



ELDORADO K-8 • 2009-2010 Weekly 8th Grade Notes for 10/19-10/23

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>
- Monarch High School Information: <http://bvsd.org/schools/MonarchHigh/aboutmonarch/oe/Pages/oeinfo.aspx>
- Fairview High School Open Enrollment Information:
<http://bvsd.org/schools/FairviewHS/Documents/SHOWCASE%2009-10.pdf>
- 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>
- As you may have heard, this year we are instituting a new SOAR program at Eldorado k8 to recognize students making positive contributions and good choices at Eldorado k8. Specifically, we are hoping to acknowledge and encourage students who are demonstrating Safety, Ownership, Acceptance, and Respect (hence the S.O.A.R. acronym). Middle level students have been doing a wonderful job in and around our school so far this school year. Students have been recognized with SOAR slips for a wide range of things from helping out our elementary schoolmates, to welcoming new students, to sticking up for others, to tutoring classmates, to keeping our building clean. The past week the following students were recognized for SOARing at Eldorado k8: David Andrews, Eric Doci, Jamie Fox, Rana Louar, Clayton Muehl, Remy Mullen, Jorge Navarette, Jason Nguyen, and Wyatt Sibling. Congratulations and keep up the good work!
- 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 #1 are: 10/26.
- 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: How do scientists study and predict severe weather?
- Labs: Chasing Hurricane Katrina, Colorado Tornadoes
- Quiz: Weather Quiz on Tuesday (weather maps and weather data)
- Students who miss class and labs should be attending Tuesday Help Sessions, or otherwise communicating a clear plan for making up the work in a timely manner
- Links to labs, homework, help guides, tutorials, and more are on the [eScience website](#). Please use this valuable resource!

LANGUAGE ARTS (Mrs. Ecton):

- Tuesday, 10/20: Dailies Packet 1 Summative Assessment
- Wednesday, 10/21: Sp./Voc. 4 Chart/MS/Test
- October 30: Reading Goal and paragraph about favorite book (not a summary) due
- Please check [Mrs. Ecton's website](#) for updates and grades.

LANGUAGE ARTS (Mrs. Bamford):

- This week and next we are focusing on sentence types (simple, compound, complex, compound-complex), and there will be an assessment later next week or the week after (they can use notes).
- Our next vocabulary test and assignment will be on Wednesday the 28th.
- Students should continue to read each night

ADVANCED LANGUAGE ARTS (Mrs. Bamford):

- We are finishing the persuasive speeches this week and turning in the final drafts of the persuasive essay.
- Students should begin typing their "Writer's Workshop Final Product" due November 2nd.
- Has your child read a classic yet? I'll be getting some recommendations out to them this week. Reading one or two classics in addition to the ones read in class is strongly encouraged.

AMERICAN HISTORY (Mr. Hicks):

- This week we will begin wrapping up our unit of Colonization and Conflict by defining the specific economic characteristics of each colonial region. Students will examine how physical geography contributed to the adaptation of different agricultural and industrial practices in preparation for our Colonial Recruitment project. The project will be introduced on Wednesday and be due on October 28.

AMERICAN HISTORY (Mr. Espinosa):

- No notes provided...

MATH 25/3S (Ms. Brenner):

- Mon. (10/19) patterns
- Tues. (10/20) WS Reteaching 3.1, Packet WS 4.1 and WS 1.1
- Wed. (10/21) WS 1.2, WS 4.2
- Thurs. (10/22) SET
- Fri. (10/23) WS 4.3, WS 1.3

HONORS GEOMETRY (Ms. Brenner):

- Mon. (10/19) p. 145: 1-8, 10, 15
- Tues. (10/20) Pg. 149: 1-5, 9, 10, 15-20
- Wed. (10/21) p. 154: 1-5, 10-12, 13
- Thurs. (10/22) SET
- Fri. (10/23) p. 158: 1-5, 6-9, 12, 13

ADVANCED ALGEBRA (Ms. Brenner):

