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NEW TESTING SCHEDULE

NEXT WEEK TESTING CHANGE.

WEDNESDAY: Language Arts Test Section 1 & 2

THURSDAY: Language Arts Test Section 3 & 4

SCIENCE PORTFOLIOS

Well, it has been a long hard road, but student partners are finishing up a very difficult research project that resulted in a great deal of effort and learning for the body system study. While a big portion of the learning is simply about the body system they studied, a larger portion of the learning is the process of creating a portfolio.



Students learned a great deal about using MS Word and how to go about adding features to their portfolio like a header, section breaks, page breaks, how to insert a table of contents that utilizes the "Headings" feature to auto create/update the TOC.

In addition, students learned how to insert and resize pictures and text boxes to supply figure information about their pictures. Lastly students learned basic principles about using the APA format for research papers which include Double Spaced text. Single spacebar after end punctuation, Cover Pages and complete reference sections. Students have improved their ability to manage resources using citefast.com.

Again, a very comprehensive effort in acclimating student to using the full potential of a resource such as MS Word, rather than as a simple word processor. They all have done outstanding learning and work on this major research project.

So far I have several parent volunteers with their Chaperone forms turned in. (6 to be exact.) I also have a solid verbal confirmation from two other parents who are planning on coming on the trip. That is 8 adults. It is looking pretty good for chaperone participation. If you have not turned in the chaperone form, and are planning on joining us, please do so soon, so I can have a better understanding of our numbers. I think there are 2-3 more adults who are thinking about coming, but I am not certain, even though we may have talked about it a month ago. The cost is \$170 for each participant. Also, please complete your background check & driver forms ASAP.

Emergency Information:

6TH GRADE BABY PICTURES NEED-ED. The 6th grade slide show is not put together at the last minute, nor overnight. Please help by sending in your students baby pictures.

Special points of interest:

- April 15 (WEDNESDAY)—State Testing DAY Sections 1&2 for 4th - 6th Grade (L.A.)
- April 16 (THURSDAY)—State Testing DAY Sections 3&4 for 4th - 6th Grade (L.A.)
- April 17—Water Quality Testing Field Trips (Need Drivers)
- April 20-24—Middle School Prep Week for 6th Graders (AM)
- April 20-May 1—6th Grade Swimming (Daily in PM)
- April 28—Kasitsna Bay Parent Meeting
- April 30—Intermediate Spring Music/Talent Show
- May 1—Early Release Day
- May 4-6—Kasitsna Bay Field Trip
- May 8—6th Grade Visit to SMS
- May 8—Salmon Celebration @ Soldotna Creek Park with Dan
- May 18—Volunteer Appreciation & End of Year Slide Show
- May 20—6th Grade Graduation (9:00ish)
- May 20—Field Day (Location ???) 11:00ish
- May 20—Last Day Of School



I am adjusting our testing schedule for next week. We had planned on testing only on Wednesday, but after completing the Math section I feel I may need to provide more time for the reading portion of the state tests. We are able to

change our testing schedule due to the nature of computer based testing. In future years we will likely not change the schedule, but being the first year implementing this new test and test format, we are having to adjust on the fly. I believe the Reading test will take a bit longer than the Math test so I am breaking up the testing over two days to make the effort a bit more palatable for students and to provide a bit more time to students to complete each section.

MATH TESTING WAS SUCCESSFUL

The students seemed to feel they did a good job on the test. Most of the students agreed that they preferred taking the test as a class rather than being broken into grade level groups. I will state that this year was the first year I witnessed so many students taking advantage of working problems on scratch paper. What work I was able to see on paper was quite impressive math thinking. I don't think I've seen scratch paper for a test look so complete and clear.

Hodgepodge

EMERGENCY: 5th Grade Drivers Needed

I have not received any commitments from 5th grade parents to assist with transporting students to Arc Lake for our water quality testing on Friday, April 17th. (NEXT WEEK) You would not need to stay, just provide transportation to Arc Lake around 1:30 and from Arc Lake Around 3:00.

Please let me know ASAP if you can help us out.

6th Grade Swimming

I am still in need of 6th grad swimming permission slips. I do not have them on my website because they were provided from the office. If you have misplaced the permission slip, please let me know. I will try to get a copy on the website soon.

Kasitsna Bay Field Trip—Chaperone Info