

700 Huey Street

Wildwood, FL 34785

8th Grade ELA 2024-2025

Teacher: Dave Krakoff

Teacher Contact Information

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Parent Square: Dave Krakoff

For emergency situations please contact the front office.

Please allow up to 24 hours for a call or email back.

**Bell Schedule A**

1st Period (8:55 AM – 9:45 AM)

2nd Period (9:49 AM – 10:39 AM)

3rd Period (10:43 AM – 11:33 AM)

HOMEROOM (11:37 AM – 11:52 AM)

LUNCH (11:52 AM – 12:14 PM)

5th Period (12:18 PM – 1:08 PM)

6th Period (1:12 PM – 2:02 PM)

7th Period (2:06 PM – 2:56 PM)

8th Period (3:00 PM – 3:50 PM)

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**8th Grade ELA**

This course focuses on developing skills in reading, writing, speaking and listening. Students will develop, improve and advance their use of various reading and writing strategies to show comprehension and communicate ideas. 8th grade ELA will allow students to use reading strategies that require application during independent and classroom reading. Students will use the writing process to communicate effectively and efficiently in all subjects. ELA is a life skill that will carry you forward throughout life.

**Textbook**

Into Literature (Grade 8), Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company

This literature program is a multifaceted reading approach that strengthen skills such as analyzing, application, collaboration, and comparing.

This year we will also be utilizing other sources such as Newsela and I Ready for other text resources.

**Student Learning Outcomes**

By learning our reading strategies students will become proficient in writing using prompts in areas such as argumentative and informative. Utilizing reading strategies, students will become accelerated readers of informational and literacy texts and be able to comprehend, successfully, their meanings and purpose.

**Student Expectations**

Respect! Students will be treated with respect and they will treat all others, including yourself, with respect.

Responsibility! If you missed a class or were absent, be sure to get the assignments that you missed and complete them to the best of your ability.

Participate in class discussions.

Contribute your thoughts.

Ask questions, follow instructions and take notes.

Complete your assignments on time and to the best of your ability.

Follow school and class guidelines.

Have fun!

**Classroom Behavior**

Students shall always strive to be respectful, responsible, and ready. Exemplary behavior will receive incentives.

**Non-Negotiables**

The following behavior will not be tolerated:

* Cheating or Plagiarism
* Disruptive behavior
* Disrespectful behavior
* Cell phone or personal tablet (smart device) use

Non-Negotiables will result in an automatic referral to administration along with parent/guardian contact via phone or email.

**Late Work**

Failure to turn in assignments on their due date and time, unless otherwise noted, will be counted as late. Late work caused by an unexcused absence will only be able to receive a grade up to 59 percent. If an absence is excused than late work can be turned in for full credit up to how ever many days the absence was excused, after that time frame the work will be considered late. It is student responsibility to inform the teacher when their absence gets excused unless it is already excused in Skyward.

\*\*\*Late work without an absence will not be accepted. If a student is present at the time an assignment is due and fails to turn it in, it will be marked as a zero unless there is approved circumstances on an individual basis.

## TECHNOLOGY USE

This class requires the use of a school issued laptop. Instructions on how to utilize this technology will be given but it is the responsibility of each student to ensure that the laptop and programs are sync’d, updated, maintained, and properly used inside and outside of the classroom. If a student has an issue with their laptop, laptop systems, or programs it is their responsibility to put in a work order or see the tech office on campus. Tech office is open to students for walk-ins before school, during lunch, or after school.

## TEAMS

Office 365/TEAMS or TEAMS App

This class utilizes Microsoft TEAMS for online meetings or as a direct chat with your instructor if you need help with an assignment. These messages go directly to my cell phone. TEAMS is the most efficient way to contact me outside of school hours.

**OneNote**

We will be utilizing OneNote to conserve paper and supplies. This will also further prepare students for their coming high school years. All of our class content (including resources such as articles, graphic organizers, paper instructions, etc) will be available in the content library. Students will also be able to work together in the collaboration section to keep up to date notes and work on other projects together. In the “Your Name” section will be where all personal work such as bell ringers will be posted for grading.

## Parent Square

This class utilizes Parent Square to keep parents and students informed of upcoming events such as due dates, test dates, and school events.

## Skyward

Grades are posted in Skyward. Emails are sent to students when grades are entered and available to view. Please make sure your contact information is current in Skyward.

**Supply List**

* Spiral Notebook
* Ink pens (blue or black)
* Colored pencils

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*Student Signature and date*

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