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**Our Mission:** Eldorado K-8 is a community centerpiece where all minds are opened to lifelong learning and achievement through innovative and challenging educational experiences.



## ELDORADO K-8 2009-2010 Weekly 8th Grade Notes for 8/24-8/28

### 8th GRADE NEWS and INFORMATION

- The Eldorado Codes of Conduct for the 2009-2010 school year (including the "Essential Eight") are available on our website at: <http://schools.bvsd.org/eldorado/pdf/EldoradoCodeOfConduct0910.pdf>
- Weekly help sessions for 8th grade students are Tuesdays from 8:00 to 8:30 AM. This time is reserved for students who were absent, are going to be absent, or who just need extra time or help from teachers. Students are permitted upstairs before 8:30 AM only on Tuesdays and only if they are seeking a specific teacher's help. Otherwise, students are not permitted upstairs before 8:30 AM.
- Regular student progress updates are available online via the Infinite Campus portal and through IC Messenger. Stay tuned for specific progress dates...
- Parents and Students: If you have password problems with your Infinite Campus account, please visit our registrar.

### EARTH SCIENCE (Mr. Ganse & Ms. Riddle):

- This Week in Science: Technology/Graphing Practice and Review
- Labs: Superior Transportation, Composition of Earth's Atmosphere
- Check the [eScience website](#) for details about Earth Science class. Links to labs, homework, and more are available for both students and parents.

### LANGUAGE ARTS (Mrs. Ecton):

- Due Friday: Signed Reading Goals
- Students should be bringing home an information sheet, and I want to thank all parents in advance for taking valuable time to email me regarding your children. The information you provide me is priceless.
- Please check [Mrs. Ecton's website](#) for updates and grades.

### ADVANCED LANGUAGE ARTS (Mrs. Bamford):

- No notes provided...

### AMERICAN HISTORY (Mr. Hicks):

- Welcome! I am looking forward to a great school year! Our essential question for the week is: How does history influence the present and shape the future?
- Monday- Introduction of the bi-weekly current event assignment. The first current event is due September. I will also introduce the U.S. Map test. Students must successfully locate and spell all 50 states. This test will be September 2. Homework: the rough draft of "The History of Me" is due Tuesday
- Tuesday- Peer edit History of Me and I will model an example current event
- Wednesday-Begin the "America Is. . ." project (an in class assignment due September 1). Spend some time studying for the map test. Homework: the final draft of "The History of Me" is due tomorrow
- Thursday: Continue practice current event; time to work on "America Is. . ."
- Friday: Classtime to work on "America Is. . ." and also time to study for the U.S. Map Test

### AMERICAN HISTORY (Mr. Espinosa):

- Welcome back parents! A special thanks to those of you who have already submitted your Million Word Essays. Although I know most of these kids, it's great to get that extra insight. As much as I'd love to reply to each and every one of them, please understand that I will receive as many as 100 responses, so I cannot comment on all of them. All I can say is Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! for taking the time to complete your homework.
- This week students will be working on gathering information for their History of My Lifetime project. With the exception of 1st period, the project descriptions went out on Friday. 1st period will receive theirs today. We will spend today thru Wednesday in the computer lab doing research for the project. Thursday and Friday will be spent putting the final piece together. Students are absolutely encouraged to spend some time working on this at home, and will probably need some help from you guys in figuring out aspects of their own personal history from their early years. Final products are due and will be presented next Monday, August 31st.

### MATH 25/3S (Ms. Brenner):

- Mon. (8/24) WS p. 36
- Tues. (8/25) WS p. 35
- Wed. (8/26) Ws. 1.1 and WS 1.2, book page 49: 16 -21
- Thurs. (8/27) WS p. 15, WS p. 16
- Friday (8/28) P. 54: 5-24, 35 -42

**ADVANCED ALGEBRA (Ms. Brenner):**

- Mon. (8/24) Rocket WS - no calculators, p. 11: 1-43 odd
- Tues. (8/25) WS 11.4, WS "practice WS 4-9"
- Wed. (8/26) WS 11.5, WS "Practice WS 4-10"
- Thurs. (8/27) p. 12: 46-90 evens
- Friday (8/28) WS 2.15 (evens or odds), WS 1.7, WS 1.8

