

August 6, 2015

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to 7th/8th grade! My name is Wilson U. Malana and I will be your child's Social Studies teacher for the 2015-2016 school year. This is my 18th year of teaching and my 5th at Silver Valley Unified School District. I graduated college with a Bachelor's Degree in History and completed a Master's Degree in History and Political Science. I look forward to sharing this school year with your family and establishing a partnership in your child's education. I believe that with your help, this year will be a fruitful and successful one.

To ensure greater success, I invite you to check and utilize the webpage that I created for all my classes. The website may be reached at:

<http://www.silvervalley.k12.ca.us/fortirwin/Class/472-7th-Grade-Social-Studies>

<http://www.silvervalley.k12.ca.us/fortirwin/Class/473-8th-Grade-Social-Studies>

Please discuss the web-posted "Social Studies Behavior Expectations" with your child. I expect your child to abide by these classroom rules and regulations during their stay in my class. It is also important that you and your child go over the "Student Handbook" section of their "Agenda" to familiarize yourselves with general school policies. The website will also be extensively used to disseminate information regarding my classes.

Important Reminders:

1. **Conference Times:** After-school and phone conferences are best, however, I can make accommodations during school hours when necessary. Appointments may be made through the office or through your child's notebook/planner.
2. **Homework:** This is usually given in aid of further understanding the lesson taught in class. This may be in the form of a *text* to be read or short-answer test and exploratory questions.
3. **Notebook:** Each student is required to maintain a 50-page notebook (50-sheets binder/filler is allowed) for note-taking and other activities. This will be checked regularly and will form part of his/her grade.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to send a note or an e-mail, request a phone call, or set up a conference. Finally, please sign and return the reply slips to me through your child as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Wilson U. Malana
Social Studies Teacher-FIMS
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I have read and discussed the Social Studies Behavior Expectations and course outline with my child. (Turning this reply slip signed gives your student a 5-point participation bonus)

Parent's Signature _____

Date: _____

Student's Name _____

Grade: _____