Middle School Newsletter

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September 14-18

Monday, September 14:

Breakfast: Sunshine Cereal with Mini Dipperdoodle Bar

Buffalo Chicken Sandwich on a Wholegrain Bun, Chicken Pizza Party SKashi Honey salad , *Green Leaf Lettuce & Sliced Tomatoes*

NJHS Meeting 3:45-4:45 PM

PTA Dance Committee Meeting 6:30 PM

Tuesday, September 15:

Breakfast: Apple Cinna-Grins Cereal

BBQ Chicken Pasta with Mozzarella & Corn, (DF) Sesame Chicken Wrap, *Glazed Sliced Carrots*

Panda Express Fundraiser (Spanish Trip) 3:30-8:00 PM

Wednesday, September 16:

Breakfast: Zac Omega Apple Bar

Chicken Enchiladas, Crispy Chicken Salad, *Corn & Jicama Salad*

End of the Grading Period for Progress Reports

CPA Yearbook Club 3:45-4:45

Thursday, September 17:

Breakfast: Whole Wheat Bagel with Cream Cheese

(DF) All Natural Hot Dog on a Wholegrain Bun, Ham & Cheese Sandwich, *Coleslaw*

Friday, September 18:

Breakfast: Yogurt & Granola

(DF) Crispy Chicken Sandwich, Turkey & Cheese Sandwich on a Wholegrain Bun, *Blanched Broccoli with Ranch & Three Bean Salad*

All late work due for credit on progress reports!

6th Grade Spanish Trip Information Meeting 6:00 PM

Volunteer Work Night 5:30-8:30 PM

Science with Mrs. Roe

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CPA SCIENCE FAIR
TIMELINE

September 18 Proposed Topic and Question Due
September 26-Oct. 16 Conduct Research on Topic
October 16 Research Journal Due
Completed Proposal Due
Oct. 16-Nov. 2 Conduct Experiment, Gather Data, Construct Display
November 4 Set up Science Fair Project after School
Judging in the Evening *(Students do not Attend)*

November 5 Viewing by classes during the day.
Open House 3:30 - 4:30

November 13 Announce Winners at
All-School Assembly - 2:45 PM
Projects taken Home after School

Science:

6th Grade –Outdoor Lab Forms are Due by September 24

ALL 6th Graders must have current immunizations to attend Outdoor Lab.

Monday: Review for Test
Tuesday: Energy/Heat and Energy Transfer Test
Wednesday: Introduction to Oceans and Hydrosphere Unit
Thursday: Solar Energy
Friday: Convection Currents /**Science Fair Proposed Topic and Question Due**

7th Grade – Upcoming Field Trip to Dinosaur Ridge on September 30th

Monday: Physical and Chemical change
Tuesday: Volume and Solubility
Wednesday: Density
Thursday: Density Columns
Friday: States of Matter Review/**Science Fair Proposed Topic and Question Due**

8th Grade –Upcoming Field trip to Denver Museum of Nature and Science on October 28th

Monday: DNA Replication
Tuesday: DNA extraction
Wednesday: Protein Synthesis
Thursday: Protein Synthesis
Friday: Protein Synthesis Lab/ **Science Fair Proposed Topic and Question Due**

Social Studies with Mrs. Hughes

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All Classes

All grades are beginning this year with some exciting changes.

The biggest issue I am seeing with students on any of the websites is that they are not getting their user names or passwords correct.

User names: cpafirstname.lastinitial Passwords: CPAlunchcode

- WE FINISHED OUR PROCESS SKILLS PACKETS LAST WEEK! YAY!

They must have internet access on a nightly basis as we will be relying on our digital texts as well as an online classroom forum called Google Classroom. Please make a plan so that students can finish homework on time.

6th Grade Social Studies

Core Concepts – History and Culture

We are continuing with our study of Core Concepts, the fundamentals of studying social sciences. Topics will include history and culture, geography, economics, and civics. The lessons this week will focus on history and culture. This week our studies will include historical sources, archeology, culture, families and societies.

7th Grade Social Studies

Core Concepts – History and Geography

We are continuing with our study of Core Concepts, the fundamentals of studying social sciences. Topics will include history and geography, economics, and civics. This week our studies will focus on science and technology, geography, and mapping.

8th Grade Social Studies

The Early Americas and European Exploration (Ancient Days-1550)

Each of our units will be centered on an essential question. The question for this first unit is: How much does geography affect people's lives? This week our lessons will continue to focus on the Mayan, Incan and other native civilizations, and the geography of the Americas. We will also continue to work through the Document Based Question process.

All Classes:

- It is important for all students to have their interactive notebooks and pencil pouches as well as a couple of other items I have given them in class **daily**.
- All students need to have their own atlases in class beginning August 31st.

Please make sure you have access to Infinite Campus for grade information. Please have your student show you our Google Classroom if you would like to know what is going on.

Continuation Info

Our first meeting will be in early October.

