

April 26, 2019

School-wide announcements:

- 1) **7th GRADE REGISTRATION VERIFICATION:** Rising 7th grade verification forms went home on Friday, April 26th and are **due** back to homeroom teachers by **May 3rd**. These forms show core class recommendations by teachers and elective selections by students. Please review, sign and return to homeroom teacher. If you have a question/comments please feel free to write in the notes section on the sheet or email Mrs. Smith at gsmith8@wcpss.net. Your Troopers Teachers would love to have all the forms signed and returned no later than Tuesday, April 30th to help our Mrs. Smith and to show our awesomeness to the other 6th grade teams! :)

- 2) **Please join Apex Friendship High by bringing in new or gently used items to be donated to the elementary students in New Bern, NC who were hard hit by the hurricane, they are still recovering. Our high school Mentors & friends are collecting Basketballs, Footballs, Kick balls, Soccer & Volley balls, baseballs, softballs, jump ropes, hula hoops, board games and card games. These will be taken to Oaks Road Academy by the high school students at the end of next week, so please ask your parents if you can clean out your closets, storage or garage to donate items needed. Please put them in the box in the Main office by next Tuesday. Thank you!**

- 3) **Time is running out....only 55 copies of our inaugural Yearbook remain before it's too late to purchase one! Please make sure you snag yours now before we sell out! Go to jostensyearbook.com to order today!**

ELA/Language Arts with Mrs. Gabbard:

Hello parents! I hope the return for students was as exciting for them as it was for me! It was wonderful to see everyone and jump back into our final project of Module 3. Students worked on the Consumer Information Guide and they will be turning in ALL portions of that project on Monday. Next week, students will be introduced to our Module 4 book and will begin studying this selection. We will finish with this book as an independent source after next week. Also, there are no assessments schedule for next week:) Finally, just a reminder that Wednesday, May 1st is now a Teacher Workday. Have a great week!--Mrs. Gabbard

Math 6 and Math 6+ with Mrs. Figueroa:

Students have received their last EOG worksheet, and it is due Friday May 3rd. Also next Friday the Regular math classes will be tested on Unit 8. EOG practice begins May 6th for all classes and will continue for 3 weeks. This 3 weeks of EOG practice is very important, and I need all the students to be focused. I basically have not been giving homework all year but during the 3 weeks of preparation students will be giving homework Monday through Thursday. The EOG format will be in competition form. I will be rewarding groups with prizes which over 3 weeks may get a little expensive. I would greatly appreciate any donation of snacks such as individual chip bags, Lil Debbies, individual cracker packs, fruit wrinkles, candy etc. The Math EOG is May 30th. Have a great weekend.--Mrs. Figueroa

Science with Mr. Hipps:

The Final Frontier,

We are now full into space focusing upon the relationship between the earth moon and sun. We have just completed moon phases but will need to continue practicing our skills at interpreting diagrams. Next week we will hit eclipses and spend time on space exploration. Our focus will be upon current methods and technologies used to study and explore space. We will also go into the history of space exploration. Besides NASA's technology advances, we will look at some of the brave men and women who have advanced the cause of science to help us all learn more about our final frontier.

Assessments:

Space Quiz 3, and retake for quiz 2, on Friday

Spiral 2 Due Friday

Key Concepts Space

1. The Earth, Moon and Sun interact in observable and predictable ways.
2. The Earth, Moon, and Sun interact to cause tides, seasons, moon phases, eclipses and night/day!
3. Because of water, gravity, atmosphere, minerals and proximity to the sun, the Earth can sustain life.
4. With the use of telescopes, manned spacecraft, and unmanned spacecraft, we can discover much about space.

Key Questions

1. Why are there predictable tides on our oceans?
2. If our earth did not have an axis tilt, what would be different about the Earth's climate?
3. Can you look up at the phase of the moon, and give the location of our sun?
4. What is the best technology to use to make new discoveries about space, telescopes, probes, rovers, and orbiters, or manned spacecraft?

Science Rocks,
Mark Hipps

Social Studies with Mrs. Rabb:

This week: We have learned about the Renaissance period this week, starting with the Italian Renaissance and its impact on the rest of Europe. Students began a mini-research assignment in which they identified key figures of the Renaissance, researching educational background, areas of study, and accomplishments. Our focus will then shift to understanding the impact of these leaders in both the time of the Renaissance as well as today.

Next week: We will use the research from this week to create posters about our "Renaissance Men". Each student will use the info from peer posters to evaluate the impact of each of these great influencers. This evaluation/analysis page will be submitted for minor grade. We will briefly review the Reformation as well as the Age of Exploration.

Grade Recovery: Middle Ages test RETAKE will be offered Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday of next week. Students must come in one of those days if they would like to improve their grades for that assessment. Students MUST let me know by Tuesday if they will not be able to retake the test next week. Special arrangements may be made on a case-by-case basis with prior notice.

North Carolina Final Exam (NCFE): -- Please be on the lookout for review materials to assist the kids in preparing for our social studies NCFE. While we will review some in class, everyone would benefit from doing some additional studying at home. Thank you in advance for any support you can provide in this effort! -- Mrs. Rabb

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

Upcoming Topics: This week we will finish Unit 12 on Collecting, Analyzing and Describing Data talking about how to calculate MAD (Mean Absolute Deviation) and how to compare two data sets. Before the EOGs we will finish with Transformations (Unit 13) and Properties of Exponents (Unit 14).

Assessments:

EOG Lesson #2 - submitted through Google Classroom by 4/28 by midnight, answers and grades will be released on 4/29...no late work will be accepted.

Unit 12 Test (5/3)

Transformations Project (counts as a quiz and will be replace an in-class quiz) - assigned 5/6, due 5/14.

Announcements:

Required SMART Blocks: 4/30, 5/7, and 5/14.

SMART Block Schedule

Monday - Open

Tuesday - Required for additional class instruction with comparing data sets

Wednesday - Open

Thursday - Open

Math with Mrs. Hunter and Mrs. Connell:

- **Upcoming Assessments:**
 - **Unit 2 Take Home Assessment due 4/26.**
- **Topics Covered Next Week:**
 - We are wrapping Unit 2: Dilations, Similarity and Introduction to Slope. We will be moving to Unit 3: Linear Relationship tomorrow. Please have students utilize online resources that go along with their workbooks for additional help.
 - **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, EOG #4 is due 4/29.
 - Remember that students can access Illustrative Mathematics on Khan Academy for support and practice on all units.