



## 7th & 8th Grade Friday Letter - May 18th, 2018

### Announcements

- ★ State Testing continued this week and will pick up again next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. While testing is just that, we want to put our best effort on display so please get some extra sleep and be ready to go next week.
  
- ★ Congratulations to our **ACADEMIC ALL-STARS** of the week! These students displayed leadership both academically and in our WCA community! Your all-stars this week are:
  - 6th Grade - Makena Anderson
  - 6th Grade - Trinity Chancellor

### English Language Arts with Ms. Powers and Ms. Alagna

*7<sup>th</sup> grade: This week, as students prepare for CAASPP testing, we learned helpful strategies for writing an open response. Together, we brainstormed, planned, and revised our writing. Students also continued reading Unbroken.*

*Next week: Academic Vocabulary and Socratic Seminar*

*8<sup>th</sup> grade: It was a pleasure hearing all about the 8<sup>th</sup> grades adventure on the Outward Bound field trip. Students composed narratives about their trip and specifically focused on a common theme. As students prepared for CAASPP, we continued to review close reading strategies for informational text and the steps of the writing process by planning and drafting an open response.*

*Next Week: Introduce short stories unit and academic vocabulary.*

*Reminder: Students will be CAASPP testing Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of next week. Remember to get lots of sleep and have a healthy breakfast on the day of testing! :)*

*7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders: We are still missing a lot of books. Please check at home and return them as soon as possible. If you do not return them, you will have to pay for replacements. Thank you!*

*As always, feel free to contact me with any questions.*

### Mathematics with Mr. St. Denny

**7th Grade:** CAASPP testing is making for an interesting schedule. In a non math related highlight, 7a did some self reflection on extracurricular activities and how they might hope to build out their college application resumes.

**8th Grade:** Big highlight was sending off several Algebra students to Tam and Redwood to take their shot at the Honors Geometry placement test. Whether or not they make the cut, they have impressed me greatly over the past year, and it was great to know that so many of our kids had a legitimate shot!

As always, don't hesitate to email me at [sst.denny@willowcreekacademy.org](mailto:sst.denny@willowcreekacademy.org)

## **SCIENCE with Mr. Devol**

### **7th Grade and 8th Grade:**

Yes, testing continued this week but many students are done or almost done which means we can get back to our end of the year projects. Students in both 7th and 8th will be working on their self-chosen project (20% Project) which is a model some companies use to stay innovative. Students have chosen their topics and are working on the final products after testing.

**Next Week:** 20% project (end of the year project).

## **Social Studies with Mr. Baker**

**7th Grade:** We finished up our studies on the Aztec Empire and the daily life in Tenochtitlan. The Aztec were an interesting people, and it was a treat to learn about how a civilization could enter the Iron Age without having access to Iron.

**8th Grade:** This week, we broke up into groups to learn about the experiences of various social groups in 19th century America. One group studied the Mexicano immigrants, another group studied the experience of Africans and Black Americans (both free and enslaved), and the final group studied women and children.

As always, if you need to reach a teacher for any reason, email is best.

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