

**LEVEL 3**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2020**

# **SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE NEWS**

**SPRING BREAK**

**March 16-20**

## **Academics**

We've begun our final major cycle, Cycle 4, whose theme is "Systems and Relationships." In science we're studying embryogenesis, which examines the origins of our body systems, from fertilization to the end of embryonic development. We'll also be learning about different sensory systems, and we'll conclude our science work with a study of ecological relationships and systems.

Social World will focus on basic laws of economics, types of economic systems around the world, the stock market, financial regulation, and the Great Depression.

Personal World will hopefully (depending on the coronavirus situation!) take on a bigger role, as 7th and 8th graders go through the internship process (see below).

## **Internship Process in 7th and 8th Grade**

In 7th and 8th grade, students do 3-5 day internships *outside* of the school environment, at a community business or organization, and for most, it is a transformative experience.

Below is a general framework for our internships:

1. Initial contact is made with a potential internship site (either by student, parent, or teacher).
2. If the answer is "yes" from the site, then the **student** makes a follow-up call (using our script) to the internship site, to arrange hours and confirm dates. (Students **MUST** talk to parents first!)
3. The student then sends a confirmation letter to the site (students will receive a format for the confirmation letter), so the site has the agreed upon dates and

times *in writing*. The letter may be emailed or sent through the post office. (Teachers need a copy, and should be cc'd on an email.)

4. The student goes to the internship and has a rewarding and illuminating experience. The student keeps an internship journal during the internship, and writes an approximately 75 word entry per day.
5. Robin, Beronica, or Erica visits the student at the internship site, and gives the supervisor an evaluation form.
6. Student returns to school and writes a thank you note to the site and a short paper on his or her experience.

Internships are the week of May 11-15. We encourage students and their parents to actively begin searching for an internship **starting now**. We can also help with suggestions and contacts!

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### What About the Coronavirus?

**I'm sure you are all wondering if the Center will close because of the coronavirus threat.**

**We are also not sure at this point, but we have been actively making contingency plans for Level 3 to go online, should it come to that.**

**Google Classroom has become a useful tool in a many ways, and it will be leaned on heavily to dispense materials, assignments, links, etc. The Thinkwave software will still be there to update students and parents on work progress, and general information will be on Level3678.com. We are re-activating some features of Google Classroom that we earlier needed to disable (the fun factor was too overwhelming), and we are closely looking at the ZOOM software as an option for lessons and discussions.**

**We will keep you all posted as events unfold. Stay healthy and safe!**

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## LEVEL 3 Conferences: March 23 and Beyond

Look for the email from Sign-Up Genius.

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## Congratulations to Our Montessori Model United Nations Group!

Our Montessori United Nations group, (Alex, Grant, Molly, Nathan, Paula, Yara, and Zoran) had an exciting and rewarding experience at the Montessori Model United Nations, and a spectacular week in New York! Several of our students took the initiative to introduce and develop an additional critical topic in their committee, and some of our students were chosen by their delegations to deliver speeches on resolutions at the final assembly. Everyone worked ferociously hard, and all came back with a strong sense of

accomplishment. Special thanks goes to former CMS parent and teacher Christa Doyle, who worked with our students all year long to prepare for this incredible experience.

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## Thank you to...



♥ the Rupprecht family, for donating FIVE pies for our Pi Day festivities today.

*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

Spring Break.....March 16-20  
No School: Teacher Work Day.....Monday, March 23  
Spring Fling.....Saturday, March 28  
Frozen Jr. Musical.....Tuesday, April 7  
Stanford Achievement Testing.....April 14-17  
Spring Band Concert.....April 30  
Geometry EOC Test.....May 5 and 6  
Algebra EOC Test..... May 15 and 18  
Seventh and Eighth Grade Internships.....May 11-15  
Level 3 Wilderness Adventure Trip.....May 16-20

**Regularly Scheduled:**

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

Wednesday - Mathcounts/Math Help .....3:15 - 4 PM PM

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

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