

## *5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Classes:*

### *Yearbook Announcement:*

Calling for photos

The theme of this year's yearbook is Overcoming Challenges and one of the biggest challenges was starting the year with Distance Learning.

If you have photos of students learning anything - school or not - at home during August, September, and October please send them in with a blurb or caption about what was being learned or what challenge to learning was being overcome.

If you took a picture of your son or daughter's first day of school (way back in August), we would love to include those in the yearbook also.

Please send photos to [dcyearbook@tracylc.net](mailto:dcyearbook@tracylc.net)

More information to come about 8th grade dedications, cap and gown photos, ordering a yearbook and all to come.

### **\*\*Attention all 6th Grade Parents\*\***

Please remember it is now time to schedule your 6th grader's TDAP Vaccine. This is the required booster for Pertussis (Whooping Cough) and is a government mandated vaccine to enter 7th Grade. Without a record of this vaccine, your student may not enter 7th grade.

Thank you.

### **Social Studies with Mr. Bird:**

Last week students in social studies finished learning about the major battles of the Revolutionary War. They learned about the Continental Army's experience at Valley Forge and ended the week with the Treaty of Paris that formally ended the war. This week, students will

learn more about George Washington and also the experience of African Americans, Native Americans, and women during the American Revolution. They will end the week with a quiz that will focus on the Declaration of Independence and the Revolutionary War.

## Science with Ms. Diaz

Greetings Scientists!

**This week:** We learned about biodiversity, why it is important, and different ways to measure an ecosystem's health. Monday was Day 1 of our long-term experiment as we planted our seeds. Throughout the week we completed the cover, introduction, question and hypothesis pages of our lab report. Friday the 14th is the first day of pictures and data collection.

**Next week:** We will continue to study our biodiversity flashcards as we will have a quiz on Thursday, May 20th. We will continue working on our lab reports and look forward to our second week of data collection.

## Math with Mrs. Zuniga

**\*friday's attendance question does go in the gradebook\***

**Recording of my lessons are posted in google classroom.**

**Varsity:** Our new lessons will be put on hold for this week as we focus on mastering our operations of fractions during state testing week.

**Scholastic:** We will not have math class this week with the state testing schedule so our new lesson will be postponed until next week. However, we will be redoing our lesson on multiplying and dividing fractions to have a better understanding.

**Honors:** This week we will be only having class for half the time with the state testing schedule. During that half we will be focusing on the concepts needed for state testing and postpone new lessons for next week.

## Math with Mrs. Nijjar

**Varsity, Scholastic, and Honors:** All three classes took the unit-5 test and have started with the sixth unit. All my students are geared up and ready for the state testing in the coming week. The students will be testing in the first three school hours of the day. Therefore, no Zoom for Varsity students in the coming week. Honors and Scholastic will be following the regular schedule. This is the time when students need to relax, get a good night sleep, have breakfast, and be there for the state testing.

## Language Arts with Mr. Harding

During testing, Honors will work asynchronously (that means completing assignments without meeting). Scholastic and Varsity should still meet as usual. We will resume *The Girl Who Drank the Moon* and explore universal themes of the fantasy genre. Expect to write some poetry as well.

Try not to worry or stress about testing. Get a good night's sleep and eat breakfast. Be proud of the hard work you have done.

## Language Arts with Ms. Rodieck

Testing starts first period Monday morning May 17th and will run all week. So, Honors will not be having regular classes. Since Scholastic and Varsity are in the afternoon, we will continue to read *The Girl Who Drank the Moon*. At home students will need some blank paper and the colored pencils, markers, and crayons to create storyboards from the chapters we read in class.



Next week, May 24th - 27th, Students will be creating a book and will need more blank paper and their drawing supplies - More to come next week.

Have a good week and, we got this!!

## Technology with Ms. Ferguson

All of the Technology classes just finished and turned in their e-portfolio Google Websites that they have developed and published themselves! Over the next week the students both online and in person will be presenting their websites to their classmates. Next week is week 11 of 14 for their trimester in Technology, the students will be moving on to their next electives soon!



### **Physical Education:**

DCS PE will be back on campus, next week & we can't wait!!! :) We will be continuing our New Units: Coach P. "Spikeball, Coach Levand "Frisbee Golf" & Coach Williams "Ramp Shop," when we get back on January 25th, as well as incorporating "PT Tuesday's!"

Parents/Guardians, please continue to make sure students are checking their "Google PE Classroom" daily for assignments, as well as reading & following the directions thoroughly, for assignments being posted by each individual Coach!

Enjoy your weekend...Wash your hands & Continue to stay safe!!! :)

### **Music with Mr. Dougherty:**

DCS 7/8 Music students are continuing to use Soundtrap, a cloud based music composing program that integrates with Google Classroom. We have learned how to compose various drum grooves. Students are now focusing briefly on music theory fundamentals. Since we will not be having our typical end of trimester concert, students will be working a culminating end of semester project that represents what they have learned this trimester.