

**LEVEL 3**

# **SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE NEWS**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2018**

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## **CAMPING TRIP: October 16-18**

Fee: \$75 DUE NOW

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### **Academics**

With end of third week of Cycle 1, we transition from the science portion of our cycle to the history and social studies portion. We finished up our science portion of the cycle with a lesson on gravitational acceleration and a demonstration of how downward acceleration is independent of horizontal motion, and a demonstration of torque (a force generated from spinning motion) We also had a survey lab of activities related to the electromagnetic force. **Our science test will be this coming Tuesday. Students received study notes on Monday and a practice test with answers on Tuesday.** Here is the link to the study notes on LEVEL 3678:

<http://level3678.com/7th-and-8th-grades/science-study-notes-cycle-1-forces/>

**Students may not take the science test until they have completed all of the science work for the cycle.**

In language work, students are finishing up the drafts of their memoirs, and are starting the revision process. The final literature response for choice novels is due tomorrow, Friday, September 21. Each student has selected a thematic novel that they will begin next week. Thematic novel options for this cycle are: *Sarah Bishop* by Scott O'Dell (a tale set during revolutionary war times of a teen girl who witnesses atrocities from both sides, and makes a surprising choice); *Johnny Tremain*, by Ester Forbes (the story of a young apprentice to silversmith Paul Revere, who, through a series of unexpected events, becomes immersed in the early stages of the Revolutionary War); *Persepolis*, by Marjan Strapoli (a graphic novel and coming of age story set during the Iranian Revolution of 1979); and *A Walk in the Woods*, by Bill Bryson (a memoir of the author's funny and poignant experiences hiking the entire length of the Appalachian Trail).

Our Personal World focus this week has been the International Day of Peace, on Friday, September 21. Our week began with a mindfulness-breathing meditation during personal reflection time. The following day, we had a brainstorming session and discussion about what Peace is, and what it is not. Interestingly, nobody cared to defend the position that Peace is the absence of conflict; instead, students pointed out, that it was the response to conflict that was pivotal. As teachers, we were moved by the thoughtfulness and profundity of many of the comments and contributions. Students also designed peace pinwheels for our school-wide International Peace Day celebration. We plan to conclude our International Day of Peace observance with a meditation for world peace.

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### **Potluck and Level 3 Parent Education, Including Big Trip Information**

We had originally intended to have a separate meeting around this time to go over our big trip to the Dominican Republic in more detail; however, we've decided to include the trip information as part of our Level 3 Potluck and Parent Education Night on Tuesday, October 2. We hope to have a guest to talk about firsthand experiences in the program. **In the meantime, we plan to send out an email survey about your intentions regarding the trip.** Your feedback will help us plan more efficiently as we prepare to book flights, arrange ground transportation, etc. **Be on the lookout in the next few days for the survey.**

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### **Camping Trip: It's Coming Soon!**

It's hard to believe that our camping trip to Ginnie Springs is only three and a half weeks away! At this time, we are confirming with all Level 3 parents who have volunteered to be chaperone-drivers, and we're checking to see if we have any new volunteers as well.

We'd like to remind everyone that the camping trip fee is \$75 per person, which is payable to Center Montessori School. Please let the office know that this is for the Level 3 camping trip. The fee does not apply to chaperone-drivers.

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### **Questions?**

PARENTS AND STUDENTS: We encourage you to contact us with any questions and concerns. The best time to call us is in the evening; alternatively, you can email or text us any time:

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*Level 3 Families, we are always grateful for all that you do!*

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## **Mark Your Calendars**

Level 3 Potluck and Presentation on Early Adolescence.....Tuesday, October 2

Teacher Work Day: No School.....Friday, October 12

Conference Day: No School.....Monday, October 15

Camping Trip to Ginnie Springs.....October 16-18

Haunted House Set-up: 2 PM-7 PM.....Monday, October 30

**Regularly Scheduled:** Tuesday Tutorials.....3:15 - 4:30 PM

MATHCOUNTS: Wednesdays ..3:15 - 4 PM

*The Level 3 Team (Robin, Deana, Erica, and Beronica)*

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