**GEOMETRY (Ms. Brenner):**

- Mon. (8/24) P. 33-34: 2-32 even
- Tues. (8/25) p. 42: 2-24 even, 30-38 even
- Wed. (8/26) p. 51: 1-9, 23, 25, 27, 31
- Thurs. (8/27) P. 33-34: 3, 9, 21, 23, p. 42-43: 1, 5, 31, 37, p. 53: 26
- Friday (8/28) Quiz 1.1-3, Read p. 36-37, do p. 37: 1-7

**MATH (Ms. Ajwani):**

- Monday (8/24) P52 11-16, 18-30, 33-35
- Tuesday (8/25) 4.1-4.3 w/s
- Wednesday (8/26) 4.4- 4.5 w/s
- Thursday (8/27) quiz review
- Friday (8/28) quiz

**HEALTH (Ms. Kendall):**

- Welcome to 8th grade health. We are discussing general health and wellness. The signed contract is due on Friday, Aug. 28.

**FRENCH (Ms. Kendall):**

- Bienvenue! We will be reviewing last year's materials for about 2 weeks.

**ESPAÑOL 1B (Ms. Lucchesi):**

- ¡Bienvenidos a la clase de español 1B! I am so excited about this 2009-2010 school year. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know through email (jennifer.lucchesi@bvsd.org) or by phone (720.561.4400). It has been a fantastic start to the year!
- lunes: Nombres en español, Una entrevista de tu amigo
- martes: Juego de números, Repaso del alfabeto (juego=game, repaso=review)
- miércoles: Repaso de fechas (dates) y tiempo (time), Los colores
- jueves: Repaso de adjetivos
- viernes: Repaso de palabras interrogativas (interrogatives) y preguntas (questions); El laboratorio de computadoras
- Next week: We will have a quiz on Tuesday over the colors and the use of adjectives. ¡Tengan una semana fenomenal!

**ESPAÑOL 2 (Ms. Lucchesi):**

- ¡Bienvenidos a la clase de español 2! I am so excited about this 2009-2010 school year as it is the first year I have been able to teach level 2 at Eldorado K-8. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know through email (jennifer.lucchesi@bvsd.org) or by phone (720.561.4400). It has been a fantastic start to the year!
- lunes: Camisas, Repaso de adjetivos
- martes: Entrevistas (interviews)/Block Talk
- miércoles: Las nacionalidades en español
- jueves: Repaso de números, fechas y tiempo
- viernes: Un proyecto en el laboratorio de computadoras
- La semana próxima: Tenemos una prueba de las nacionalidades el miércoles. ¡Tengan una semana buenisima!

**SPANISH 1B (Ms. Dickinson):**

- ¡Bienvenidos a la clase de español! This week we will start our review of Spanish 1A. We will also be going over the class syllabus, expectations, and outline. Ask your student about vocabulary words for days, months, and numbers - they should have flash cards made - these are a great study aide, which is important since a quiz will be given on Friday over these words!

**CHOIR NOTES (Mr. Call):**

- No notes provided...

**BAND NOTES (Mr. Lewis):**

- No notes provided...

**P.E. (Ms. Gruenisen & Mr. Creasey):**

- 8th grade P.E. is off to a great start. Just a reminder that if your child is absent for any reason or does not participate in a P.E. class because of an excused no dress (injury, illness) they are able to make up the daily points for that missed day. They have only 1 week from the absence to do this. Please ask your child to explain how that is done or refer to the Eldorado website and the P.E. link for detailed information on class policies and grading.
- There are many interscholastic athletic activities throughout the year for your child to participate in as 8th graders. We encourage students to get involved in as many of these activities as they can. We look forward to a fun and safe new school year!
- Please check the P.E. link on the Eldorado website (<http://schools.bvsd.org/eldorado/pe/index.htm>). You will find our grading policies, classroom expectations, make up information for absences or excused no dresses and standards based grading percentages.

**Thank you for all your support at home--we appreciate it!**

We hope this email service is useful to you. Questions or Comments? Please email [Jack Ganse](#)

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