

February 1, 2019

Let's just say...that groundhog better not see his shadow tomorrow! Happy Early Groundhog Day! :)

School-wide announcements:

- 1) **Report cards went home Friday.**
- 2) **Please take a few moments to complete the school Panorama survey--we want to know what YOU think! The link is included in the image below. We will also put it on the team website.**
- 3) **Tickets for the Winter Wonderland Dance will be sold this coming week. Please see the school website for details**
- 4) **SPIRIT WEEK begins a week from Monday--on February 4th! Let's show everyone how amazing and spirited the Troopers Team really is!! Start planning your outfits now! See the schedule below.**

AFMS FAMILY ENGAGEMENT SURVEY



WWW.TINYURL.COM/FESURVEY19

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM OUR CHARGER FAMILIES!

1. Use the QR Code or link on the left to access our survey.
2. Provide your honest feedback.
3. Pat yourself on the back. You did a good thing for our school!





THANKS! WE APPRECIATE YOUR FEEDBACK!

ELA/Language Arts with Mrs. Gabbard:

Hello Trooper Families!!!! We had a packed week learning and I think the students enjoyed the "modern day" vibe. We analyzed various popular artists, poems, and lyrics to understand modern adversities and the relationship to Middle Age adversities. Our "Voices of Adversity" unit will be coming to a close soon and students will have an opportunity to demonstrate their understanding through verbal and written formats. On Monday, students will participate in a Paideia/Socratic Seminar and will plan and present an original narrative/monologue or an original concrete poem. We are looking forward to our discussions, creative outlets, and presentations all coming up next week. Updates for seminar preparation are on website and students should really spend no more than an hour to an hour and a half in preparation. Thus, PLEASE enjoy good food and the SUPER

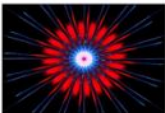

Spirit Week
February 4th - February 8th

Monday, 2/4/19 - Decade Day
(Pick your favorite era to dress up like)




Tuesday, 2/5/19 - Character Day
(Movie, book, anime, comic, etc.)

Wednesday, 2/6/19 - Camo Day



Thursday, 2/7/19 - Color Wars
(6th = Blue, 7th = Red, 8th = White)

Friday, 2/8/19 - Elderly Day
(Dress as a senior citizen)



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BOWL! I must pull for [THE RAMS!](#)

Math 6 and Math 6+ with Mrs. Figueroa:

EOG 2 is due on February 12th. Core 2, 3 and 4 are exempt from EOG 3 due to being Big Dawg. My advance class will have a Mid Unit Test next Wednesday. My regular math will have a quiz next Thursday on equations. Not much to report out. Have a great weekend.

Science with Mr. Hipps:

“I Only Have Eyes For Moo”

We are currently in electromagnetic waves with a focus upon the human eye and how it works. After much anticipation the day is finally here. We will be dissecting cow eyes on Monday (the title above is the name of our lab) Most students have a very through grasp of the eye, its parts, and how it works.

What I find very cool is the knowledge gained from this dissection lab. From this point forward most students will not look at an eye exam in quite the same way. They may even be able to ask some very pointed questions to the Dr...Now that is cool!

Assessment News

I returned wave quiz 3 today. It is due signed/corrected on Monday. It is important that students correct their quiz, and prepare for the upcoming test on Thursday. I will be giving retakes all next week until Thursday! There is a Quizzeer practice quiz on the website that is very helpful!

Waves Test II, Focus Upon Electromagnetic Waves: Thursday

Our next unit is on Ecosystems and flowering plants. We will need seeds for this activity. Any kind of seeds students can bring in are acceptable. This includes store bought, apple seeds, grape seeds, orange seeds etc. If we could have all seeds in by Thursday, that would be great.

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 waves are affected by the **mediums** through which they travel
- Frequency determines pitch
- **Intensity** determines **loudness**

Science Rocks,
Mr. Hipps

Social Studies with Mrs. Rabb:

We finished up our unit on China, and test corrections will begin late this coming week. On Friday, the kids began working on vocabulary for our unit on Ancient Greece--and there is a LOT of vocabulary! Our Greece unit will include early Greece, wars (I'm pretty sure the students are going to enjoy that!!), origins of the Olympics, and the development of political systems. I am always fascinated by the deep connections between the founding of the U.S. and the early Greek political ideas. I am so looking forward to this next unit!

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

Upcoming Topics: This week we will be starting our next unit with slope and equations of lines. We will start with a review of the coordinate plane and necessary vocabulary, moving into distance on a coordinate plane and ending the week with constant of proportionality.

Assessments:

Unit 8 Quiz 1 (2/11)

Unit 8 Quiz 2 (2/21)

Unit 8 Test (2/27)

Announcements:

SMART Block on Tuesdays will be used for additional class time throughout this unit. Students will be pre-stamped, but Tuesday is Core 2's priority day. Please let me know if there are any questions about this.

Website: www.tinyurl.com/AFMS-Jones

Math with Ms. Hunter and Ms. Connell: