

Welcome to the Fightin' Mud Turtles 8th Grade Academic Team!

Mud Turtles? Yes, mud turtles. Legend has it that when pioneers came to the area in the first half of the nineteenth century, they were told by the local Pottawatomi that the place was a land of *Mokena* meaning ... you guessed it! ... **mud turtles**. In honor of our Hickory Creek heritage, the 8th grade team has adopted this stalwart beast as our mascot.



To make this an outstanding year for our bale --a group of turtles--we have a number of team activities, traditions, and tools to make the most of 8th grade. There will be field trips, Kindergarten Buddies, M.T.O.T.M.'s, Washington DC, Great America and so much more prior to your graduation from Mokena.

We invite you to visit our team page and add it to your favorites for easy access.

<http://mjhs8grade.weebly.com>

Here you'll find important announcements, handouts and forms, and links to our teacher sites. If you ever need to contact us outside of class time, you'll find our email addresses on the contact page. If we have a big event, odds are you'll find pictures in our gallery. If you want to know what homework was assigned, see our ever-popular Homework Page. It's all there for you.

We look forward to a marvelous year full of fun, hard work, and the making of many memories. Take pride in knowing that you are a Mokena Meteor and--now--a Fightin' Mud Turtle.

Sincerely,

The 8th Grade Academic Team:



Ms Tyrrell (ELA, math) Mr Martinus (ELA) Mr Shaughnessy (math) Mr Balis (history)
Mrs Novak (ELA) Mrs Baltzer (science) Ms Isdonas (math) Mrs Klappauf (history) Ms Gibson (science)

MUD TURTLES ...

**CONTRIBUTE WHEN THERE'S NO REWARD
PROGRESS WHEN THERE'S NO PUSH
DO THE RIGHT THING WHEN NO ONE IS LOOKING**