

Creative Science Middle School

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CULMINATION / NEW STORYLINE

Thank you to all the friends and families who supported your children last week! It is important for them to have the opportunity to show all that they have done and learned.

Our new storyline begins today! It is exciting because both classes will be doing the same one! Although I can't tell you what the topic is at this writing, please ask your child, because by the time they see you, they will have some ideas. As we proceed, if you have any information, interest, or talents related to our topic, please let your child's teacher know! We'd love to incorporate more information and ideas!

IMPORTANT DATES

- 2/8 ~ Garden Work Party - 11am-3pm
- 2/9 ~ PTA meeting - 6:30pm
- 2/13 ~ Valentine's Day Dance - 3-5pm
- 2/13 ~ Valentine's Day Parents Night Out - 6-9pm

Community Service

Has your child been working on completing their second trimester community service? If not, there is a garden workparty coming up at the beginning of February, and Parents Night Out, which will require middle school babysitters. Please check-in with your child and make sure they have a plan, since the end of the trimester is March 5.

TRIPS UPDATE

~ All money is due Friday, Feb. 5! If you are in need of a partial scholarship, please talk to Ms. Jones immediately.

~ We are in need of a couple 7th and 8th grade moms, and a couple more 8th grade dads. If you think you can go, even if just for a few days, please let Ms. Jones know right away!

MID TRIMESTER PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress reports are being mailed home this week to all students who are in jeopardy of receiving a D or an F in a class. Please let this time serve as a reminder to check your child's backpack and planner! Many students are coming to class without the proper supplies (pencils, paper and planner) and without completed homework!

VALENTINE INFORMATION

Information about Valentine's Day and our celebrations will be coming home soon! However, students will have the opportunity to exchange Valentine's with their classmates (of course, the rule, one for everyone or no one, still applies). They may also bring a Valentine for their kindergarten buddy.

Chaperones are still needed for the Valentine's Dance, 3-5 on Thurs. 2/13.

READING

With the beginning of our new storyline, students will be meeting in literature groups and reading a variety of storyline-related novels. During our science reading, students were mixed between teachers. With these groups, students will stay with their block teachers to allow for more flexibility and opportunity to meet regularly. However, students in both classes will be reading the same books, and we have planned opportunities for them to intermix and complete activities related to their books. Your child will have reading homework several nights per week, so please check with him/her and in his/her planner!