

Central Middle School

Week of February 14, 2020

Dear Colleagues,

It has been a great week at Central Middle School this week. It has been another truly educational experience for me.

My first stop was the Media Center. Shelves have arrived and some books are on them but there is a long way to go to get them all done. Notice the shelf at the left of the picture. The shelves are assembled in standard length modules. The module at the left is too long. I came back on Friday and that left module was removed and a shorter module was being assembled. When everything is finished it will look like everything was the product of perfect planning.



The Media Center computer lab has plenty of opportunities for improvement. I imagine some or most of those boxes contain library books coming from storage.



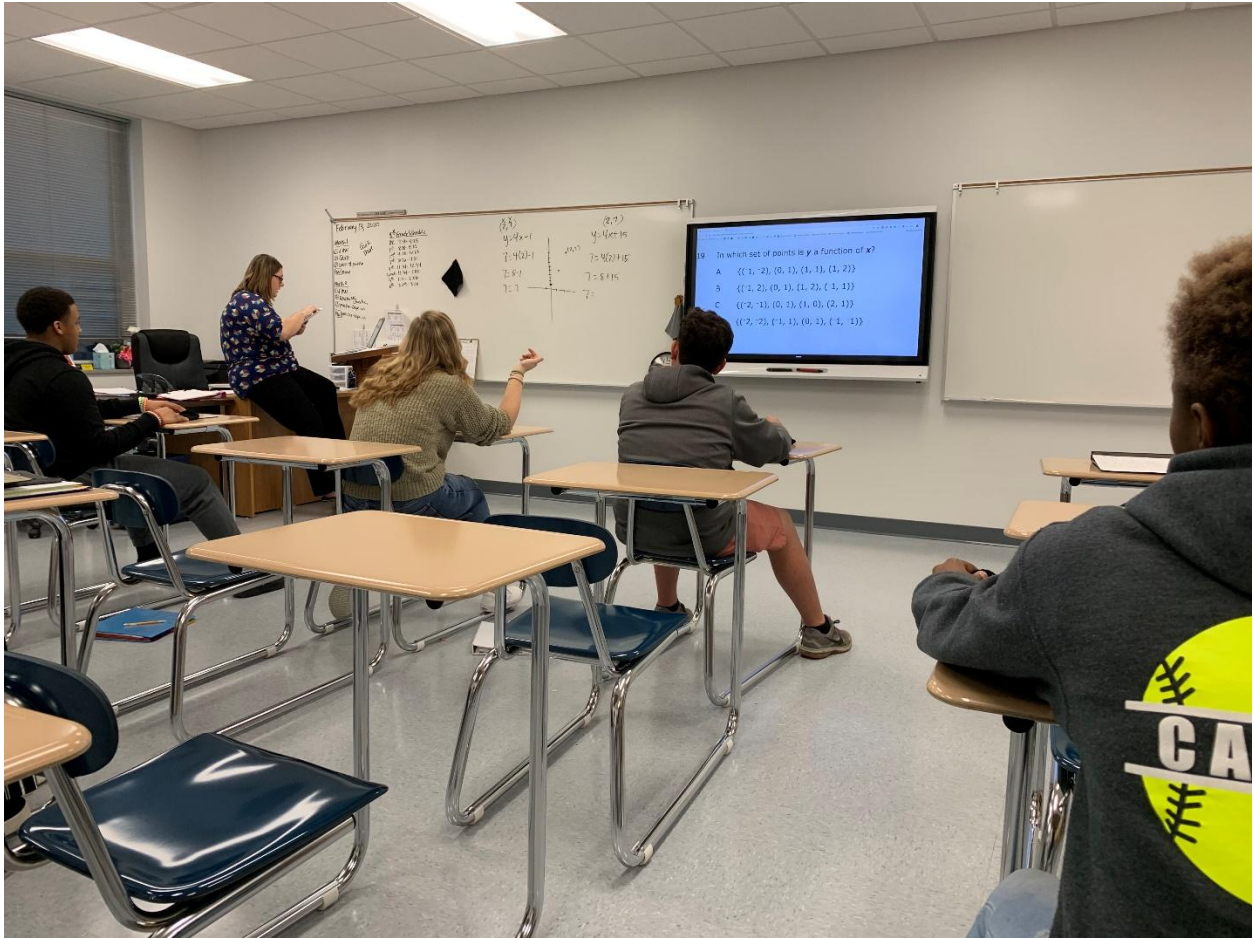
I took a shot through the door glass of this science class at work. I think they were probably taking a test. The setting is certainly different than so many years ago when I was in school and much different than a week ago when this class was in a trailer.



