



Trail Blazer News



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In the News...

Thank you for joining us at our Force and Motion culminating activity on Friday! The students greatly enjoyed being able to share their roller coasters with you.

This week the Trail Blazer house will begin conducting a 7-day intensive workshop (see back for details), working in different crews, to focus on content areas where your child needs support or would like a challenge. This may also change your child's YMCA day. Your child or their base camp teacher will have more information.



Math

6th Grade - Students are learning the difference between theoretical and experimental probabilities.

5th Grade - Students are excited to learn about compiling data and making generalizations based upon that data as we continue our investigations in Data About Us. We will also continue practicing our problem solving skills on Fridays.

Spelling / Vocabulary

Spelling - Check with your child to see what personal spelling words they are focusing upon.

Vocabulary - We will begin focus our high frequency academic vocabulary. Remember to complete your vocabulary homework.

Spelling and Vocabulary tests are on Thursday and Friday.

Summit School Annual Auction:

Can you help with the auction? There are a variety of ways that your assistance is needed. Please contact your child's base camp teacher or Robyn Jentges, at 927-7717 for further information.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend this fun filled evening on March 14 at University High School.

Check out "Night with Trail Blazers teachers" at the auction!

Please turn this page over . . . and thank you for reading our news!



Reading

Ask your child to talk with you about connections they make while reading.

Thank you for practicing your reading.



YMCA Swimming and Rock Climbing



Because of our intensive activities this week, your child's YMCA day may have changed. Please ask them when they are going to the YMCA this week.

Each base camp will have a day of the week that they will enjoy this fitness experience:

Monday
Thursday

Mr. Watts' crew
Mrs. Smith's crew

Tuesday
Friday

Mrs. Freeman's crew
Ms. Bos' crew



Important Dates

YMCA Swimming and Rock Climbing...see your base camp teacher for your class' day of the week. This activity will happen one day per week for each class and continue for seven weeks.

Summit School Auction-March 14 at 5:30 pm at University High School

Silverwood Reading packet due-March 14

Human Growth and Development-March 24th -28th More information will follow soon.

Student-led conferences - March 21 – 28. Grades 1-8 will be dismissed at 12:30 p.m. and Kindergarten will be dismissed @ 2:40 p.m.

Spring Break- March 31-April 4, 2008

What is an “Intensive”?

An “Intensive” is an Expeditionary Learning instructional practice intended to focus student learning in one area with extensive support, to enrich student learning. Students identified areas of strength and weakness, and the Trail Blazer teachers collaborated to decide where each Trail Blazer would spend their time. We have designed our “Intensives” to run for seven days. The “Intensives” being taught are: Science Investigations with Mr. Watts, Reading with Mrs. Smith, Math with Mrs. Freeman and Writing with Miss Bos. Students will spend 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.-2:15 p.m with their “Intensive” crew from Monday, March 10, 2008 through Tuesday, March 18th. Crew meetings and math will continue as usual.