



ELDORADO K-8 • 2009-2010 Weekly 8th Grade Notes for 12/14-12/18

8th GRADE NEWS and INFORMATION

- This weekly email is also available on the Eldorado website, under the "For Students" section:
<http://schools.bvsd.org/eldorado>
- Eldorado K-8 8th grade parents with students attending Monarch HS: Just a reminder that finals at MHS start Tuesday the 15th. Monday, 12/14, is a normal day.
- Tuesday, December 15: Tutor time (optional) from 7:30 - 8:15; Final exam for period 1, 8:20 - 10:35
- Wednesday, December 16: Tutor time (optional) from 7:30 - 8:15; Final exam for period 2, 8:20 - 10:35
- Parents and Guardians, Just a reminder that when you drop off or pick up your students we need you to only park in the designated parking spaces. It has been brought to our attention that cars are being parked in the entry lanes leading into school. This causes significant backups on Indiana. Thanks for your support. Jeff Van Iwarden, Assistant Principal
- The 2009-2010 Yearbook is Being Created... With a Little Help:
Middle school Eldorado K-8 parents and guardians... the SOARING Eagles 2009-2010 yearbook is shaping up to be the best yet and we wanted to make sure that you encourages your student(s) to "make their mark"! All K-8 grades have a special "project" that has been assigned to represent their grade level and their uniqueness as an Eldorado K-8 Eagle. Please check with your student to make sure that they took the opportunity to be a part of the 2009-2010 yearbook as follows:
 - 6th Grade - what S.O.A.R. represents to them (in 80 characters or less)
 - 7th Grade - a drawing representing their perception of S.O.A.R. (or Eagle)
 - 8th Grade - favorite Eldorado K-8 memory (in 80 characters or less)
 If there are questions or a need for replacement submission materials, please have your student see their LA teacher.
- ALSO PLEASE NOTE FOR 8th GRADERS:
The yearbook committee is working on a special project for our outgoing 8th grade students! Please send a picture of your 8th grader as a pre-school or kindergartener to us for inclusion. We are aiming for 100% participation but cannot do it without YOUR help! Email your picture to: yearbook@soaringeaglesalliance.com and be sure to include: student name, LA teacher
OR: if you have a picture we can scan in, please take it in to the front office with the students' name and LA teacher noted - there is a box for you to deposit them into
- Homework Requests: If your child is absent due to illness, you may put in a homework request through the main office. Step #1: Call the main office in the morning and request that assignments/homework be collected. Step #2: Pick up your child's assignments in the main office between 3:30 PM and 3:45 PM.
- A guide to Academic Resources for Middle Level Students is now available on our website:
<http://schools.bvsd.org/eldorado/pdf/AcademicResources2009.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. Infinite Campus progress report dates for Trimester #2 are: 1/25, 2/16.
- Parents and Students: If you have password problems with your Infinite Campus account, please click the "Problems Logging In" link on the Infinite Campus page.

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

- This Week in Science: What is salinity and how do we measure it?
- Absent, sick, or missing something? Remember to visit the science website!
- Labs: Salinity Lab
- Homework: Salinity Lab due 12/18, plus all missing assignments must be turned in by Friday
- Links to labs, homework, help guides, tutorials, and more are on the [eScience website](#). Please use this valuable resource!

LANGUAGE ARTS (Mrs. Ecton):

- Students should refer to their calendar for assignments and work.
- Please check [Mrs. Ecton's website](#) for updates and grades.

LANGUAGE ARTS (Mrs. Bamford):

- We are continuing to read Tom Sawyer in class and complete daily assignments. If assignments or chapters aren't finished in class, they will need to be finished at home. Have a Happy New Year!

ADVANCED LANGUAGE ARTS (Mrs. Bamford):

- Tuesday- April Morning novel test
- Wednesday- April Morning theme presentations
- Students will receive the novel Huckleberry Finn at the end of the week and they will be expected to read some of it during the winter break.
- Have a Happy New Year!

AMERICAN HISTORY (Mr. Hicks):

- We are finishing up the Revolutionary America unit this week with a test on Friday. We will also be working on the Declaration of Independence as well.

AMERICAN HISTORY (Mr. Espinosa):

- We will wrap up the John Adams video this week, and move into reading and discussing the Declaration of Independence. Students will receive a packet on Wednesday that we will work on as a class for the remainder of the week. Packets will be collected when we return from break. There will also be a quiz this week on the various Acts imposed on the colonies prior to the Revolution – students have notes to study for this quiz. Have a Great Holiday!!!