I came to another classroom where instruction was taking place. With Thursday being a rainy miserable day and me with nothing pushing for a change I decided to try one of the new desks and see what I might learn.



I quietly took a seat at the back of the class with a good view of what was taking place.



The desk was comfortable with plenty of room even for my large frame BUT something just was not quite right. There was a discussion of a problem shown on the Smart Board taking place. I zoomed in on the Smart Board.

21 In which choice is y **not** a linear function of x ?

A $y = 2(x + 2) + 2x$

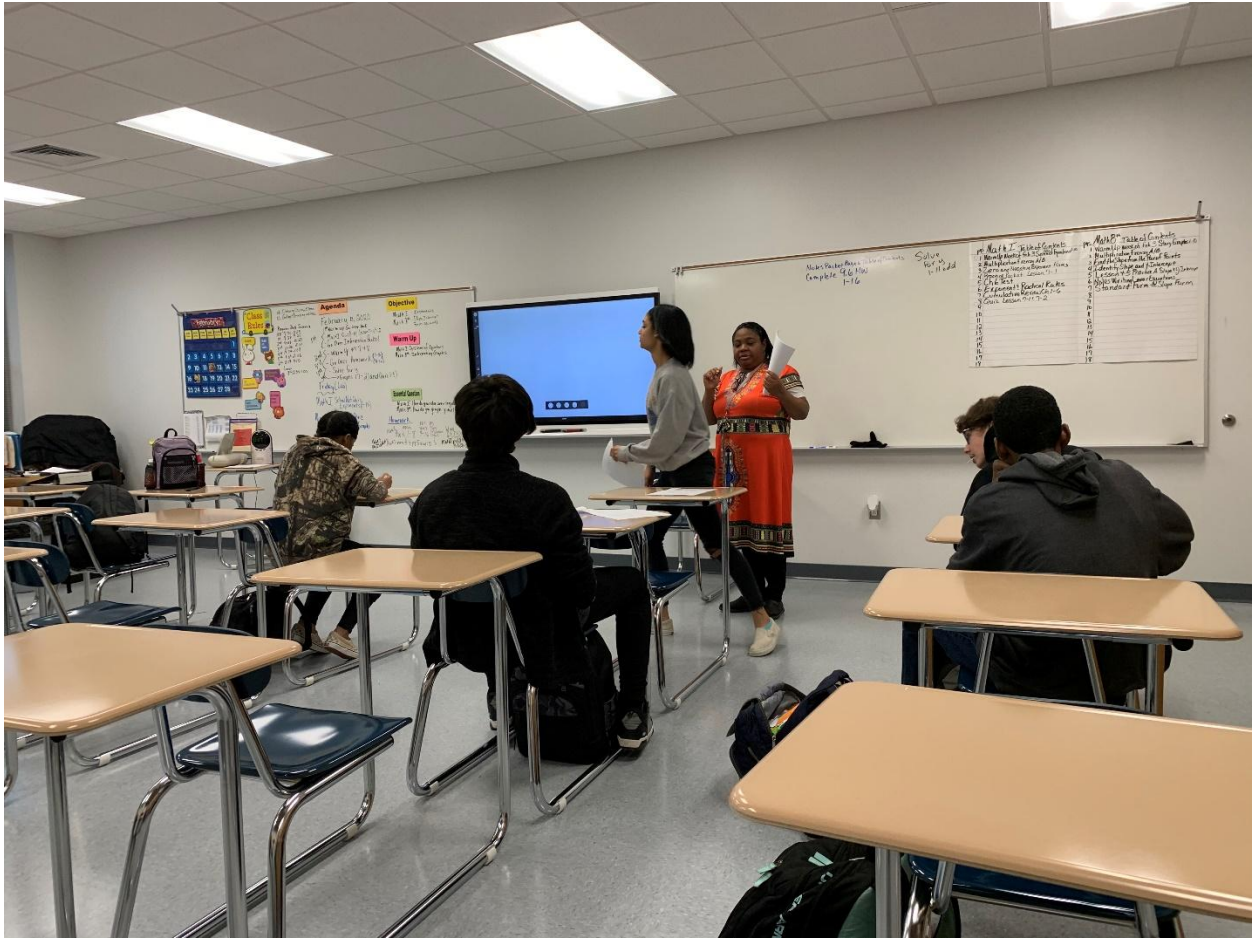
B $2(y - 2) + 2y = 2x$

C $y = 2(x + 2) - 2x$

D $2(y - 2) - 2y = 2x$

22 In which equation is y a nonlinear function of x ?

DO WHAT??? I noticed quickly I was in the wrong class! I decided to act like the three bears and try to find a class more suited to my skill level. Maybe this will be better.



This class even has an agenda for today's class on the board. This has to be better. It was.... until we got down to graphs and solving for Y and such stuff as that.

Class
inClass
Date

Agenda

February 13, 2020

1st {
 - Warm up Go over HWK
 - Math I Quiz (1-10) Lesson 7-1/7-2
 - Go Over Intervention Packet

2nd {
 - Warm Up #'s 7+8

3rd {
 - Go Over Homework (1-16) (9-16)

4th {
 - Solve for y

5th → Graphs 17-21 and Quiz 1-5)

Friday (Lab)

Math I School Net Quiz
Exponents (1-10)

Math 8 School Net Quiz
Interpreting
(1-10)

