

8th Grade Newsletter *Week of 14 May 2018*

Welcome Field Mice Families!

Here is your spot to find out what's happening in the 8th grade at Field Community School. In the newsletter you can find reminders about upcoming events, opportunities, and assignments for each of your classes. Use this resource to help you stay organized as we navigate the waters of 8th grade and get ready for a successful transition to high school!

Work Expectations

While the 8th grade team understands it can be difficult for students to maintain focus at this time of year, we do still have a month of school. With that said we have noticed a significant slip in both work completion and the quality of work submitted. Please continue to work with your student to routinely check the portal, encourage good study habits, and complete quality work on time. We want everyone to finish the year strong and ready to move on to the next step.

From the Admin Team:

We have implemented a new system for students who are consistently not able to follow the expectations in the lunch room (clean space, respectful voices, staying seated, etc.).

Reminder 1: Students will receive a verbal warning and their name will be written down on a list.

Reminder 2: Student will receive an assigned seat for the remainder of lunch and the following day.

Reminder 3: Students will receive a permanent assigned seat for the remainder of the year and a phone call home.

Media Center Materials Due!

Please make sure to return any materials you have borrowed to the Media Center by May 28th. Fines for late or missing materials follow you from year to year and to a new school, so it is better and easier to take care of it now. If cost to replace a missing material is an issue please let us know.

End of Year Celebration

The 8th grade traditionally ends the year with a brief ceremony to recognize the end of their Field careers. This will take place in the morning on Friday, June 8th and after the ceremony we will be leaving for our end of year Valleyfair trip. **A flyer with more specific**

information was sent home Tuesday last week.

Valleyfair Requirement

Valleyfair is traditionally the end of year 8th grade field trip. In the interest of keeping students on track and focused on improvement through the end of the school year the 8th grade team has a requirement of **no F's in core classes for second semester**, in order to be able to go on the trip. The 8th grade team does want students to focus on improvement and a growth mindset, so students who may have an F in a class, but have shown effort to improve (on task in class, asking for help, attempting fixes/retakes, etc.) may appeal to still go on the trip.

Language Arts

5/14/2018

This year you will be asked to critically engage your minds to create arguments and opinions you will support with text evidence. There will be a lot of inquiry based discussions as well as working on your writing skills through a variety of writing tasks.

Monday~ Meet with Lit groups, role assignments, begin weekly reading

Tuesday~ Group meetings, role discussions

Wednesday~ Short story related to our essential question with discussion

Thursday~ Group/individual evaluations, group meetings

Friday~ Informational text (timed research/writing), class sharing, role learning targets due

Reminder: Novels should be finished next week. The group final projects will due next week as well.

Essential Question:

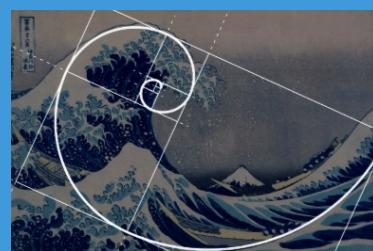
How do our connections with others and their environments influence the world as a whole?

~Ms. Risinger

5/14/2018

Intermediate Algebra

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Welcome! This week we will continue our study of statistics, focusing on the normal distribution and standard deviation!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Homework</u>
Monday	Introduction to Normal Distribution and Standard Deviation	Calculating Standard Deviation
Tuesday	Practice Calculating Standard Deviation	Standard Deviation Practice
Wednesday	The Joy of Stats	None
Thursday	Using Google Sheets for Standard Deviation	None
Friday	Google Sheets Extensions	None

Don't forget! Students are always welcome to retake any Learning Target Quizzes for which they did not meet the standard so that they may meet it. Students must meet the standard on every LTQ, achieve a C or better in the class, and score "Meets" or better on the 8th grade MCA to advance at the end of the year. I am available before school, during Advisory, specifically on Academic Tuesdays and Thursdays, and after school on Fridays to facilitate retakes.

Science

05/14/2018

We've completed our MCA testing - thank you to the students for taking their time and showing all of their content and scientific thinking skills!

The astronomer paper project will begin today. The students will be in the computer lab for two days this week working on researching an astronomer and composing a two page paper. We will be in the computer lab a third day next week - Astronomer papers are due Friday, May 25th.



Topics of Study for the week:

Solar Storms | Famous Astronomers | Planets

Questions to ask your student:

Which astronomer are you researching?

What made you want to research that astronomer?

Given two entire class periods, how far did you get on your paper?

Have a good week! -Mr. Iverson

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Global Studies



We will be focused on the European Union this week. Look for the Europe/Russia test to come either right before Memorial Day weekend or the Wednesday after (it depends how quickly we move through material).

Monday: European Union (Question responses due Wednesday)

Tuesday: The Euro

Wednesday: The Euro Crisis

Thursday: Brexit

Friday: Reteaching OR Population Pyramids

AP Note: Additionally, many students have approached me to ask about my recommendation for what Social Studies class to take next year. I am happy to talk with your student about what I think is the best fit for them. Students do not need my recommendation to take the AP Human Geography course, however if they ask I will give my honest recommendation. If I do not recommend the course I will also let them know what skills/areas I think they should continue to work on to prepare them for courses like that in the future. Please remember AP Human Geography is a COLLEGE level course with significant work required outside of class to be successful, it is a good fit for some students but not for everyone. Please let me know if you have questions.

DATES to REMEMBER...



- May 28th: No School Memorial Day
- June 8th: Last Day of School, 8th Grade Recognition Ceremony, Valleyfair Field Trip

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"Instruction ends in the
school-room, but
education ends only with
life."

- Frederick W. Robertson

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