

LEVEL 3

SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE NEWS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2018

Level 3 DANCE Tonight 7-8:30 PM
Friday, November 30

Academics

Since returning from our Thanksgiving break, we have turned our attention to the Social World portion of our cycle. Students had a lesson this week on different forms of government, and have been studying about the circumstances which precipitated the writing of our own Constitution. They are also learning about how our Constitution establishes our three branches of government.

All 7th and 8th graders are reading *Animal Farm*, by George Orwell, as the thematic novel this cycle. *Animal Farm*, an allegorical novel in which an aspiring socialist utopia turns into a totalitarian nightmare, fits beautifully into our study of government structures. We'll also be discussing the intentional parallels between *Animal Farm* and the Russian Revolution. So far, the students are quite engaged in the book. As usual, literature responses are due twice a week -on Tuesday and Friday. Students are also continuing work on their mentor author projects, in which they chose a more extensive passage by a favorite author to analyze and model.

In Geography and Current Events work, each student is choosing a topic about a world water issue for a longer research paper. Possible topics include issues like groundwater depletion, effects of glacier melt, heavy use and contamination of water by some industries, and desertification. In the research papers, students will be examining causes and effects of, as well as possible solutions to, the problem they research. Students should have completed the short paper on how U.S. demographics might change in the next 50 years.

In preparation for Physics Day, we've had a lesson and work on kinetic and potential energy, and have been introduced to the first and second laws of thermodynamics. We also watched a video of the Montu roller coaster, as we followed along with a G-Force graph provided by Busch Gardens.

In Personal World, students are beginning a life map project, which will be due December 14. As part of this project, students are gathering information, pictures, and artwork, and assembling it in a thoughtful map-like layout.

Physics Day: Next Friday, December 7

Physics Day is an exciting trip, and we're all looking forward to it! On December 7 Busch Gardens will be opening at 9 AM, an hour earlier, just for Physics Day participants. In order to take advantage of this, we plan to leave the Center by 7:45 AM. After we arrive, the first portion of our morning will be spent taking measurements and comparing calculations. All students will be attending a 30 minute physics show, which is tremendous fun.

We plan to return to the Center by 5 PM. If you have not paid the \$60 charge for Physics Day, please do so at this time. People with annual passes do not have to pay.

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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Thank You to...

•Everyone who brought food to our annual Level 3 Multicultural Potluck!

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

Mark Your Calendars

Level 3 Dance.....November 30
7th and 8th Grade Physics Day Field Trip.....Friday, December 7
Holiday Music Program.....Saturday, December 8
Winter Break.....December 22-January 6

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

MATHCOUNTS: Wednesdays ..3:15 - 4 PM

OUTREACH 360 Trip to the Dominican Republic: May 4-May 11

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

Please send any email address changes and updates to redidin@gmail.com

