

May 3, 2019

School-wide announcements:

- 1) **7th GRADE REGISTRATION VERIFICATION is due today, May 3rd. Thank you to those students/families who have already returned their forms. Mrs. Smith and your teachers are VERY grateful! If your student has not turned in the form, please do so immediately.**
- 2) **Basket Raffle Sign-Up Genius links:**
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 = COMING SOON!

In case you were wondering, the basket raffle is part of **the AFMS PTSA's event called Charger Games on Friday May 31st from 5pm-8pm**. This will be a community and fundraising event that we plan to invite our Rising 6th Grade Families to as well as our current student family population. The event will have a variety of games, a dodgeball tournament, some vendors for shopping and food as well as a Silent Auction.

Get your friends together and register for the dodgeball tournament by filling the form found on the school website and returning it to the main office. If you can't find 7 other players, register as a free-agent and you will be placed on a team to join the fun. The winning team will get the chance to throw things at the Staff, but don't worry Staff, you will get to throw things back. More info to come on the Charger Games.

- 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.**
- 4) **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 Charger Families! I hope all is well in your world and your step has some pep!:) We are rolling along in ELA and continuing to study environmental issues embedded in our literature selections. Over the next three weeks, students will be reviewing concepts from our studies throughout the year as well as continuing to read Frightful's Mountain. While students will occasionally be asked to complete EL workbook activities for homework or as a brief in class activity, the majority of our practice and homework will be in the form of review. As you know, "testing season" is around the corner and we want students to have an opportunity to review and then show what they know....which is quite a lot! Also, please remind your student(s) to be checking the website and PowerSchools to stay caught up and "in the know". Have a wonderful week! Mrs. Gabbard

Math 6 and Math 6+ with Mrs. Figueroa:

This Monday, May 6th begins the EOG competition. It will end May 24th. Also starting this Monday students will have homework Monday through Thursday. They may finish it in class. 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.

Science with Mr. Hipps:

The Final Frontier,

We have explored almost everything we need to about space except for space exploration. Our Eggstronaut launch will help, and it will be fun, but we need to take a solid look at the history of space exploration. We also need to focus upon ways that we explore space today. From telescopes to rovers we are going deeper into the universe every day. That will be next week's focus.

A few students are struggling with some pretty basic information and vocabulary. That is why we have quiz retakes. However, if a student does not correct the original, it makes improvement less likely.

Assessments:

Space Quiz 4, and retake for quiz 3, on Friday

Spiral 3 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 finished our Renaissance research and created some AMAZING posters to show our learning! Some of these kiddos are GIFTED artists! We also learned about the Reformation led by Martin Luther which led to the beginning of Protestantism. On Friday, we had a guest educator, Mrs. MaryClay Vick, teach us about evaluating internet resources as well as other "tech tidbits". Mrs. Vick is a Digital Learning Coordinator for WCPSS.

Next week: We begin a mini-unit on European explorers and their impact on the Americas as we then launch into our FINAL UNIT on Mesoamerica. We will learn about the Mayan, Incan, and Aztec civilizations through reading, videos, and activities. Mrs. Nations will be our guest teacher on Tuesday (my last day of Summer STEM training!) and on Friday (my daughter is graduating from NC State with a Masters of Social Work that day--and she started paying for her own car insurance this week--good times!).

North Carolina Final Exam (NCFE): -- Quizlets and other review sources are now uploaded to Google Classroom. I will add more resources as I find them! 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 start Unit 13, Transformations. During this unit we will cover translations, reflections, rotations, dilations and compositions.

Assessments:

- EOG Lesson #3 - submitted through Google Classroom by 5/5 by midnight, answers and grades will be released on 5/6...no late work will be accepted.
- Unit 13 Test (5/13)
- Transformations Project (counts as a quiz and will be replace an in-class quiz) - assigned 5/6, due 5/14. Details will be in the Unit 13 packet, graph paper and the coordinates document (with rubric) will be handed out on Monday 5/6
- Unit 14 Quiz (5/17)

In-Class EOG review will begin on Monday 5/20.

Announcements:

I hope that your students have informed you, but in case they have not, my husband and I are expecting our second child, our due date is June 1. My last day with my students will be Friday May 24th. Prior to my last day the students will have received all the information necessary to prepare them for the EOG. Students will work with the sub, after the EOG, on Pythagorean Theorem and the Distance Formula. I know the students are going to do awesome on their EOG and have an excellent finish to the school year. Please let me know if you have any questions, comments or concerns (rjones11@wcpss.net).

Required SMART Blocks: 5/7 and 5/14

SMART Block Schedule

Monday - Open

Tuesday - Required for additional class instruction

Wednesday - Open

Thursday - Open

Math with Mrs. Hunter and Mrs. Connell:

- **Upcoming Assessments:**
 - **Unit 3 Take Home Assessment due 5/6.**
- **Topics Covered Next Week:**
 - We are wrapping Unit 3: Linear Relationships. We will be moving to Unit 4: Linear Equations on Monday. 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, no spiral this week.
 - Remember that students can access Illustrative Mathematics on Khan Academy for support and practice on all units