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

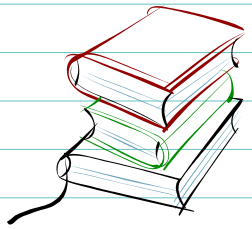
This week we will continue our unit, on the novel *The Giver*. Throughout the unit, students will focus on applying literary concepts to what they read. Students will also spend time learning new vocabulary words in their Rev It Up workbooks. **9/14/15**: *Spelling Test #3,* **9/15/15:** *Vocabulary Quiz Lesson #3,The Giver Quiz Chps. 6 & 7* **9/18/15***: Vocabulary pgs. 34-35 Due, Quiz on Denotation/Connotation*

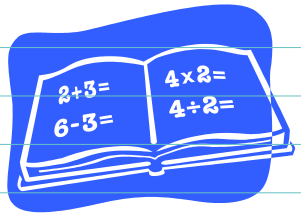
7th Grade

This week we will complete our reading of the novel *The Call of the Wild*. Throughout the unit, they have focused on applying literary concepts to what they read. In addition, students will complete assignments in their Word Wisdom workbooks. **9/14/15:** *Spelling Test #3,* **9/15/15:** *Vocabulary Quiz Unit 1 Part 3*, **9/1715:** *Vocab. pgs. 24-27 Due, Quiz on Denotation/ Connotation, Call of the Wild Quiz Chps. 4-7*

8th Grade

This week we will continue our reading of 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, students will complete assignments in their Word Wisdom workbooks. **9/14/15:** *Spelling Test #3,* **9/15/15:** *Vocabulary Quiz Unit 1 Part 3*, **9/1715:** *Vocab. pgs. 24-27 Due, Quiz on Denotation/Connotation*





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

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In **7th Grade Math** we will be multiplying and dividing integers, and applying integer operations. The students seem to have a good grasp on adding and subtracting integers. We will be taking a **quiz on Module 2 on Friday, September 18th**.

In **8th Grade Math** we will work with integer exponents and scientific notation. This should build upon concepts that were introduced last year. We will have our **Module 2 Quiz the following Monday, September 21st**.

In **Geometry** we will take our **Chapter 1 Test on Monday, September 14th**. Then we will move to reasoning and proofs. We will start with inductive reasoning, then analyze conditional statements, and apply deductive reasoning. We will take a **quiz on 2.1-2.3 on Friday, September 18th**.

All students will receive a copy of their missing work on Monday. They will have until **Friday, September 18th** to get the work turned in. After that it becomes a zero and is beyond the make up period.

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

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6th Grade Math- We will continue our investigation of Greatest Common Factor (GCF) this week. We will also take a look at Least Common Multiple (LCM) toward the end of the week. We will have a quiz on GCF and LCM on Friday.

8th Grade Math- We will continue our investigation of Integer Exponents this week. Once we get comfortable with using them, we will apply integer exponents to Scientific Notation.

Algebra- We will continue with our mastery of equations this week. We will look at Absolute Value Equations, along with Proportions, Percents, and Ratios. We will have a quiz on Wednesday covering 2.1-2.6.

Writing & Grammar with Ms. Emmett & Ms. Murphy

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7th Grade Writing-This week students will begin their narrative essay. We will review characteristics of a strong narrative, differentiate between narrative and expository writing, and then begin the prewriting and drafting stages of the narrative this week. Students will be writing about a memorable personal experience that changed them in some way. We will be working on Google Docs and Google Classroom to type and submit the rough draft. Prewriting step's 1, 2, and 3 in the narrative packet are due on **Thursday, Sept. 17th.** The rough draft will be due the following **Tuesday, Sept. 22nd** electronically via Google Classroom. Students must also print a copy for peer revising.

6th Grade Writing-Today, students will take their 6+1 Traits Test (moved from Friday). Students will learn the characteristics of a strong narrative, differentiate between narrative and expository writing, and then begin the prewriting and drafting stages of the narrative this week. Students will be writing about a memorable personal experience that changed them in some way. We will be working on Google Docs and Google Classroom to type and submit the rough draft. Prewriting step's 1, 2, and 3 in the narrative packet are due on **Friday, Sept. 18th**. The rough draft will be due the following **Thursday, Sept. 24th** electronically via Google Classroom. Students must also print a copy for peer revising.

8th Writing: We will focus on the revising, editing and publishing steps for our *Good Earth* hamburger/CEA paragraph. Students will be encouraged to have a parent help them revise and edit, but please remember that you should not do too much for them ☺ Rough drafts of this paragraph are due Tuesday, September 15th. Final drafts will be due ONLINE via Google Classroom on Friday, September 18th.

We will review phrases and clauses on Monday and have a quiz on Friday.

Community Service/Mrs. Hughes

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Community Service

Students can turn their hours in to the bin marked "Return Completed Forms Here" on the black tower in my room. 1st quarter hours are due October 9th.

Total Middle School Hours Completed: 116

THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS HAVE COMPLETED THEIR HOURS FOR THE YEAR: CAMERON W.-10, DOMINIC L.-15, MARISSA A.-24, CAMERON W.-10, AHLINNA L.-14, CAMERON S.-10, ETHAN S.-10, CIARA C.-10, NOAH S.-10, DAVID C.-13

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

- **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.