

Troopers Team Newsletter

January 10, 2020

Charger Families,

Chargers Engaged in Service (C.E.S.) is asking for our school families to donate specific items to create "In Friendship Bags." Bags will be donated to the growing number of homeless WCPSS students and other outreach centers. We are excited to participate in this project to help our community. Specifically, C.E.S. has asked our Troopers Team to donate **HAND AND FEET WARMERS**. These items can be purchased at Dollar Tree/the dollar store or at a sporting good store. If you are able to donate an item or two, **please send in your donation by January 31st**. C.E.S. will be assembling the bags and have them ready to be handed out before Valentine's Day.

If you have any questions, feel free to email Aratcliffe@wcpss, Srobertson2@wcpss.net, or Rstauffer@wcpss.net.

Many thanks for supporting our "In Friendship" project!--C.E.S Club and AFMS Teachers

Outer Banks Field Trip

Our 6th grade field trip will be Tuesday, April 21, 2020, to the Outer Banks of NC! The information packet is on the team website.

If you have paid in full and submitted the permission form, thank you.

If you are unsure whether you have done either of those things, just ask Mrs. Rabb—I have a relatively organized folder with all that info in it!

Payment plans:

- You may pay \$45 on December 19th **and \$50 on February 28th**

You may pay online or send checks/cash into MRS. RABB (room 1113).

Chaperones will receive notification by the end of next week.

ELA/Gabbard:

Students had a great first week back and start of 2020. We jumped right back in with reading monologues from Good Masters, Sweet Ladies and analyzing theme. Also, we have been working on connotation and denotation of words. Our reading selection for this module uses very specific vocabulary and multiple elements of figurative language as well as literary devices associated with sound and tone. Next week, students will continue this area of study as well as applying skills in a new way centered around two-voice poems and blackout poetry activities. It should be a fun and engaging week ahead.

--Mrs. Gabbard

Social Studies/Rabb:

Our students did a wonderful job preparing for the midterm assessment today! I was so impressed with their questions and their willingness to put in the STUDY time! Test retakes for the midterm will be next week during Smart Block—Tuesday for Core 1, Wednesday for Core 2, Thursday for Core 3, and Friday for Core 4.

We will spend time next week on honing our research skills—our focus will be on leaders throughout history who have made an impact (positive or negative) on the world. Mrs. Sharda will be subbing Monday through Wednesday as Mike and I will be moving our youngest daughter to Orlando to begin a five-month internship at Disney World (no, I will not be able to visit the parks next week—just hauling boxes and clothes!). We will begin our study of Ancient China when I return.

Upcoming Information:

2nd Quarter Extra Credit—Current Event is posted in Google Classroom

Math/Figueroa:

The advance class will begin a new unit on Monday, Equations and Expressions. The regular math class will be tested next Friday on Decimals. All students will receive the next EOG worksheet in the third quarter. I want to thank everyone for their generous gifts. Have a great weekend.

PTSA Info:

****For all PTSA information (membership, fundraising, events, & more) please visit their website: www.afmsptsa.org**

Science/Hipps:

“I Only Have Eyes For Moo”

We dissected cow eyes, and everyone survived! Besides actually learning something, I hope this experience helped foster some interesting discussion at home. A few students let me know that they are now ready for med school!

Most students can now accurately label the eye and point out the main parts and their functions. Several have asked if they can look under a microscope to try and find the rods and cones. Pretty cool.

Assessment News

Our next test will be on Wednesday (no more rescheduling). Today's quiz will be returned on Monday and should be a solid indicator of student readiness for the test. Please help your student review vocabulary and take the Quizizz practice test.

Waves Test II, Focus Upon Electromagnetic Waves: Wednesday

Key Concepts

- Waves transfer energy
- The color of an object depends upon:
 - wavelengths in light that are reflected and absorbed by the object and
 - the wavelengths present in the light
- Wavelength and frequency determine the amount of energy in an EM wave
- Wavelength and frequency also determine the type of EM wave
- Sound is a **vibration** that results in a disturbance through matter
- Sound waves are affected by the **mediums** through which they travel
- **Frequency** determines **pitch**
- **Intensity** determines **loudness**

Science Rocks,

Mark Hipps