

Today is "A" Day

DECEMBER

Winter Break:  
Dec. 24 – Jan. 05

Students' Corner

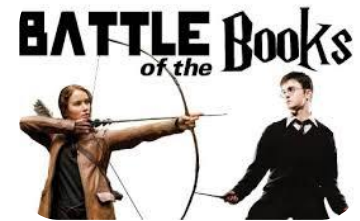
Bayan Altalb

*"Your good is better and your better is best!"*  
Don't want to settle for less and always aim higher.



**Battle of the Books 3<sup>rd</sup> Book Deadline: Friday, Dec. 22**

Attention Battle of the Books participants: It's time to turn in book #3. Report to the Media Center with your entire team on Thursday Dec. 21 or Friday, Dec. 22 to turn in your current book and receive your fourth title. The final due date is 3:00 p.m. on Friday December 22nd. If you do not submit your book by then, you will be disqualified. Please coordinate with your team members and pick a suitable time to visit the Media Center together. This is the last day before Christmas break, so turning them in late is NOT an option. Please plan accordingly.



**Winter Break: Dec. 24, 2017 – Jan. 08, 2018**

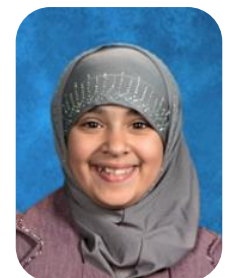
The news that you (we as well) have been waiting for is here. School closes at the end of the day of Friday, Dec. 22, 2017. It reopens on the morning of Monday, Jan. 08, 2018. Hope you have a great winter break. So, we wish you a Merry X-mas and a Happy New Year.

**Students' Corner Quote of the Week**

Again, our students are making it difficult for me to pick up a winner for the Students' Corner Quote of the week. Every quote I received was a worthy winner, but I had to pick one, so here it is:

*"Don't complain about things you are not willing to change!"*

The quote was sent to us by Sabeha Alnakash who wins a pie. Please let Mr. Sabra know what kind you prefer: Za'atar, cheese, meat, or spinach.



**Support Our Holiday Show**

As you all know, the Stout Theater Company has been hard at work for several months now, gearing up for our "The Bullies' Christmas Carol" show. An additional show is scheduled for Tuesday, December 19, 2017 evening.

**Annual Ugly Sweater Day: Dec. 20, 2017**

Here we go again! On Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> (Late Start), please wear your ugliest holiday sweater for our Annual Ugly Sweater Day! Thanks - Mrs. Crechiolo

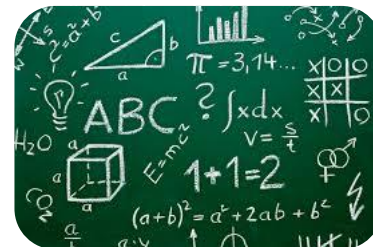


**Strolling Winter Concert: Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2017**

Stout Middle School Strolling Winter Concert will be held on Wednesday, December 20 from 6:00-8:00pm. The entire school will be used as parents and guests stroll from one performing ensemble to another. Guests can purchase hot chocolate, candy canes, and lots of sweets to eat.

**Math League Contest is back: February 27, 2018**

The 2017-2018 Math League Contest at Stout Middle School is back. It will be held at 8:30 am, Tuesday Feb. 27, 2018. Please register by Friday, Feb. 16, 2018 with Mr. Sabra. As well, you can ask your teacher to send your name to Mr. Sabra. Last year you did well. Let's do better this year.



Click on [selected-math-league-rules](#) to see main rules of this contest.

Here are some samples to practice:

[grade 6 2004-2005 Sample](#)

[grade 6 2012-13 Sample](#)

[grade 7 2004-2005 Sample](#)

[grade 7 2012-13 Sample](#)

[grade 8 2004-2005 Sample](#)

[grade 8 2012-13 Sample](#)



**GeoBee is back: January 25, 2018**

GeoBee is back, so get ready on Thursday, January 25, 2018 to bring to the Team Meeting Room all the countries, cities, mountains, rivers, volcanoes, planets, and all other things that you know about the world we live in and work your way to be the School Champ. From there, you can compete to be the State of Michigan Champ, and later, the National Champ.

Here are some of the prizes:

- 1st Prize: \$50,000 College Scholarship and \$500 in Cash  
Lifetime subscription in National Geographic Society
- 2nd Prize: \$25,000 College Scholarship and \$500 in Cash
- 3rd Prize: \$10,000 College Scholarship and \$500 in Cash
- Runner ups: \$500 in Cash for 7 runner-ups.

For more information, please download [GeoBee-Bilingual-2017-2018](#).

**Some Dates to Remember**

Late Arrival Days	Half Day	Parent Teacher Conferences	No School
Wednesday October 18, 2017	Friday October 13, 2017	Monday November 13, 2017	Tuesday November 7, 2017 Professional Development Day
Wednesday November 15, 2017	Friday January 26, 2018	Tuesday November 14, 2017	Wednesday - Friday November 22, 2017 - November 24, 2017 Conference Release Day Thanks Giving
Wednesday December 20, 2017	Thursday June 14, 2018 Last Day of School	Wednesday March 07, 2018	Monday - Friday December 25, 2017 - January 5, 2018 Winter Break
Wednesday January 17, 2018	N/A	N/A	Monday January 15, 2018 Martin Luther King Day
Wednesday February 07, 2018	N/A	N/A	Monday - Friday February 19, 2018 - February 23, 2018 Mid-Winter Break
Wednesday March 14, 2018	N/A	N/A	Friday - Friday March 30, 2018 - April 06, 2018 Spring Break
Wednesday May 16, 2018	N/A	N/A	Friday - Monday May 25, 2018 - May 28, 2018 Conference Release Day Memorial Day