



## 7th & 8th Grade Friday Letter - Dec.8th , 2017

### Announcements

- ★ Congratulations to our **ACADEMIC ALL STARS** of the week for their leadership both academically and in our WCA community! Your all stars this week are:
  - 8th Grade - Velvet
  - 8th Grade - Marley

### English Language Arts with Ms. Powers

**7th Grade:** MAP testing consumed the majority of our week. However, we were able to begin building background knowledge with guided practice about the history of wars in Vietnam, and the impending fall of Saigon, as it relates to our in-class novel *Inside Out & Back Again*.

\*There will be a vocabulary test on Wednesday, December 13th.

**8th Grade:** We began our week with MAP testing. However, towards the end of the week we were able to spend some time focusing on Investigative Journalism. Our concentration was on how to write a profile feature article.

### Mathematics with Mr. St. Denny

**7th Grade -** This week was all about Map testing. We will be resuming work with scale and proportions after the weekend.

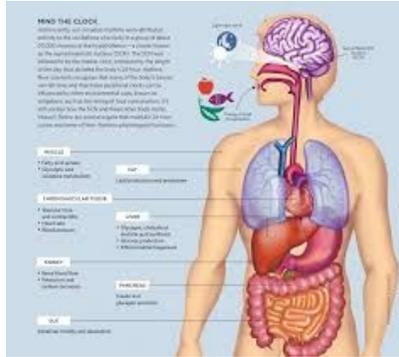
**8th Grade -** We did some review of several topics early in the week, and began MAP testing on Wednesday.

**Algebra 1-** We skipped ahead a bit this week to multiplying binomials and trinomials so that we could form a basis for factoring quadratics before the MAP test. It was super cool to hear the whole class gasp simultaneously when we made a graph from the intercepts that they figured out.

As always, don't hesitate to email me at [sst.denny@willowcreekacademy.org](mailto:sst.denny@willowcreekacademy.org) if you have any questions or concerns.

## SCIENCE

**7th Grade: This Week** - Cells to Organs / Organelles to systems to you! We are ramping up to our FROG DISSECTION in two weeks. Students need to be able to show competence in the body, organs and their functions prior to dissecting. This week was focused on the RESPIRATORY SYSTEM.



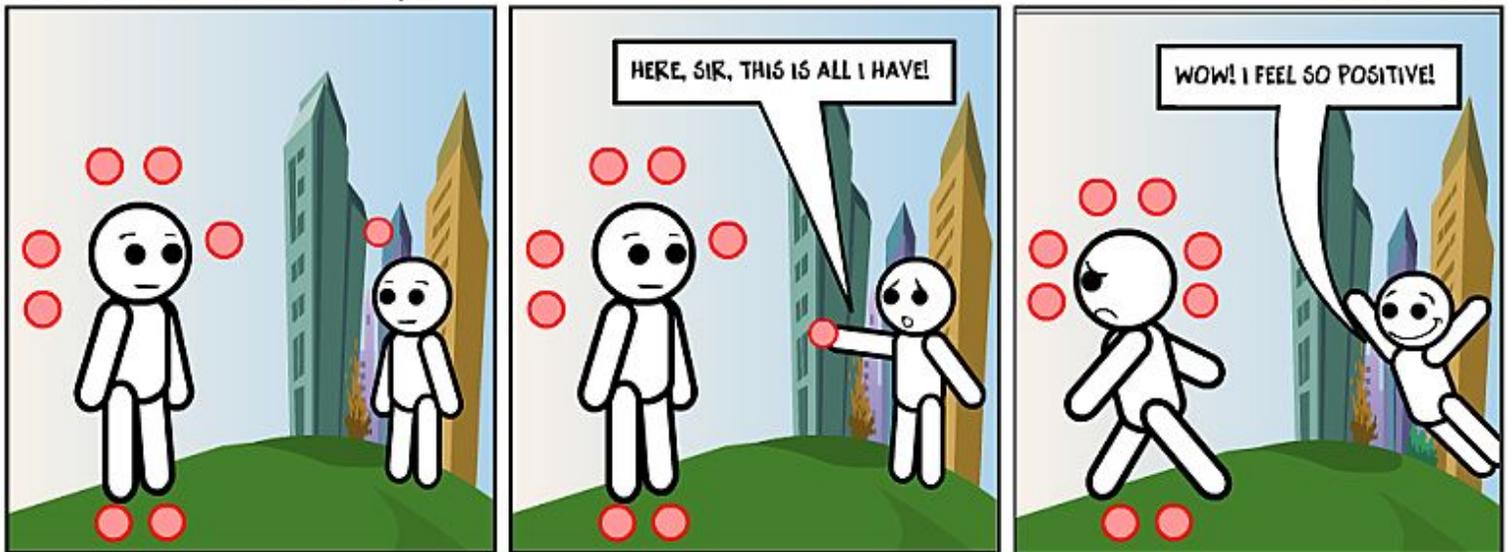
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**Next Week:** DIGESTIVE SYSTEM and SKIN

**8th Grade: This Week** - Atoms, bonding and how does it work? Students learned about the attraction between atoms, how they share, give away and receive electrons.

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**Next Week:** We will continue looking at the bonding process.

## Social Studies with Mr. Baker

As a quick announcement, some of you might already know that my wife and I are expecting our second child very soon, and I will out on paternity leave from January 8 to February 16.

On Monday, December 11, Mr. Austin will be joining us in the classroom to prepare for the awesome job of teaching Social Studies for the six weeks I will be out on leave. Mr. Austin has been a strong presence in our community, and we are so pleased that he is able to join us for the next couple months!

As usual, if you have any questions about what we are doing on a day to day basis, check your child's Google Classroom or reach out to contact Mr. Austin directly. We will include his e-mail address in next week's Friday Post.

**7th Grade:** This week we explored the geography of the Middle East in preparation to learning about the development of Islam as a major world religion. Grades have been submitted and report cards will be sent home soon. Please contact me with any questions. My e-mail address is below.

**8th Grade:** This week we got to know the original 13 colonies and the different ways people came to these English Colonies. Next week, we will begin understanding the forces that pushed our Founding Fathers to revolution!!!

### **Middle School Final Thoughts:**

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

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Enjoy the Weekend! - Your MS Team.