Upcoming Events on FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15:

FELT Community Service
DEFY Outdoor Adventure Center  3:30-5:30 PM

Academics

We’ve plunged into the science portion of our cycle this week. Students are presenting small group projects today, on different classes of viruses (based on the viral core of DNA or RNA). Each group has chosen to present their work as either a powerpoint presentation or as a website. We’ve also moved into the study of Bacteria and Archaea. Students have had lessons and work on the three domains of life, Bacteria, Archaea, and Eukaryotae. (This newer classification removes Archaea from the Bacteria domain, based on the radical difference in cell biochemistry.) Students had a lesson on gram-positive and gram-negative bacteria, and how the differences are related to antibiotic resistance. We also had a lesson on bacterial conjugation, a process which allows two bacteria cells to swap small loops of DNA with each other.

Our geography and current events work dove-tailed nicely into science, as we read in our Upfront Magazine about efforts to contain the ebola virus in Democratic Republic of Congo, as well as other areas in central Africa. World news this week also tied in to our study of viruses, as we discussed a news article about an antibiotic-resistant bacterial infection that was treated with a bacteriophage (a type of virus that attacks bacteria).

In language, students had lessons and work on clauses and sentence fragments. Eighth grade students had their first experience with an in-class timed essay, in which they compared and contrasted themselves to one of the protagonists from last cycle’s thematic novels. Students are in the process of reading and writing responses for their choice novel. In Personal World, students learned about mission statements this week, and are currently writing their own personal mission statements.
The 7th and 8th grade weekly work assignments can always be viewed at http://level3678.com/7th-and-8th-grades/weekly-work/.

Students and parents can view individual work status on Thinkwave.

Thank you to...

♥ Carrie Price and Elizabeth Jensen, for volunteering to drive students to our after-school social next Friday at DEFY Outdoor Adventure Center

♥ Katrina Matt, for volunteering to drive students to F.E.L.T. community service next Friday morning

Level 3 Families, we are always grateful for all you contribute to our middle school program.

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 Fees Due – Checks Made Payable to CMS

- ROPES fees are now past due. Please remit payment immediately………….$200
- Novels and Magazine Fees are past due ............................................$58
- Annual Land Lab Fee is past due .......................................................$15
- Camping Trip Fee is past due ..............................................................$100
- Wilderness Adventure Deposit Due October 15th...............................$200

Mark Your Calendars

- No School (Veteran’s Day).................................................................Monday, November 11
- F.E.L.T. Community Service..............................................................Friday AM, November 15
- Level 3 Afterschool Social: DEFY.....................................................Friday, November 15
School Portrait Re-takes.................................................................Wednesday, November 20
Grandparents and Special Friends Day...........................................Friday, November 22
Thanksgiving Break..............................................................................November 25-29
Holiday Concert..................................................................................Saturday, December 7
Winter Break..........................................................................................December 23-January 7

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

Wednesday - Mathcounts ..........3:15 - 4 PM

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

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