- The Library is open after school for quiet study on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays until 4:25 p.m..
- The Library is closed after school on Wednesdays and Fridays
- Caudill winners for our school were: [Crossing the Wire](#) and [Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life](#)
- MS Readers Book Club was held on Friday, February 26th at lunch.
- 2011 Abraham Lincoln High School Book List will be published soon!
- Mrs. Knasiak, a master's student from the library school at the University of Illinois Urbana/Champaign, will be here until the end of the month.

Middle School Readers Book Club

On Friday, February 26, Pleasantdale was abuzz in book talk. Once again, the MS Readers Book Club met during the lunch periods to discuss self-selected books in a friendly and relaxing atmosphere.

Preparation for the upcoming event began weeks ago as students formed groups and chose their titles.

Mrs. Stelter is thrilled to announce that participation is at

an all time high. 154 students have signed up to read 31 different titles. Staff members who supervised groups were:

- Niki Lasko, Nikki Giancola, Jason Munchoff, Kim Frieslinger, Mark Fredisdorf, Meg Pokorny, Lisa Knasiak, Lisa Scharnack, Angela McGreal, Sue Kremmer, Dianne Washburn, Denise Rende, Mr. Jim, Larry Neumann, Al Emso, Deb Cummins,

Melissa Sedjo, Tanya Kim, Cathy Gilmartin, Sara Reed, Kristin Thompson, Bill Stelter, and Jana Stelter. We even had three student council members who ran groups, Sydney Stancik, Dean Kuehn, Gene Riechart.

Thanks to the commitment of the staff, administration, school district, and the PTA, the event was a success.