



# May 2017 Sixth Grade Newsletter



## **Math:**

In the month of May sixth grade will be wrapping up their geometry unit. We will be focusing on finding the volume of a rectangular prism using unit cubes and deconstructing 3-dimensional shapes to find their surface area. The most important thing happening in May is the NWEA, this test will determine if your student will need attend summer school. Sixth grade will be taking the mathematics portion of the NWEA on the week of May 15th. Please ensure that your student is getting a good nights sleep and having a healthy breakfast to ensure that they are at their best for testing day.

## **Important Dates in May**

BAC Jeans Day Fundraiser - Friday, May 5  
BAC Family Day Assembly - Thursday,  
May 11 @ 8:00 a.m.  
Gage Park Field House Fine Arts Event -  
Thursday, May 11 @ 4:00 p.m.  
NWEA Assessment Starts - Tuesday, May  
16  
25 Week Progress Reports go home -  
Friday, May 19  
Merit Fest - Monday, May 22  
Memorial Day - No School - Monday, May  
29  
Career Day - Tuesday, May 31  
May Perfect Attendance Jeans Day - June 2

## **Reading:**

In Reading class this month we will continue reading our novels as a part of our Immigration unit. We are also continuing to prepare for the NWEA which is the week of May 22nd for Reading. We are currently studying figurative language, such as similes, metaphors, personification, idioms, and many more. Please discuss with your child the importance of the NWEA, as I do in the classroom as well. It is important that students show growth and reach their goal in this final NWEA of 6th grade as it will help determine who goes to summer school and who passes onto 7th grade. Also, students should be reading for 30 minutes everyday and recording it on their reading log, but a lot of students are not doing it. They are receiving an F every time they miss a reading log. In addition, they're also not getting that extra reading practice which they need to become better readers. Please encourage your child to read at home. Thank you!

## **Science:**

In April the sixth grade will be covering ocean currents, ocean temperature, and ocean climate. 6th Grade will also start Sexual Health Education and continue Health Education. A consent form will be sent home with all students. All consent forms must be signed and brought back to school with your student. Please feel free to contact me if there are any concerns regarding the curriculum to be covered.

Hello Parents,

This is an exciting month in Writing Class. I have a couple of stellar writers that I would like to celebrate. Christopher Rodriguez from 206 is a finalist for the Do The Write Thing Challenge; he will be awarded at the University of Illinois at Chicago earlier this month. Elizabeth Diaz from 306 will be a publish poet in the *Young American Digest*. Her poem on racism title "Racism" can be ordered at [www.youngpoets.org](http://www.youngpoets.org). Lastly, Geselle Robles from 306 and Joy Quezada from 305 are finalist for the Chicago White Sox Essay Contest.

Also, your student will grapple with controversial topics as they begin to write their persuasive essay. At the end of the Persuasive Writing Unit your student will debate their peers in hopes of persuading them to adopt and challenge their ideas. Please continue to encourage your students to continue to write with meaning, power, and purpose!