

January 19, 2018

Dear Upper School Families,

I am so grateful to be back at school after being gone for so many days. So many people did so many things to help out at school that I really appreciate it. Special thanks to all the kids that brought in calendars and especially to Avree's grandmother who donated enough that each child can have one at their desk to help them with their bullet journals and planning for long-range projects. Extra thanks to Thom Goodin and Adam Haddick for helping to clear paths of snow and ice so everyone could get from the parking lot to the buildings.

Most members of the class have recovered from their recent bout of illness and Hershey will be back in the classroom on Monday. He has been doing well and not acting sick in the least, so Annie and I are thinking he may have eaten something at school that was making him drool.

Today we are finishing up our unit on plate tectonics and continental drift and will finish Egypt completely next week. Students should take home their artifacts and projects. Students should also be sure to have clothes for the weather as it will warm up next week and the playground will be muddy. Also, a reminder that each student should bring in their own water bottle to fill and keep at their desks. These should go home every Friday for cleaning and be brought back on Monday.

Next week in ELA, we will be working on revision strategies and what makes good writing. Remember students always have reading, writing, and research (RWR) on Monday through Thursday and this needs to be turned in daily. Students should all be completing a math

assignment daily and working on researching and preparing for their holiday reports. Students not turning in their work when due will get the opportunity to finish it during recess.

The office will be sending out an email about changes in when we have snack after school as well as requests for people to organize and facilitate the Valentine's Day Dance. If the school wishes to continue this tradition, then we need to have people to volunteer to keep it going. This counts for service hours. Next month is the end of the grading period and service hours will again be billed, so now is a good time to make sure that you get yours in. There are a lot of things that need to be done around the school that can count toward service hours. Check in with the office for a list.

Best wishes,

Carla

We need drivers for the March 1 field trip to Paducah. It will be a performance at the Carson Center and lunch afterwards at Flamingo Row. I need to know if you can drive and how many seats you have for students in your vehicle by February 1.

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### **Upcoming Events**

Thursday, February 8: School Board Meeting at 6:00

Thursday, February 15: Noon Dismissal with childcare

Friday, February 16: End of the Grading Period and Institute Day (No School)

Thursday, March 1: "Shadowlands" performance at the Carson Center in Paducah (8:00-3:00)

Friday, March 9: Talent Show at 1:30

March 11-16: Spring Break