MATH 25/3S (Ms. Brenner):

- Mon. (12/14) WS 160
- Tues. (12/15) WS 162
- Wed. (12/16) WS 161
- Thurs. (12/17) Quiz Section 9.6 Volume
- Fri. (12/18) CSAP competition

HONORS GEOMETRY (Ms. Brenner):

- Mon. (12/14) p. 435: 2-14 even
- Tues. (12/15) p. 423: 1-5, 9
- Wed. (12/16) p. 427: -8, 12, 19
- Thurs. (12/17) Review WS 8.1-5
- Fri. (12/18) Quiz 8.1-5, Turn in investigations for Sections 8.1-5

ADVANCED ALGEBRA (Ms. Brenner):

- Quiz 3.4-5 retakes due by Dec. 17th
- Mon. (12/14) Review for Final
- Tues. (12/15) District Algebra final
- Wed. (12/16) Solving System of equations by Graphing packet
- Thurs. (12/17) Bartering packet
- Fri. (12/18) Three Chickens Packet

MATH (Ms. Ajwani):

- Monday (12/14) Investigation. Due Tuesday.
- Tuesday (12/15) P473 1-10
- Wednesday (12/16) P483 1-18 all
- Thursday (12/17) P491 1,3,7-12
- Friday (12/18) P519 1,5,6-8

HEALTH (Ms. Kendall):

- We will be working on a "Weights and Balloons" project due on Wednesday, 12/16.
- The next unit - Substance Abuse - will begin on Thursday.
- Have a wonderful winter break!

FRENCH (Ms. Kendall):

- The students will be presenting the Defile de mode to the Spanish 2 students on Wednesday.
- We will be learning boot verbs, the verb mettre, and demonstrative and interrogative adjectives in this lesson.
- Passez de bonnes vacances d'hiver!

ESPAÑOL 1B (Ms. Lucchesi):

- We will be finishing chapter 6A. The vocabulary is about rooms in the house and furniture. In this chapter, we are learning to make comparisons and superlatives (He is taller than..., We are the smartest...). We are also working with o-->ue boot verbs.
- lunes: Superlativos
- martes: video
- miercoles: Tortugas
- jueves: Examen
- viernes: Sorpresa
- Next week: Have a fantastic holiday celebration! May it be filled with family, friends and good times! Be safe and take care! Happy new year!

ESPAÑOL 2 (Ms. Lucchesi):

- We are finishing chapter 2B. In this chapter, we have started talking about the preterite tense (one of two past tenses in Spanish). We will also talk about -CAR, -GAR, -ZAR spelling changes in this past tense. The other two grammar topics this chapter are demonstrative adjectives (this, these, that, those) and adjectives as nouns. We are using shopping vocabulary.
- lunes: Examen 2B
- martes: Tiempo para los proyectos

- miercoles: Un desfile de moda
- jueves: Examen del medio ano
- viernes: Examen del medio ano
- La semana proxima: Tengan buen dias festivos! Espero que haya mucha familia, amigos y diversion! Sean seguros y cuidense! Feliz ano nuevo!

SPANISH 1B (Ms. Dickinson):

- This week we will continue studying comparatives and superlatives!
- We had a test today on o to ue stem changing verbs (students have had the verb list for 7 days!)
- We will have another verb test on Thursday this week
- Up coming due dates: La casa de fantasÃa will be due the day we get back from Winter Break - January 6th! Please make a note and do not forget your projects!!!
- PENNY WAR to benefit Heifer International will be wrapping up on Wednesday, December 16th! Please bring in all you pennies today!! What a great way to give back to the global community!
- Have a wonderful winter break - Here is to good health and happiness in 2010!

BAND NOTES (Mr. Lewis):

- Practice sheet # 3 due Tuesday scale assessment A major

CHOIR NOTES (Mr. Call):

- What kind of music might you hear over the break? Our next concert is February 11th. (Donations of pencils to our music classroom would be greatly appreciated!)
- Vocal Solo & Ensemble Festival: optional, January 21, between 4:00-7:00 PM, Mr. Call's room
- Men's Choir Festival (6th - 8th grade): optional, January 26, 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon, @ MHS
- All-school Assemblies (7th/8th Band, Orch, Choir): February 3, during day, Big Gym
- Winter Choir Concert (6th - 8th grade): February 11, 7:00 PM, Cafetorium
- Middle-Level Choir Festival: February 23, all day, @ MHS
- Middle-Level Choir Festival Performance: February 23, 7:00 PM, @ MHS
- Spring Choir Concert (6th - 8th grade): May 13, 7:00 PM, Cafetorium
- Elitch Gardens Festival (7th - 8th grade): May 14, all day, @ Elitch Gardens
- 8th-Grade Commencement (7th - 8th grade): May 27, during day, Large Gym

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

- We have started basketball. After going over skills and rules we are now into games. There will be a written quiz on material that is copied in their journal. We will announce that date 1 week prior to the quiz.
- Please remember to make up ALL absences and excused no dress days within 1 week of that day. If that is not done, they will loose all their points for that day.
- 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!

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