

March 24, 2017

Hello Everyone,

I hope you all had a nice week back to recover from spring break. We have all been working incredibly hard on portfolios for conferences as well as our research projects for open house.

The eighth graders will be going to the high school for orientation next Wednesday, March 29. We will be leaving shortly after the school day begins since the orientation runs from 8:30-11:30. I have five students who will be attending the orientation and will need parents to help drive. My car will only hold three students safely.

Student-led conferences are scheduled for Thursday and Friday, April 6 and 7, so please email or text me to set up a conference time. Since the corporation meeting starts at 5:30 on April 6, I will not be able to do conferences past 5:00 that day. Speaking of the corporation meeting, please plan to attend and to hear what is going on with CNS and vote for new Board of Directors members. There are several spots to be filled. If you are wishing to run for the board, please contact Kirsten Schaper, who is our current board president.

On another note, our fourth and fifth graders have been invited to accompany Ms. Melissa's class to the Purdy School House at John A. Logan College on Monday, April 24. I will be sending permission slips for that home with those four students today, so ask to see them so you will have all the details. The permission slips must be returned to me before April 10, 2017.

Students will need to work on their backboards for the open house as well as their electronic presentations. Those are also due by April 10. The final draft of their paper is due on April 5. Those students who did not turn in their Works Cited page with their second draft or all their portfolio coversheets must have them turned in by this Monday, March 27. Check with your children because more than half the students in the class did not prepare their works cited page and several others did not write a conclusion to their papers. The research projects, papers, and presentations are a major part of the third trimester grade for the students.

We now have 15 students in our class. A past student, Timothy McGinnity, has rejoined us for the rest of this year. Please make him feel welcome as we are hoping he will join us again for the next school year as well.

I will hopefully have more news for you about another April field trip soon. I hope you will all be able to help with the playground building day tomorrow. Those devoting time to our outdoor classroom have some amazing ideas and plans.

Next week will be a regular school week with regular classes since all our portfolios are completed, or should be by Monday. I know many people are feeling spring fever but we still have several weeks of school to go and a lot to accomplish.

Best wishes,

Carla