

Station 15 News

Student/Parent
Newsletter for
Mr. Snapp's 6th
Grade Class

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Field Trip Friday

Our trip to Black Hill with our buddy class is this Friday. As of this morning **WE'RE STILL SHORT OF DRIVERS**. If you've gotten your clearance and think you can drive, let me know as soon as possible. Remember, you don't have to do the hike. You can drive us there, drop us off, and return to pick us up.

We'll leave Baywood at 8:45 and return around 11:30. Here are some things to remember to help the trip go smoothly:

- We'll be back for lunch – no need to pack a sack lunch.
- Kids should bring snacks, water bottles, and a backpack to carry things.
- Kids should wear comfortable walking shoes and dress appropriately for the expected weather.
- We'll be outdoors all morning. Sunscreen is recommended.

6th Grade Barbecue/Bake Sale This Friday

Friday will be a busy day! I'm sending home signup sheets today. **Getting them filled out and brought back tomorrow is part of your child's homework.** Please read it, sign up for as many times as you are available, and return it tomorrow. Mrs. Wampler will figure out which time works best and call you.

This is our biggest fundraiser for camp. According to Mrs. Wampler, the kids have sold a lot of tickets. That's great, but it will mean she and Mr. Cookson will need a lot of help at the barbecue.

For the last few years we've been supplementing the money raised at the barbecue by having a back sale at the same time. When people come by to pick up their dinners we offer them cupcakes, cookies, brownies, etc. We've sold out the last three years and made a nice chunk of extra money. If you can bake something for the bake sale, that would be wonderful!

Valencia Peak

On **Wednesday, December 10**, our class will take a field trip to **Montana De Oro State Park**, where we will climb **Valencia Peak**. We'll leave Baywood at **8:45 a.m.** and we'll return to school at **2:00 p.m.** **The kids will need to bring**

sack lunches. As always, sack lunches are available from the school for whatever price you normally pay for a school lunch. If you want a school sack lunch, **I need to know at least a week in advance.**

PARENT DRIVERS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED FOR THIS TRIP. Please check your schedules and consider driving if you can.

The hike up Valencia Peak involves an elevation gain of 1,000 feet, and is about a 5 mile round trip. It's a strenuous walk, but well within the abilities of normal 6th graders. However, parents who want to hike to the top with us should be in good physical shape. Otherwise I'd recommend against your coming with us. **Again, parent drivers do not need to stay and hike.**

My objective in scheduling this trip, besides getting some exercise, is to enhance the students' self esteem and our class unity through achievement and shared experience. Even though the hike is well within their capabilities, they'll feel as if they've achieved something big. They'll also feel closer to each other after achieving the goal together. Most of them will even have fun!

Here are some things to keep in mind to help this trip go smoothly:

- The kids will need a sack lunch.
- They should wear comfortable walking shoes.
- They **MUST** bring a jacket or heavy sweatshirt. It can get very cold on top of the mountain.
- They need to bring a water bottle.
- They need to bring a backpack in which to carry their lunch, water bottle, jacket, etc.
- They should wear sunscreen. We'll be outside all day.

Optional Items to Consider Bringing:

- Camera
- Binoculars

We will be hot and thirsty when we finish this hike. I will be bringing a large ice chest filled with ice. I suggest that each child bring a bottled water, sports drink, juice, etc. They can put it in my ice chest before we start hiking, and they'll have a cold, refreshing beverage waiting for them at the end of the trail. They'll be glad to have it!

Chaperones for Camp Ocean Pines

We need three parent chaperones to go with us to Camp Ocean Pines. Several people expressed interest at the parent meeting we held back in September. If you weren't there but

would like to be considered, please let me know as soon as possible. We'll be drawing the names out of a hat sometime in January.

We will only consider parents who already have their fingerprint clearance in place. If you haven't done that yet, there's still time, but you should take care of it soon. Talk to our school secretary, Mrs. Dubois, about how to get fingerprint clearance. When we do our drawing in November we only put names in of people who have finished the process. If you've applied for fingerprint clearance but it's still pending we can't consider you.

We need two male chaperones and one female. We especially need men to sign up! We've had very few so far.

Parents who have gone in the past have reported being exhausted at the end, but that it was a wonderful experience that they and their child will share for a lifetime. We hope you'll consider helping us out.

Another Field Trip Scheduled

Ted Emrick, Sierra's dad, has invited us to tour his art studio. Ted works with glass and clay. This will be especially interesting to us because Ted is going to be the artist for this year's 6th Grade Legacy Art project.

The trip will be on **Thursday, December 4. We'll leave Baywood (on foot) at 8:45, and return around 10:20.** We'll be back in time for recess, so there's no need to send snacks or prepare sack lunches.

Stone Soup Feast with Buddies

Next Tuesday, November 25, at noon, we'll be having a "Stone Soup Feast" with our buddy class. They'll be reading the folk tale, "Stone Soup", and preparing the soup, plus providing rolls. They'd like us to bring pies and whipped cream. My room moms, Mrs. Delk and Mrs. Robinson, will be calling parents to see who can provide pies and whipped cream for our feast. Thanks so much!

Read and Feed Review

Well, I survived my first Read and Feed on Thursday. It was a lot of fun, and we got a lot of pages read (including me!) Thanks to all who provided snacks for the feed part of the event. We ate well!

Remember that the point of the day was to get a lot of reading done and accumulate AR points early in the trimester. Several kids have already taken and passed AR tests – some have passed multiple tests. If your child had a problem getting AR points in the first trimester, help him or her by checking on his or her reading, turning off the TV, limiting video games, etc. Anytime you'd like to know how many points your child has accumulated so far, just call or email and I'll check for you.