Academics

Seventh and eighth graders are now immersed in the history (social word) portion of our cycle. Students chose individual explorers to research, and have just finished the presentations of their work. Projects came in various forms: poster displays, powerpoint presentations, and videos. It’s been a pleasure to see how the quality of everyone’s research has evolved since the beginning of the year, and how much more polished final products are.

We are now learning about the Columbian Exchange, one of the most transformative phenomena in human history. The Columbian Exchange was the exchange of animals, diseases, food crops, mineral wealth, and more, between the Americas and the rest of the world, at the time of Columbus’s voyages. Students have had a lesson and readings on the Columbian Exchange, and next week they’ll be writing persuasive essays on transformative items of the exchange.

The seventh and eighth grade students will have their history test NEXT THURSDAY. They have received study notes for the test. We encourage students to study at home, as well as at school, and to spread their studying out over a number of days.

Next Friday, the Day before Break

Next Friday, the day before the break, is a half day. The students have chosen to stay here, as they did last year, for a breakfast-brunch, movies, crafts, and games. We will
make pancakes and waffles, and provide hot cocoa. We are asking for donations of fruit, orange juice, bagels & cream cheese, and other breakfast foods. Let us know what you are willing to donate.
Thank you to…

Everyone who helped at our holiday concert, loading unloading, and transporting instruments, music, and accessories.

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

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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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**Mark Your Calendars**

Winter Break………………………………………………………………….………….December 23-January 7

Second Immersion Week………………………………………………...……………………….January 7 - 10

**Regularly Scheduled:**

- Tuesday - Tutorials..................3:15 - 4:30 PM
- Wednesday - Mathcounts ..........3:15 - 4 PM PM

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

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