

Excellence Expressway News

February 2018

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Dates to Note:

Feb 13-PTSO meeting 6:00 library
Feb 15- Butter Braid Fundraiser begins
Feb 16-Six Flags reading logs due
Feb 20- Library
Feb 20-**Conference 5-7 pm in the gym**
Feb 22-**Conference 5-7 pm in the gym**
Feb 23- No school for students
Conferences 8-11 am in the gym

Supplies Needed for Class!

It's second semester and some school supplies are running out! We are noticing a lot of scholars without their student ID's, planners, earbuds, and pencils. These items are needed **EVERY** day in **EVERY** class! Please ask your scholar what items need to be replaced!

Also, any donations of Kleenex, hand sanitizer, or Clorox wipes will be appreciated to keep germs and illnesses away!

PHANTOM RANCH 2018!!

May 9-11th

Payments are coming in!

Don't forget about the Early Bird Special !
\$160 paid in full by February 9th.
(Price will go up after this date to \$185)

Payment dates:

If you have been making payments, you will only pay \$160. (There is still time to get caught up on the payment plan)

February 9 \$25.00

March 5 \$25.00

April 9- balance due

Please make checks out to Washington Middle School.
All money can be turned into Mrs. Rasch.

After school Academic Support (WIN)

Students may be identified as deficient in skill areas in English or Math and may be asked to attend our After school Academic Support, now called WIN (What I Need). If you receive notice that your child is invited to attend, please ensure their attendance for a minimum of a two week period. The program runs Mon-Wed until 5:15 and transportation can be provided home if needed. Once a student masters the skill that was identified they will be released from after school program. They may again be identified for another skill at a later date as well. Enrichment WIN classes such as Writer's Club, Art Club, Yoga and more will be offered every other Thursday.

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MATH-Ms. Droster

We are working on Ratios and Proportions right now. The kids are enjoying themselves, but they need to make certain to practice their skills. We are also working on percents, using fractions and decimals. Everyone is encouraged to practice their basic skills daily.

We are looking forward to working with measurements coming up soon.

Please make certain that your student is coming to class prepared, with all their supplies everyday.

SOCIAL STUDIES-Mrs. Bilotta

Second semester in Social Studies brings the study of regions of the world. We begin with units on Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean and then move toward South America. Students will be learning about the geography, history and regions today. Students will be required to do a great deal of writing during the second semester and provide evidence for their writing. Students will also be completing a great deal of mapping practice and will need colored pencils daily.

SPECIAL EDUCATION- Mr. Oliver

Correlation does not always equal causation. For example per capita mozzarella cheese consumption almost perfectly correlates to the number civil engineering doctorates awarded annually. Nobody would argue that the two are related, and that mozzarella cheese somehow affects the number of civil engineering doctorates awarded. There is however, a growing amount of credible data and research to indicate that student success is dependent on, and affected by—student behavior. Likewise, positive-student behavior is heavily influenced by teacher expectations. Clear expectations and positive-classroom environments enable and empower students to achieve academic success. Now is a great time to raise expectations!

ENGLISH-Mrs. Ruha

We are off to a great start in our “Facing Your Fears” unit. We will be starting a partner survivor research project next week. We will begin by learning the correct ways to find credible sources, paraphrasing information, and citing responsibly. We have also been working hard on responding to nonfiction articles through text dependent analysis. This requires students to dig deep and use grit as they annotate, respond, and critically think about how to answer questions using evidence from the text. I’m so proud of the progress they are making this year! Please continue to encourage them to read every night!

SCIENCE-Mrs. Rasch

We are underway exploring the History of Earth. We have began using Law of Superposition and Relative Dating to organize rock data. Next students will be learning how fossils come into play with this process.

Reminder... You should see your child bring Science Homework home 2 -3 nights a week.

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