- Quiz 2.1-3 retakes due Oct. 21.
- Mon. (10/19) WS Homework #5, p. 130-131: 1-35 eoo, p. 140-141: 1-23 eoo, 37-41
- Tues. (10/20) Ws 6.5, WS 6.6, WS 131, WS 134
- Wed. (10/21) SET
- Thurs. (10/22) Quiz 2.4-5
- Fri. (10/23) page 157: 1-11, 12-13
- Looking ahead Test 2.1-5 Tuesday Oct. 27

MATH (Ms. Ajwani):

- Monday (10/19) Algebraic patterns Day 1
- Tuesday (10/20) Algebraic patterns Day 2
- Wednesday (10/21) Algebraic patterns Day 3
- Thursday (10/22) SET. Please bring something to do.
- Friday (10/23) Algebraic patterns Day 4

HEALTH (Ms. Kendall):

- We are finishing the substance abuse unit tomorrow and beginning the human growth and development unit.
- Final substance abuse projects due tomorrow, 10/20.
- Current event due Friday, 10/23.

FRENCH (Ms. Kendall):

- We will finishing up lecon 15 this week and there will be a quiz on Thursday, 10/22.
- Ask your student about our 3rd grade buddies. We will be seeing them on Friday and the French students will show them their city projects and teach them some French.

ESPAÑOL 1B (Ms. Lucchesi):

- We have started chapter 5A, talking about family. We have already talked about the verb tener (to have) and possessive adjectives (my, your, his, her...). We will be doing a major project with this vocabulary that will be in the Summative section. This is called the Famous Family project. It will be due on October 19th.
- lunes: La familia famosa is due!/Prueba de adjetivos posesivos/Block Talk
- martes: Video/Trabajamos en los Block Talks
- miercoles: Trabajamos en los Block Talks
- jueves: !Tortugas!
- viernes: Examen
- Next week: The speaking assessment will be presented on Monday and we will be starting chapter 5B.
- ***The last day for make-ups is October 28th. ***

ESPAÑOL 2 (Ms. Lucchesi):

- We are close to finished with this review chapter 1B. We have talked about using the construction "hace (tiempo) que," comparisons, and conocer (to know people) vs saber (to know info) and the vocabulary about school. We only have a couple of things left to finish this chapter up.
- lunes: Tortugas
- martes: Examen
- miercoles: Un poquito de palabras afirmativas y negativas
- jueves: Empezamos capitulo 2A/Vocabulario nuevo/Verbos reflexivos
- viernes: Estamos en el laboratorio de computadoras
- La semana proxima: Vamos a repasar los verbos ser y estar y como usarlos. Tambien vamos a hablar de los adjetivos posesivos... :) Todavia estamos de repaso.
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SPANISH 1B (Ms. Dickinson):

- We continue our work with family vocabulary, regular verbs in the present tense and the verb tener. In

addition, possessive adjectives will be introduced. There is a vocabulary test on THURSDAY! Your students do have homework everyday - check in with them - if homework is done, they can always be reviewing verbs and vocab! I do have daily homework written on the board - so their planners should be filled out! Have a wonderful week!

- WISH LIST: 3 flat sheets and all color of fabric paint for one of our DÃa de los muertos project!

BAND NOTES (Mr. Lewis):

- Assessment 88/91 Practice band pieces for concert/ Practice sheet #3 due next Monday.

CHOIR NOTES (Mr. Call):

- Choir Mini-Camp (7th & 8th grade): October 23, 3:30-9:00 PM, Mr. Call's room
- Select Choir (7th & 8th grade): October 27, optional, all day with 7:00 PM performance @ LMS
- Fall Choir Concert (6th & 8th grade): October 29, REQUIRED, 7:00 PM, Cafetorium
- 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):

- A reminder that all absences and excused no dress days need to be made up within 1 week of that missed day. If there is an extended absence or excused no dress, either Mr. Creasey or Ms. Gruenisen will make arrangements with you for your make ups.
- 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.

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