1. Bech M. Post

Objective

Math I - Exp
Math 8th - Slop
Form

Warm Up

Math I - Systems
Math 8th - Interp

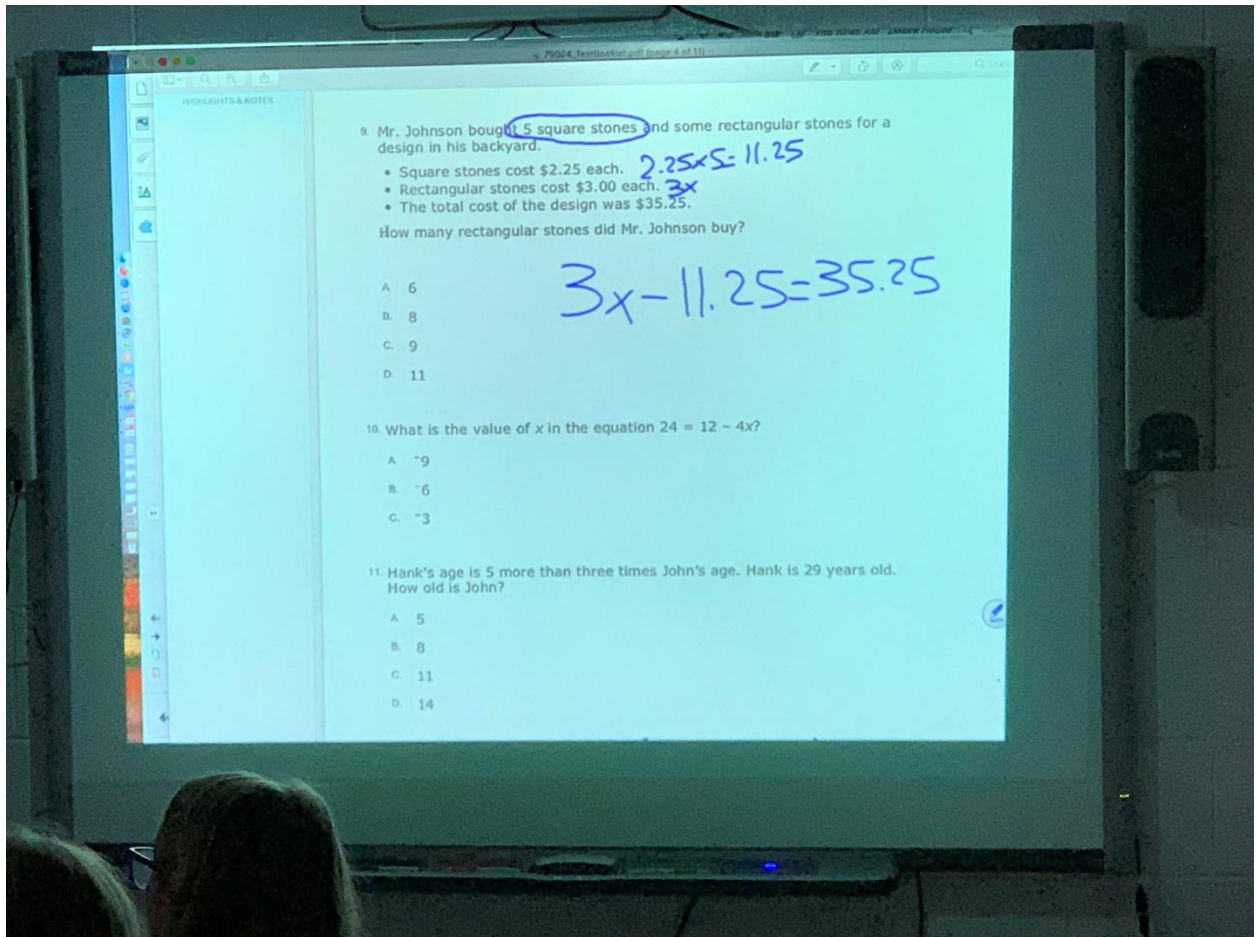
Essential Question

Math I - How do y
Math 8th - How do

Homework

Math 8 mon 70cs
HWK 1-8 9-1

Maybe I need to look further for a class to match my skill level.



I took a seat in this class and was thrilled to see a problem on the board that looked like a problem we might see in everyday life. The teacher was explaining the process to determine how many rectangular blocks Mr. Johnson purchased for his total bill to equal \$35.25. It all made sense! It was great to walk out of a class and not feel as dumb as a box of rocks. I had been in a seventh grade math class. I may be a little behind for my age!

I decided to look at the gym to see how things were progressing. Workers have the lines completed and were working on the center logo. The logo painting is accomplished by laying a vinyl template of the logo on the floor, removing an area of the template and painting that area the proper color then moving on to the next area. The logo is a big project that looks very easy, especially when someone with experience is doing it.



I went in the gym through a door next to the weight room. Workers were installing the toe boards around the edges of the court. The toe board attaches to the wall. The floor is free to move under the toe board as it expands and contracts with weather and temperature changes. This picture is at the doorway to the weight room. The floor is rubber. Between the edge of the rubber floor and the maple court, we see the moisture barrier edge. The aluminum threshold will cover this opening.



I noticed a large plastic trash can on the court and thought nothing of it until I looked inside. There is water in the can from one of the HVAC units in the ceiling. The filters stopped up causing the coils to freeze resulting in an overabundance of water finding a drain that was blocked resulting in water on the floor! The leak was caught and dried before it damaged the floor. The filters were being changed while I was in the gym. Sensors will be added to the drain pans to alert the maintenance department when water levels start to rise above a normal level. The alert will give maintenance an opportunity to address the problem before it becomes a major problem.



