

February 22, 2019

**School-wide announcements:**

SCIENCE DONATION ALERT!!: Large lilies are the perfect flower to dissect. These flowers can be found at most any grocery store. If you can send in flowers with your student that would be greatly appreciated. Please use the Sign-Up Genius link below. However, feel free to send in flowers even if you do not get around to signing up: ).

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040945ACA72DA20-flower1>

**These are the last few days to take the survey! Thank you to those families who have already provided input--we are grateful!**



WWW.TINYURL.COM/FESURVEY19

**AFMS FAMILY ENGAGEMENT SURVEY**

**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:**

Good afternoon Troopers! Just a quick update to keep you in the know. We have transitioned to our new book, *World without Fish*, and we will be reading selected excerpts. Students had an assessment today based on material covered to this point. We will move forward with more excerpts and add another text entitled *Flush*. Have a great week!

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

It was unfortunate but I have been absent this entire week due to being sick. EOG 3 is due on February 26<sup>th</sup> for Core 1. Core 2, 3 and 4 are exempt from EOG 3 due to being Big Dawg. My regular math will be tested on Unit 6 next Tuesday. We will begin Unit 7 on Wednesday which is Integers. My advance class has already begun Unit 8, Statistics this week. When I return Monday, we will review what they attempted to learn in my absence. After this Unit my advance class will go into 7<sup>th</sup> grade concepts. These 7<sup>th</sup> grade concepts will not be on the EOG. Have a great weekend.

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**Science with Mr. Hipps:**

FLOWERING PLANTS & ECOSYSTEMS

Your students are learning quite a lot about angiosperms (they should know what that means by now). Many are just beginning some pretty cool extension projects. As I mentioned last week, we will be dissecting flowers this week (Thursday and Friday). We will be dissecting large lilies on Thursday, continuing into Friday. Large

lilies are the perfect flower to dissect. We will also be looking at roses and daisies on Friday (find their flower parts takes a lot more analysis). These flowers can be found at most any grocery store. If you can send in flowers with your student that would be greatly appreciated. Please use the Sign-Up Genius link below. However, feel free to send in flowers even if you do not get around to signing up: ).

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### Assessment Alert

The make-up for Flower Quiz 1, and the Flower Quiz 2, are on Wednesday.

### Key Concepts

1. Plants have specialized parts that allow them to reproduce.
2. Plants have processes and behaviors that allow them to survive.

### Objectives:

1. I will understand the structures, processes and behaviors of plants that enable them to survive and reproduce.
2. I will accurately label the parts of a flower on a diagram.
3. I will understand the flow of energy through ecosystems and the responses of populations to the biotic and abiotic factors in their environment.

### Key Questions

1. What is the purpose of a flower?
2. What is pollen and what is its purpose?
3. How do plants reproduce?
4. What are the main parts of a plant/Flower?
5. What are biotic and abiotic factors?
6. What do we mean when we talk about energy flowing through an ecosystem?

Science Rocks,  
Mr. Hipps

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

Students completed a DBQ (document-based questions) assessment for our ancient Greece unit. We had a terrific time learning about ancient Greek achievements through the stations model this week. Students worked independently to learn about Greek philosophers, mathematicians, and scientists as well as Greek architecture, inventions, poems, and plays. We also learned a little about the origins of the Olympic games! Students used the Flipgrid app to record their answers to questions about Greek inventions. We also did a LOT of QR code scanning!

On Monday, we will briefly study Alexander the Great before moving into Ancient Rome on Tuesday!

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

#### **Upcoming Topics:**

This week we will be concluding our linear equations unit. We have will a review on Monday, test Tuesday. Wednesday - working with the graphing calculator...if you have one, bring it. If you don't have one, one will be provided.

Thursday and Friday - Unit 8 Project - Linear Art - These are the only two days we will be working on the project in class. I know there are a few students who have laptops that they bring with them on occasion, if they want to bring them in for these two days, that would be fine. SMART Block will be available in my classroom, but also in the Media Center, on the 6th grade days, when my room is not available. The project is website based and can be worked on at home. The project will count as a test grade and will be due on Friday 3/15.

**Assessments:**

Unit 8 Test **(2/26)**

Unit 8 Project - Due 3/15

**Announcements:**

SMART Block Schedule

Monday - Coordinate Planes...combining what we know about lines and creating paper airplanes

Tuesday - Test Review

Wednesday - Closed for 6+/7+, I have Math 1 students coming in

Thursday - Coordinate Planes...testing our airplanes

\*Students are not required to be at both Coordinate Plane sessions to participate. If they are unable to attend on Monday they can ask me for the papers and have their airplane ready to test on Thursday.

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

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**Math with Mrs. Hunter/Mrs. Connell:**

- **Upcoming Assessments:**
  - **Unit 8, Quiz 1 will be Tomorrow!**
  - **Mid-Unit Test, February 28th.**
- **Topics Covered Next Week:**
  - We have started our Unit 8: Probability and Sampling.
  - **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, Spiral 14 will be due 2/25.
  - Remember that students can access Illustrative Mathematics on Khan Academy for support and practice on all units.