INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE OBSERVATION

When the United Nations announced that the focus for this year’s International Day of Peace was “Climate Action for Peace,” it seemed clear that planting trees at the Land Lab would be the activity for Level 3. This morning we convened at the Land Lab to plant nine trees. Mark Reemelin, Deana’s husband, joined us to film the Land Lab and our activities with his drone.

The International Day of Peace was established by the United Nations in 1981.

ACADEMICS

This is our last official science week for this cycle. Our major science lesson this week was on ways organisms acquire and use energy through the processes of glycolysis, cellular respiration, and photosynthesis. We learned about the unique role of glucose, and about ATP (adenosine triphosphate) and its role as “energy currency” in the cell. Students also participated in a simulation of the three basic processes. In addition, students also worked in small groups to build websites (using software from Google Classroom) about different human cell types. The websites will hopefully be completed today.

Our cycle science test is this coming Thursday, September 26. Students have received study notes and study materials. All assigned science activities must be completed by Wednesday. Seventh graders must have all assignments completed and submitted in order to take the test. Study notes and materials can also be found online in google classroom:

https://classroom.google.com/w/Mzc1NjMxMjA4NDda/t/all (students must first log in)

Science study notes are also on level3678.com:

http://level3678.com/7th-and-8th-grades/cycle-1-science-study-notes/
In Personal World, students continued to read *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens*. Students chose two personal writing activities to complete in connection with the reading. Language work this week includes literature responses, vocabulary, and etymology, as well as more work on developing issue-based writing. On Fridays, we alternate between vocabulary tests and spelling tests. Students have a spelling test this Friday.

For our Geography and Current Events work this week, we read an *UpFront Magazine* article about how the city of Copenhagen was addressing climate change. Students then each chose a city to research ways in which that city was addressing climate change. Students are writing their findings as extended paragraphs.

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**Art Talk and Activity with Terry Barrett**

Our final Art Talk activity with Professor Terry Barrett offered a fun surprise activity from Terry. We continued to focus on the work of artist/photographer Tom Chambers, this time examining just one of his paintings from his “Still Beating” series. After deeply looking a particular photomontage of his, students were each invited to individually write a story/description about the piece, taking the point of view of any creature, person, or object in the picture. After the writing was completed, many of the students shared their perspective pieces with the group. Terry surprised us the next day by sending an audio recording of his wife, Susan Michael Barrett, reading all of our written pieces out loud. Susan has a wonderful reading voice, and to hear her read all of our pieces together, like some sort of word or story collage, had a delightfully unexpected impact! We’d like to thank both Terry and Susan for this art-related adventure, and to thank Terry for opening our eyes (so to speak) to seeing art in new ways.

The 7th and 8th grade weekly work can always be viewed at [http://level3678.com/7th-and-8th-grades/weekly-work/](http://level3678.com/7th-and-8th-grades/weekly-work/). Students and parents can view individual work status on *Thinkwave*.

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**Thank you to…**

*Mark Reemelin, for filming and photographing our Land Land Peace Day planting and also for driving students to and from the Land Lab.*

*CARRIE PRICE, for driving students to the Land Lab for Peace Day.*
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 due immediately...........................................$58
- Annual Land Lab Fee is due immediately...................................................$15
- Camping Trip Fee Due September 29th.....................................................$100
- Wilderness Adventure Deposit Due October 15th.......................................$200

Mark Your Calendars

No School (teacher retreat/workshop).......................................................Friday, September. 27
Level 3 Potluck and Parent Education Night............................................Tuesday, October 1
Level 3 Camping Trip....................................................................................October 22-24

Regularly Scheduled:
Tuesday Tutorials.........................3:15 - 4:30 PM (starting next week!)

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

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