



ELDORADO K-8 • 2009-2010

Weekly 8th Grade Notes for 10/26-10/30

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 hurricanes and tornadoes form? How do scientists study global climate and climate change?
- Labs: Colorado Tornadoes, Greenhouse Effect and Gases, One in a Million Lab
- Homework: Finish Chasing Hurricane Katrina
- 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):

- First Trimester Reading Goal and 8 Sentence Accordion Paragraph about favorite book (This is not a summary!)
- Please check [Mrs. Ecton's website](#) for updates and grades.

LANGUAGE ARTS (Mrs. Bamford):

- Due Wednesday- vocabulary assignment #4
- Quiz Wednesday- vocabulary #4
- Due Monday November 2- Trimester 1 reading goals
- Due Tuesday November 3- "Adventures in Sentence Writing" packet

ADVANCED LANGUAGE ARTS (Mrs. Bamford):

- Due Wednesday- vocabulary assignment #4
- Quiz Wednesday- vocabulary #4
- Due Monday November 2- Trimester 1 reading goals
- Due Tuesday November 3- "Adventures in Sentence Writing" packet
- 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):

- We are wrapping up our study of Colonial America with our Recruitment poster project. Although the project explanation stated that the project is due on Wednesday, we are going to push it back to Thursday at the beginning of the period. All missing work or work that students would like to redo from this unit must be turned in by Friday at the end of the day.

AMERICAN HISTORY (Mr. Espinosa):

- No notes provided...

MATH 25/3S (Ms. Brenner):

- Mon. (10/26) WS 1.4
- Tues. (10/27) WS 4.6 and WS 5.1
- Wed. (10/28) WS 4.7 and WS 5.2
- Thurs. (10/29) WS 5.3
- Fri. (10/30) WS #4 working backwards, WS "Write the equation from a table", WS 5.6
- Looking ahead! Quiz "patterns" Mon. (11/2)

HONORS GEOMETRY (Ms. Brenner):

- Mon. (10/26) Pg. 162: 1-6, 11
- Tues. (10/27) p. 169: 1-4, 6
- Wed. (10/28) pg. 170: 7-10
- Thurs. (10/29) Quiz 3.1-6, pg. 165- 167: 1-5, 9-11
- Fri. (10/30) p. 179: 1-4, 6-8, 20-24

ADVANCED ALGEBRA (Ms. Brenner):

- Retakes on Quiz 2.4-5 due by Thurs. (10/29)
- Mon. (10/26) Review assignment
- Tues. (10/27) Test Chapter 2.1-5
- Wed. (10/28) p. 168: 2-14e, 15-20 all, 22-32e
- Thurs. (10/29) p. 168: 34 " 74 eoe, 76, 78
- Fri. (10/30) WS 7.16 and 7.17

MATH (Ms. Ajwani):

- Monday (10/26) Algebraic patterns 5
- Tuesday (10/27) Algebraic patterns 6
- Wednesday (10/28) Algebraic patterns 7
- Thursday (10/29) Quiz review
- Friday (10/30) Quiz

HEALTH (Ms. Kendall):

- No notes provided...

FRENCH (Ms. Kendall):

- No notes provided...

ESPAÑOL 1B (Ms. Lucchesi):

- We will be starting chapter 5B. In this chapter, we will be talking about food again! We will be talking about the verbs venir (to come) and traer (to bring) and discussing the differences between ser and estar (both mean to be). I will be out of the building at a conference Wednesday and Thursday of this week.
- lunes: Los block talks
- martes: Video; vocabulario nuevo
- miercoles: El verbo venir
- jueves: EL verbo traer
- viernes: Un proyecto
- Next week: We will have a quiz over vocab list A on Tuesday. We will also be talking about "Dia de los muertos." We will have a fiesta on Monday, November 2nd.
- ***The last day for make-ups is October 28th. ***

ESPAÑOL 2 (Ms. Lucchesi):

- We are beginning chapter 2A. In this chapter we are reviewing reflexive verbs and the differences between ser and estar. We will also be talking about possessive adjectives/pronouns (long form). I will be out of the building at a conference Wednesday and Thursday of this week.
- lunes: el video de Sr. Frijol
- martes: los adjetivos posesivos
- miercoles: prueba de vocabulario; mas trabajo con los adjetivos posesivos
- jueves: trabajar en el "block talk"
- viernes:
- La semana proxima: La prueba de vocabulario completo es el lunes. Todavia estamos de repaso. (We will also be talking about "Dia de los muertos." We will have a fiesta on Monday, November 2nd.)
- ***The last day for make-ups is October 28th. ***

SPANISH 1B (Ms. Dickinson):

- REMINDER: 5A exam is on THURSDAY - if you haven't started yet, start studying NOW!! You have been given grammar review sheets and a 5A vocab sheet! Review quizzes this week are: Tuesday - tener and Wednesday - possessive adjectives.
- We will be working on our "La familia famosa" project this week - it is due MONDAY, November 2!

- We will begin our celebration and our projects) of 'DÃa de los muertos' next week!
- A BIG thanks to Kennan Mell's family (Holly and William) for their donation of a sheet and fabric paint for our DÃa de los muertos project!
- WISH LIST: We still need 2 more sheets (Solid color, any size) and fabric paint!
- Penny war is still on! We need pennies for our class and silver coins and bills to sabotage Ms. Lucchesi's class! We are raising money for Heifer International - we would like to buy a Llama for a village in Peru and perhaps some chickens and rabbits as well! For more information, check out www.heifer.org.
- Have a happy and safe Halloween!

BAND NOTES (Mr. Lewis):

- Check IC for missing assessments / assignments. Concert next Tuesday, EK 8 at 7PM

CHOIR NOTES (Mr. Call):

- Select Choir (7th â€“ 8th grade): October 27, optional, all day with 7:00 PM performance @ LMS
- Fall Choir Concert (6th â€“ 8th grade): October 29, REQUIRED, 7:00 PM, Cafetorium
- Vocal Solo & Ensemble Festival: optional, January 21, between 4:00-7:00 PM, Mr. Callâ€™s room
- Menâ€™s Choir Festival (6th â€“ 8th grade): optional, January 26, 9:00 AM â€“ 12:00 Noon, @ MHS
- All-school Assemblies (7th/8th Band, Orch, Choir): February 3, during day, Big Gym
- Winter Choir Concert (6th â€“ 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 â€“ 8th grade): May 13, 7:00 PM, Cafetorium
- Elitch Gardens Festival (7th â€“ 8th grade): May 14, all day, @ Elitch Gardens
- 8th-Grade Commencement (7th â€“ 8th grade): May 27, during day, Large Gym

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

- All 8th grade boy's interested in playing basketball need to sign up with Mrs. Novitsky by Nov 3rd. If you have questions please contact Mr. Creasey.
- We are playing Pickle Ball in P.E. We use a plastic paddle and "whiffle like" balls. It is played on a badminton court with a 36 inch high net, and the rules are similar to badminton. Ask you child what they think!
- 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.

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

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