

April 2, 2018

Dear Upper School Students and Parents,

I hope you all had a relaxing long weekend. I was particularly grateful that we saw some sunshine this weekend. More warm weather and sunshine would be welcomed. This week is a busy week. (Aren't they all?) Wednesday will be Wacky Wednesday with an all-school meeting and an activity presented by our class. Thursday is our spring corporation meeting. We will kick off the meeting with a pot luck dinner at 5:30 and then the meeting to follow at 6:00. There will be an election of school board members. Let Courtney or me know if you are interested in running for one of the empty seats. Childcare will be provided so all the parents can attend the meeting.

Next week we are having an all-school field trip to SIU to hear the community orchestra. The performance starts at 10:00, so we will need to leave by 9:15 to ensure parking. Please let me know if you can drive and how many students you can take. The performance is scheduled to last about 45 minutes on Tuesday, April 10.

Also next week, we have our spring student-led parent teacher conferences. Please schedule a time to meet either Thursday morning or any time on Friday. I will have a sign-up sheet located in the upstairs hallway by our classroom doors. On Thursday afternoon, the staff will be having a special training activity with the Jackson County Sheriff's Department working on several aspects of school safety.

Locally Grown is happening on Saturday, April 21 at Turley Park, so be sure to mark your calendars and plan on attending. There is a sign-up sheet on the door of the lunchroom for

parents to earn service hours while enjoying Locally Grown. Please check it out and sign up early to get the best jobs and times.

Students are currently working on their second drafts of their research paper which are due on Tuesday, April 10. Some first drafts were late getting to me, but students will have them back first thing on Tuesday morning. Two students turned in second drafts already since they turned their first drafts in early. I will be conferencing with each student about their paper and helping them put it in the proper format.

We will also be working on how we wish to present our work at conferences next week. We will be moving ahead to the Roman Empire in social studies and soil formation in science. We will use the same vocabulary words this week as last since these were two short weeks with a big gap in between. After Locally Grown we will also be starting to work on our raised bed planting as we study soil, erosion, and the water cycle.

I am repeating the information about the end of the school year here, for those who may have missed it last week. *Since we had to take snow days, the school board voted that the last day of school would be Friday, May 25. This will be a 10:30 dismissal without childcare and our annual field day. Graduation will be the night before. More details will be coming from the office when we know details.*

Remember those students enrolling before May 25 will receive a discount on next year's tuition. Financial Aid applications are also available in the office for next year.

Best wishes,

Carla

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**Upcoming Events**

Monday, April 2: No School

Thursday, April 5: Corporation Meeting at 6:00 p.m. (Pot Luck at 5:30)

Monday, April 9: Peer Editing of Second Draft of Paper

Tuesday, April 10: Field Trip to SIU

Tuesday, April 10: Second Draft due to Carla

Thursday, April 12: Student-led Conferences

Friday, April 13: Student-led Conferences

Saturday, April 21: Locally Grown

Thursday, May 10: Noon Dismissal with No Childcare

Thursday, May 10: Open House from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Friday, May 11: No School and No Childcare

Saturday, May 12: Plant Sale at Auto Zone parking lot

Friday, May 18: No School and No Childcare

Thursday, May 24: Graduation

Friday, May 25: Field Day and 10:30 Dismissal with No Childcare