# Middle School Newsletter

**October 6, 2014** **Crown Pointe Academy** **Volume 10 Number 7**

## October 6 – Oct 10

**Monday 6:**

B: Dipper Doodle Bar, Fresh Fruit

L: BBQ Chicken w/Cheesy Rice OR Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich on w/g bun OR Chicken Salad Sandwich on w/g bun

SIDE: Pinto Beans & Baby Carrots

6th Grade Outdoor Lab

8th Grade Play Rehearsal 3:45-5:00

**Tuesday 7:**

B- Banana Muffin, Fresh Fruit

L- Pasta w/Zesty Beef OR Chicken Mole Rojo OR Cheese Sandwich on w/g bun

SIDE: Celery Sticks with Rance

6th Grade Outdoor Lab

**Wednesday 8:**

B- Whole Wheat Bagel /Cream Cheese, Fresh Fruit

L- Grilled Chicken Sandwich on a w/g bun OR Sloppy Joe on a w/g bun OR Egg Salad Sandwich on w/g bun

SIDE: Glazed Sliced Carrots

6th Grade Outdoor Lab

8th Grade Play Rehearsal 3:45-5:00

**Thursday 9:**

B- Apple Baker's Muffin, Fresh Fruit

L- Spaghetti Marinara w/Parmesan OR Ham & Cheese Sandwich on a w/g bun OR Chicken Taco Trio

SIDE: Blanched Broccoli Florets

Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00-9:00 PM

**Friday 10:**

NO School – Parent Teacher Conferences 11:00-7:00 PM

# Science with Mr. Graybeal

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Outdoor Lab this week. The 6th grades leaves Monday morning at 9 am and returns Wednesday by 2 pm. The 7th grade went to Dinosaur Ridge last week and did a great job. The following is a brief schedule of what is happening in science this week.

**Science:**

***6th Grade*** **- Monday**: **Outdoor Lab.**

**Tuesday**: **Outdoor Lab.**

**Wednesday: Outdoor Lab.**

**Thursday**: Foss – Active investigation and Wrap up.

**Friday: No School – Parent Conferences**..

**Biographies (Typed) are due Oct. 13th – Isaac Newton**

***7th Grade*** **– Monday**: "Solids, Liquids, and Gases"

Homework: Handout 2-1/2-2/2-3/2-4 due Monday.

**Tuesday**: "Behavior of Gases"

**Wednesday:** "Graphing Gas Behavior"

**Thursday**: Foss – Active Investigation 1.

**Friday**.. **No School – Parent Conferences**.

**Biographies (Typed) are due Oct. 13th – Dmetri Mendeleev**

**8th Grade** – **Monday:** "The Nature of Force"

Homework: Handout 2-1/2-2/2-3/2-4/2-5 due Monday.

**Tuesday**: "Force, Mass, Acceleration" / "Friction and Gravity"

**Wednesday:** "Action – Reaction" / "Orbiting Satellites".

**Thursday**: Foss – Active investigation and Wrap up.

**Friday: No School – Parent Conferences**.

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There still is time this quarter to improve your grade. If you have do poorly on a test or quiz, you may retake it after school but it has to be done before the cut-off.. You make choices daily how you do. Decide now to do the best you can every day and the rest of the year.

Your parents and teachers want you to do your best, so "**the choice is yours**".

# Social Studies with Mrs. Hughes

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**6th Grade Social Studies**

We will continue our Interactive Notebooks and our look at tools used for studying social studies.

**7th Grade Social Studies**

We will continue our Interactive Notebooks this week. We will finish our look at the skills and tools needed to study history effectively and begin looking at the Building of an Empire: Colonizing Africa.

**8th Grade Social Studies**

We will continue our unit on Colonialism, Revolution and the Constitution this week. This week we will be focusing on the establishment of the thirteen original colonies in what would become the United States of America.

**All Classes**:

- Because of the nature of this class being a Social Studies class, it is expected that students will have homework throughout the year that will require them to have internet and encyclopedic resources available to them on a short notice basis. This means they may need to use the local public library, resources from home, and if necessary using a friend with these things available. I will try to give you as much warning as possible.
- All students need to have their own atlases in class beginning September 2nd.
- I do not return tests and quizzes in the Monday folders to parents. Instead, students will receive them and keep them in their binders so that they are able to study for them for their final exams since almost all of the content on final exams comes straight from their tests.

**Continuation Info**

Our first meeting will be on October 16th at 4:30 pm. At this meeting we will discuss future meeting times and dates. Please let me know if you can't be there and have a suggestion for consideration. We will also begin our committee work.

**Weighted Grades**

I do weight my grades for academic classes as follows:
Tests/Projects = 40%

Quizzes/Homework/Classwork = 35%

Notes/Participation/ = 25%

This does make it so that you can't add up their total number of points and divide it by the total points possible and calculate a correct grade. Please email me if you have any questions

# Literature with Mrs. Carscallen

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6th Grade

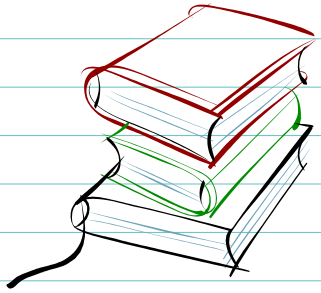
I will only see students on Thursday of this week, due to Outdoor Lab. We will begin talking about our new unit on *The Odyssey*. Both classes were given spelling list #5 on Monday, September 29th. Their spelling test on this list will be next Monday, October 13th.

