

May 24, 2019

**School-wide announcements: Thank you to the military women and men whose lives we remember this weekend as we celebrate Memorial Day.**

- 1) **TESTING UPDATES:** The time is here--our "Trooper Babies" are ready to show all that they have learned this year!! We are proud of the work that they have put into reviewing and preparing this week. Several helpful hints as we enter the "testing season" and the last few days of school.
  - a) **BREAKFAST** = make sure your kiddo has a PROTEIN-RICH breakfast and please limit the sugary foods in the mornings. Research has shown that protein keeps them focused and alert while they push through these long ol' tests! Don't forget meds either!!
  - b) **REST** = Please make sure our kids get a good night's rest each night. Sleep is an essential component for being successful...in life!
  - c) **SUPPLIES** = kids will need to bring a BOOK TO READ EVERY DAY, even the days we aren't testing. I will guarantee you that Mrs. Rabb will have independent reading time (trying to get those reading minutes built up before the books get thrown on the floor for the summer!).
  - d) **DRAWSTRING BAGS** = just have the kiddos put their supplies in a smaller backpack/bookbag/drawstring bag for the next two weeks. There is no need for them to tote all their worldly possessions in and out of this building every day!
  - e) **We adore our Troopers no matter what the outcome of these assessments. They are unique and amazing, each on in her/his own right...and the reality is that no test could ever measure how much these students have grown, learned, laughed, and created memories this year. We are looking forward to an outstanding and fun two weeks!!**

2) **Basket Raffle Sign-Up Genius links--AN EMAIL WAS SENT EARLIER WITH THIS INFO AS WELL:**

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS SENT IN ITEMS SO FAR! If you would like to sign up to donate items or contribute money for our two baskets, please use the following information:

**Hipps homeroom/Fig homeroom =**

**<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4EA5A628A1F49-mystery>**

**Rabb homeroom/Gabbard homeroom =**

**<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a44aea82da31-ncstate>**

More information about the Charger Games and the Silent Auction can be found on the school's website.

- 3) **District Parent Survey**-Please visit our school website for the link to a district-wide parent survey. Survey information will be given to each school to analyze for areas of celebration and concern. Your input is very important, so we encourage you to complete the survey. Thank you.

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

We were quite busy in the ELA classroom this week. Students were reviewing fiction concepts and test taking strategies in preparation for the EOG next week. We took a look at analogies, main idea/central idea, vocabulary, and strategies to help with answer elimination. As we start the testing season next week, please assure your child is on time daily and well rested. They have worked super hard this year and deserve the very best shot at success. Have a wonderful long weekend and take this time to honor and remember those that have served and paid the ultimate price. I am grateful and thankful each day. Mrs. Gabbard

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

It's been a successful 3 weeks of review for the math EOG. The winners from each class will be determined and each will be invited to an ice-cream party. Parents-- thank you for your support with the competition in the respect of donated snacks. Next week is EOG week so please make sure your child gets enough rest. Have a great Memorial weekend.

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

#### **Science Survival Week!,**

As you are well-aware, we have been playing Survivor games this week, and will continue into next. There is an optional bonus quiz online, but no assigned homework for the long weekend. Please encourage your student to do the practice quizzes online. The points are very, very close. If anyone would like to donate some prize candy or other treats that would be wonderful.

After next week we will begin constructing our water bottle rockets. The following materials will be needed.

1. Empty 2-liter soda bottle (it must be carbonated)
2. Material like cardboard for fins
3. Tape (no glue allowed)
4. String (to attach a parachute)
5. Material for a parachute (plastic bags work fine)

Some parents have already sent in soda bottles, so we do have a limited amount of extras. No need to send in materials until we are closer to build time.

Science Rocks,

Mark Hipps

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

Students finished up their Mesoamerica projects this week. I was pleased with the focus and attention to detail that most students exhibited throughout the week. We also spent some time taking a released NCFE during our warm-up to improve our strategies for answering these types of questions. Starting next week, student groups will present their learning--I cannot wait!

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

**Upcoming Topics:** For the remainder of the year we will be working on some topics that will assist students in preparing for Math 1 next year. Some of the topics that we will be covering are Pythagorean Theorem, Distance Formula and Scientific Notation. Depending on time and schedules will depend on how in depth we go on each topic, but I wanted to provide the students with at least an exposure to these topics.

### **Assessments:**

Math 6 EOG (5/30)

**Announcements:**

I will be available via email ([rjones11@wcpss.net](mailto:rjones11@wcpss.net)) if you have any questions about anything. If there is something related to grades/PowerSchools please email me, but also copy Mrs. Evans ([levans4@wcpss.net](mailto:levans4@wcpss.net)) on the email. Mrs. Evans will be listed as a co-teacher for my classes beginning on Tuesday 5/28 to help me close out grades for the year. Please be sure to include first and last name as well as Core 2 so Mrs. Evans knows. Thank you!

SMART Block Schedule

Monday - No School

Tuesday - Small group / independent study

Wednesday - None - Testing

Thursday - None - Testing

Friday - None - Testing