

October 20, 2016

Hello Upper School Families and Students,

I am working on getting these newsletters out during the week so you have them before the weekend. This one needs to be out really early because I need to remind everyone to turn in their Thanksgiving Feast reply sheet whether or not you are coming. We need those by Friday, November 21. This is very important in the planning process. Thank you.

This week we have been studying the War for American Independence in social studies. We have watched a funny musical and read about that segment of time in our texts and social studies newspapers. I am really excited to start the study of the Constitution in time for the election.

Students started peer editing their news stories and they should be displayed outside the classroom soon. We are still waiting for one classification poster before we get those up on the wall. The vocabulary words for next week will again be words students chose themselves from books they were reading. They also wrote a news story about the Panera fundraiser. Two hybrids of these appear in this newsletter.

Lauren has mentioned that there is a free concert of the civic orchestra on November 15 at 10:00. I would really like to take the students to this, but we will need drivers to accomplish this. I also need to know more information about the performance, such where it is located, if there is any charge and what time it starts. If you can provide the answers to any of these questions or drive for this field trip or can drive, please let me know.

In math we in 7th/8th math went back and practiced coordinate graphing and worked on graphing linear equations. In Laurie's math classes, fourth grade level is studying associative, commutative, and identity properties. The fifth grade level is working on variables and algebraic expressions, while the sixth grade level is working on stem-and-leaf plots.

Students are planning the Halloween party for the class and will be sending more information out about that in next week's newsletter. They have requested to have a class pajama day in the morning when we are watching *Hocus Pocus*. In the afternoons they will be changing into their costumes between 1:00 and 1:30. Remember we do not want overly scary costumes and no weapons of any kind, even toy. We will also be making a skeleton activity for the younger kids and coloring pages, so if anyone can donate white foam board or white foam sheets, please let me know. Kyle Sanders and Maryanne Felkins will be coming in tomorrow to teach them about skeletons and bones using some x-rays.

Panera Bread Article by Desi, Jack, Agent, and Katy

We helped support Carbondale New School by coming to the Panera fundraiser on October 18, 2016. The fundraiser went from 4 pm to 8 pm. To donate to the school you had to make sure to bring the Panera Bread "Fundraising Night" flyer in with you when you dined at the restaurant. The school needed to receive 50 flyers to get 20% profit. The 20% profit of what you paid for your food will go toward the school. By doing this you got a great meal and helped support the school.

Panera Bread Article by Gabrielle, Halima, Kloey, and Joseph

On the 18th of October, 2016, Panera Bread held a fundraiser for Carbondale New School. In order to participate in the fundraiser, you had to have a voucher stating that you were with CNS. Once they got 50 fliers, Panera donated 20% of the money they made from the participants.

I hope you all have a great weekend. Monday students are planning the Halloween party so if you have ideas for them, please let them know over the weekend.

Best wishes,

Carla