

December 14, 2018

Good Friday Afternoon, Trooper Families!!

**School-wide reminders**

**Holiday Giving Snowflake Tree 2018 Apex Friendship Middle School**

*(All paperwork and communication will remain confidential)*

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This year Apex Friendship Middle School will start a new tradition which will allow us to help and support AFMS families during the holidays.

The Holiday Giving Snowflake Tree is posted in the main lobby. We ask that if you would like to help a student and take a snowflake that has the age, gender, clothing sizes and some gift ideas for our students to please write down your contact information and the snowflake number on the clipboard next to tree.

\*If you can't take a snowflake please feel free to donate gift cards and we will distribute them to our families in need\*

Please feel free to reach out and contact us with any questions and thank you for making a difference in our students' lives.

***(All gifts must be turned in to Student Services by December 19th)***

Thank you,

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- 1) Spring 2020 European Trip--Spring Break--Students who expressed interest in the trip were given informational sheets in social studies. If your student did not pick up the information and you would like them to, please email Mrs. Rabb....I will make sure one is sent home Monday.**

**ELA/Language Arts with Mrs. Gabbard:**

Students have been quite busy researching articles and videos about *Serfs and Peasants* or *Lords and Ladies* to use in their upcoming essays. Students will be completing a five paragraph essay on Monday and Tuesday of next week. The topic has already been given to students and they have been completing preparations for this assessment. Next week, after our writing assessment, students will begin to read various monologues in Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! Students are looking forward to exploring the book and the theme of adversity in other pieces of literature.

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## **Math 6 and Math 6+ with Mrs. Figueroa:**

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### **Science with Mr. Hipps:**

“Catch a Wave”

We have looked at what all waves have in common and will examine wave anatomy (properties) on Monday. This week we will begin by examining the way waves react when they encounter a medium and/or other waves. It is important that students remember the wave vocabulary as we move through each strand of this unit. For example, we will learn about reflection, refraction, and diffraction. These terms apply to waves weather a tsunami through water, or light through space.

Sound, and how humans are able to perceive it, will be a major focus. Many students are fascinated to learn that sound is not quite what they had imagined. Sound is simply a vibration.

### **Assessment Alert;**

Plate tectonics test 2 was returned yesterday (except for 5 students who have yet to finish). Several students had quite a slip from test 1 to test 2. Please encourage your student to keep up with the work, do the online Quizizz review, and pay strong attention in class. Waves is our most difficult unit, and it is full of complex vocabulary.

### **Quiz Friday**

### **This Week's Key Questions:**

- What do all waves have in common?
- What determines the energy in a mechanical wave?
- What determines the energy in an electromagnetic wave?
- How does the human ear work?
- What is sound?
- What can happen when sound encounters another sound?
- What can happen when sound encounters a medium?

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### **Social Studies with Mrs. Rabb:**

There are several students who have not finished our DBQ assessment for Egypt. Between the snow days and the three-hour delay, we lost valuable Smart Block time this week. Students will be given a chance to finish the DBQ during Smart Block next week, but this assessment must be completed before they leave for Winter Break.

We started our study of the Indus River Valley civilization and will continue this unit through the end of the 2nd quarter. The resources for this week's lessons are on the website. I am trying to make the Daily Plan and Homework page on my website as detailed as possible, so when students miss class they will be able to visit the website to get the information, handouts, and assignments.

Grading Update: With our move right before Thanksgiving, I have not been as diligent about entering grades into PowerSchools as I did earlier in the semester. Thank you in advance for your understanding and patience as I update grades this weekend. Most of the kids who are missing work have turned it in, and I have been pleased with the homework completion these past two weeks.

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**Compacted Math 6+ / 7+ with Mrs. Jones:**

**Upcoming Topics:** This week we will be continuing to work on Unit 6, looking at proportions, proportional graphs, similar figures, and scale drawings. Students will be completing a scale drawing of a bedroom when provided with some of the specifications.

**Assessments:**

Unit 6 Quiz (12/18)

Unit 6 Test (1/11)

**Announcements:**

If your student will not be in school for any part of the week of 12/17 please let me know so I can get the work prepared for them to make sure they stay on track with the material.

As we approach cold and flu season it would be helpful to add some more tissues to our classroom. If you are able to send in a box or two, it would be appreciated.

Website: [www.tinyurl.com/AFMS-Jones](http://www.tinyurl.com/AFMS-Jones)

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**Math with Ms. Hunter and Ms. Connell:**

- **Upcoming Assessments:**
  - **Tentative Mid-Unit Assessment 12/20 \*subject to change\***
    - **Please make sure to check Power School for updated grades**
- **Topics Covered Next Week:**
  - We are moving forward to Unit 6: Expressions, Equations and Inequalities. We will be half way through our Unit 6 before winter break. Please make sure to review lesson summaries while over break :-)
  - **Students should be reviewing their Lesson Summaries in their Workbooks nightly.**
  - Check our websites below for in-class activities, resources, and updates.
- **FYI:** Spirals are due EVERY other Monday, No spiral this week!