

# ***The DeWitt Observer***

## A Look Through the DeWitt Doors for Families October 2017

### ***DATES TO REMEMBER:***

- October 2 - 31 Shrek Rehearsal, (check with cast member for schedule)
- October 5 Open House 5:30-8:00  
Grade 6 team presentation 6:00-6:30 Gym  
Grade 7 team presentation 6:45 -7:15 Gym  
Grade 8 team presentation 7:30 - 8:00 Gym
- October 20 Know your Classmate Day (interactive art activity in HOMEbase)
- October 25 School-wide Assembly with Cris Johnson  
Grade 6 Yes I Can character education focus  
Grade 7/ No Bully Zone bully prevention focus
- October 26 Dance; hosted by Grade 6 (costume dance, admission \$4.00)
- October 27 District PLC (no school for students)

Modified/JV/Varsity Sports: Winter Sports Season starts, November 6.  
please check ICSD website for beginning dates and places for Winter Modified Sports and schedule.

### ***DEPARTMENTS NEWS:***

Social Studies: Department Leader, Kristin Herman

Grade 6 Social Studies are currently exploring two essential questions in their studies: “How does geography determine development?” and “How do humans use and adapt their environments to survive and thrive?” They will use these questions to pilot a Project Based Learning unit in small learning groups. The groups will conduct research and explore the world in a pre-industrial world to determine where they choose to live. They will combine their work in

social studies with writing projects in English to explain why and how they will use available resources to survive and thrive.

Grade 7 Social Studies students celebrated Constitution Day in school by analyzing the Constitution of the United States and what it means to be a citizen. Next: early migration onto the North and South American continents!

Grade 8 Social Studies have been diving deep into the meaning of history from a personal perspective and the study of American history from multiple perspectives. Work continues with the second half of US history, starting with the US Reconstruction after the Civil War.