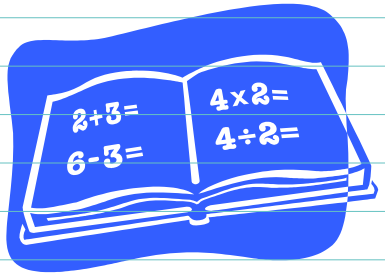
7th Grade

This week we will complete our reading of the play *Cyrano De Bergerac*. In addition, students will complete assignments in their *Word Wisdom* workbooks**. 10/6/14:** *Spelling Test* #5, **10/8/14**: *Vocabulary Quiz Unit 2 Part 2*

8th Grade

This week we will continue to read the novel *The Good Earth.* After every chapter, there will be a short quiz. Therefore, it is extremely important that if a student does not understand, or has any questions about the novel, that they come talk to me as soon as possible. Throughout the unit, students will focus on applying literary concepts to what they read. In addition, they will complete assignments in their *Word Wisdom* workbooks. **10/6/14:** *Spelling Test #5***, 9/8/14**: *Vocabulary Quiz Unit 2 Part 2*






# 7th Grade Math, Pre-Algebra, and Geometry with Ms. Wood

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This week in 7th Grade Math students will be taking a Quiz on Module 4 on Tuesday, October 7th and will then work with Number Sense and Statistics and Probability.

Pre-Algebra will have a Quiz on 3.1-3.3 on Tuesday, October 7th. They will then work on Number Sense and Statistics and Probability the rest of the week.

Geometry will work on writing and graphing equations of lines, proving theorems about perpendicular lines, and statistics and probability.

I will be out Monday-Wednesday with the 6th grade class on Outdoor Lab. Please forgive any lack of communication over the next few days. I am looking forward to meeting with you on Thursday and Friday at Parent/Teacher Conferences.

## 6th Grade Math, Pre-Algebra, Algebra with Mr. Armstrong

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**6th Grade Math-** Outdoor Lab! Yeah! We will be at outdoor lab for the first three days of the week. Thursday will be spent reviewing fraction operations and word problems involving fractions and mixed numbers.

**Pre-Algebra-** We will be going over equations with fractions on both sides and starting to look at inequalities too! We will also be reviewing the content from chapter one through chapter three this week. I will be at Outdoor Lab for the first half of the week, so we will catch up on Thursday.

**Algebra-** We will be looking at graphing inequalities this week. First we will look at graphing and writing inequalities, then move on to solving inequalities with various operations. I will be gone for the first half of the week, so we will go over everything on Thursday.

## Writing & Grammar with Ms. Emmett & Ms. Murphy

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7th Grade-Students will work on revising their rough drafts of their personal narrative or phase autobiography essay. Specifically we will work on adding voice (dialogue) and editing for conventions. We will also be reviewing for their *Parts of Speech* test on Thursday, Oct. 9th. Students should use their notes from the group presentations, the skill book pages, and the grammar review completed in class to study. **A final typed draft of their personal narrative or phase autobiography is due Wednesday, October 15th.**

6th Grade-On Thursday, students will learn about figurative language and how to use different figures of speech to "show" instead of "tell" in their narrative essays. **A final typed draft of the personal narrative is due on Friday, October 17th.**

8th Writing- We're into our narrative essays full swing this week. Last week, students received a packet full of information and due dates. Make sure you've seen it! They get 5 points just for having you sign it! :) They chose one of the following prompts:

Phase Autobiography - This is where they write a story about a specific period of time in their life (a year, a whole summer, a sports season etc.) where they experienced adversity and learned something from the experience.

Biographical Narrative - With this option, students will be writing a narrative about another person's experience. This must be someone they know and will require them to contact this person for details and information. They are basically writing a short biography about this person.

PLEASE NOTE: This week, a ROUGH DRAFT is due on Thursday, 9 October 2014. They need to have TWO copies of this draft to turn in that day. I suggest they type it, but handwritten is acceptable (we still need two copies!). The students are responsible for printing their drafts. They may not print during class. They can print at home, the library, or come before or after school to print here.

Finally, our grammar focus will be making sure our subjects and verbs agree in our writing.

# Community Service/Mrs. Hughes

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**Total Middle School Hours Completed: 392**

**THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS HAVE COMPLETED THEIR HOURS FOR THE YEAR: NATHAN M.-10, BRANDON T.-16, LILY M.-42, MILES R.-11, FRANCISCO L.-28, SERENITY S.-12, DOMINIC L.-17, ETHAN S.-16, RYAN B.-12, HUNTER W.-10, AHLINNA L.-20, ELIJAH Q.-61, CAMERON W.-10, Marissa A.-18, Katie H.-26, Justin R.-10, Ciara C.-10, Daisy W.-19.**

If you have any questions, concerns, or would like ideas of where to volunteer please contact me at bonnie.hughes@crownpointeacademy.org

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- **Community Service Grading**
- 2.5 new hours each quarter in addition to the hours required the quarter before
- To receive a 100%, students should have a total of 2.5 hours at the end of 1st quarter, 5 hours at the end of 2nd quarter, 7.5 hours at the end of 3rd quarter, and 10 hours at the May 11th cutoff date for 4th quarter.
- Until the previous quarter's requirements are met no new credit will be given.
- Students will receive 20 points for each **completed** half hour of service in the quarterly requirement. Additional half hours are credited to the following quarter up to the 10 hour requirement. Once the 10 hour requirement is met the student will receive a 100% for that quarter and all following quarters.
- A log (available in Mrs. Hughes' room) must be completed for each month's service and turned in to Mrs. Hughes' room.
- Partial half hours will receive no credit. Hours turned in after the quarterly deadline will be counted toward the total in the next quarter.