Those fellows painting the logo were working diligently to get the job done. I was anxious to see the finished product.



The light blue narrow lines you might notice beside the other lines is the tape used to mark the edge of the painted line. Painting the lines is a “simple” matter of painting between the two tape borders. It sounds so easy!



I went back to Central early Friday morning to take one more look. The west hallway was quiet because students were in the classrooms with the teachers hard at work.



The north hallway past the administrative offices was quiet. The building is now a school!



I had to take one more look in the gym. The tape borders for the lines have been removed and you can see the finished product.



The socket for the volleyball net on the half-court is in place with the cover ready to be swung over the hole.



The cover makes this a smooth surface for the basketball court.



A few weeks ago I detailed the steps in installing the gym floor. I mentioned the bolts holding the subfloor to the concrete did not have threads and were simply driven into holes drilled into the concrete. This is one of those bolts. Notice the hump and also notice the rubber washer at the head of the bolt. It is very simple and it works.



The Viking logo is completed!



The gym floor will get a very light sanding followed by two more coats of varnish. It will need to sit with no traffic for a week before we can hear balls bouncing and children enjoying the fruits of so much labor.

This is my final newsletter. Thank you each for your patience, understanding and encouragement as we have followed this project step by step. I hope you have found it to be as interesting and educational as it has been for me. I am pleased to report we do have some money left unspent at this time. We are giving things time to settle in case there is a need we have not identified. A R Chesson Construction and especially Daniel and Brian Plyler are to be congratulated on a very fine job for Gates County Schools.

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