**Welcome to Basic Science/Health**

**Course Description:**

This class is designed to enhance student’s basic science skills. It is an individualized program based on the needs of the students.

**Course Objectives:**

Students will learn about plants, animals, ecosystems, biogeochemical cycles, matter, energy, solar system, anatomy and physiology, and hygiene.

**Classroom Expectations:**

* My role (teacher)
  + guide learning
  + assist students
* Your role (student)
  + follow expectations
  + ask questions
  + engage in learning
* Practice the “basics” at MCHS
  + Put in the time while at school.
  + Be responsible.
  + Demonstrate respect.
* Come to class on time.
* Be prepared for class!
  + Get everything out that you will need for class.
  + Bring a pencil or pen and paper DAILY!
* Talk only when permitted and do not distract others from learning.
* Food or drink is not permitted in class, unless with permission.
* Cell phones and MP3 players are not to be out in class for ANY reason without permission from the teacher.
* ***Be Respectful***
  + Show respect to all teachers and students.
  + Absolutely no bad language, name-calling, or harassment will be tolerated.
  + Show respect to all school property and the property of others.
  + Please keep the room clean and leave it the way you found it.
* ***Be Responsible for Yourself***
  + Manage your own behavior.
  + Be here on time and ready to work with all materials.
  + Do all assignments to the best of your ability by the due date.
* ***Be Honest and Reliable*** 
  + Do your own work and be proud of it! Be the kind of person that others can count on.
* ***Be Accountable*** 
  + You are accountable for your decisions, so be willing to face the consequences of the bad ones.
  + Think about the consequences of your actions and how they affect others.
* ***Be a Person of Integrity*** 
  + Be ethical.
  + Stand for what you believe in.
  + Just because everyone else is doing it, doesn’t make it right.
* **Be a Person With Desire**
  + Find a sense of desire when it comes to school work.
  + Desire will make school more enjoyable and you more successful.

**Grading and Homework:**

1. The purpose of this class is to learn, reinforce and apply science concepts.
2. Each student will have the opportunity to earn 6o points per week. Points will be earned in the following manner:
   1. Accurately filling out student planner-5 points per day (20 pts per week)
   2. Daily bell work – 5 points per day (20 points per week)
   3. Working on science concepts daily (20 points per week)
   4. Projects when assigned will have a point value rubric.

**NOTE**  Students will receive one school day per day of absence to turn in any make up work.

1. The School wide grading scale, that I will be using for all classes that I teach, is as follows:

93 – 100 A 73 – 76 C

90 – 92 A- 70 – 72 C-

87 – 89 B+ 67 – 69 D+

83 – 86 B 63 – 66 D

80 – 82 B- 60 – 62 D-

77 – 79 C+ < 60 F

**Parents:**

An open line of communication between school and home is an important asset to the educational process. My conference period is between 9:56 AM – 10:56 AM each day. Please feel free to call me at 573-564-2213, extension 1143 or email me at pmontalbano@mc-wildcats.org if you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to working with each one of your children and know we will have a wonderful and successful year together.

Sincerely,

Patti Montalbano

**Please sign and return bottom portion to school by Friday, August 15, 2014. This is worth 10 points.**

**Basic Science and Health Syllabus**

Student Printed Name:

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