



School for Community Learning

Socially Engaged Education

Middle School Newsletter

Week of April 17, 2017



Social Studies

We will be moving from the industrial revolution to the early part of 20th century America. This week we will be covering prohibition, the progressive movement, and cultural influences among other things. Ask your kids to show you how to do the Charleston!

Writing Workshop

We will be finishing our self-portrait poems this week. Next week, we will be writing poems about where we find poetry in our lives, about a childhood memory, and about our surroundings. We have some really poetic writers!

Reading Workshop

We will finish reading *Of Mice and Men* aloud and watch the 1992 movie.

Thanks to Mr. Rod, Ms. Patricia and Ms. Tracy for facilitating some of our classic book groups: *Walk Two Moons*, *1984*, *Call of the Wild*, *Animal Farm*, and *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*. The

Math

Now that 6th graders have tackled the basic arithmetic skills including ratios, percents, and proportions, they have been venturing into the heart of symbolic algebra: using variables to move beyond simple number operations to larger, more general mathematical ideas. Over the next few weeks, Grade 6 will venture further into basic algebra tools and techniques such as terms, expressions, equations, and inequalities.

Grade 7 has thoroughly reviewed how to solve equations and inequalities. They are now learning about the many dimensions of geometry: lines, angles, triangles, polygons, solid shapes, and how to calculate length, area, and volume.

Grade 8 explored geometric transformations by representing points and shapes on a giant coordinate plane with their bodies and then translating, reflecting, and rotating those shapes by walking to new coordinates on the plane. Over the next few weeks they will take a 360-degree tour of congruent and similar triangles.

Germany Trip

The kids are working hard to raise money for our Germany trip. They have participated in First Friday at the Harrison Center, sold Easter baked goods, flower bulbs and crafts after school. They will be participating in First Friday again in May. Plan to go check it out and invite friends and family.

presentations they are planning sound fun!

Science

Now that our local science fair has wrapped up, we have turned our attention to ecosystems and how our society has protected or been negligent toward the web of life on this planet. We studied the case of the disappearing frogs. We will continue to explore various cases of how different populations of animals, plants, and microorganisms depend on each other. In Integrated Studies, which is closely aligned with Science class, we are studying human body systems. Teams of two to three students have each adopted a different body system to research and present to the whole class using slide shows, games, quizzes, and other formats.

Dates to Remember

*PE is on Wednesdays. Please have your child dressed appropriately.

*Thursday, April 27-Pizza Party Fundraiser at Broadripple Hot Box Pizza.

*Saturday, May 6 Indy 11 game @7:30

*Friday, May 12-Day of Service.

*Friday, May 19-Reflection Conference-no school

*Friday, June 2, Museum of Authentic Work

*Tuesday, June 6- Field Day

*Wednesday, June 8-8th Grade graduation

Pizza Party Fundraiser

If you eat at the Hot Box Pizza in Broadripple on **April 27** and mention the School for Community Learning, 20% of all sales will go to support our school. This is good on dine-in, carry-out or delivery, **but it is only good at the Broadripple location** (715 Broadripple Ave.) The number is 317-257-7500. Please share the info with your friends.

Indy 11 Game

May 6 at 7:30 is the SCL Indy 11 outing: We have (slightly) discounted group tickets available for the match against FC Edmonton at the Carroll Stadium downtown (IUPUI). Tickets are \$13.20 per person. Friends and family are more than welcomed to attend as well!
Deadline for ticket orders is this Friday (4/28). I sent home a form last week about tickets. Please spread the word! For more info, please contact Mr. Nick.

