

The Ray News

January 23, 2012

Time to sign-up for conferences!

Important News

- ❖ **CONFERENCES...** Student-led conferences for 5th grade students will be held during the week of February 6th. Conference sign-up times are posted in the lobby across from the fish tank. If this week does not work for you, please let a 5th grade teacher know.
- ❖ **SCIENCE FAIR...** The science fair is just around the corner. **All science fair rough draft forms are due by Tuesday, February 21.** Please make sure that your child completes this form and returns it to their homeroom teacher. If you have misplaced your rough draft form please visit the 5th grade website. It can be found under handouts and newsletters. Also, if you would like to order a display board, please submit the order form (with payment) by January 31, 2012. If you have any questions please call Mrs. LaForge or Mrs. Lange. The due dates are as follows:
 - Display Board Order Forms...DUE by Jan 31
 - Rough Draft of Display Board.....DUE by Feb. 21
 - Science Fair Project.....DUE Mar. 8
- ❖ **HISTORICAL FICTION...**This week in writing the students will type and turn in their writing piece. If they cannot finish it at school they are required to finish it at home. **This paper is due on Friday, January 27.**
- ❖ **CEREAL BOXES...** Please send in an empty cereal box with your child. These boxes will be wrapped, decorated and used for Valentine cards. **If you are available to help wrap these boxes, please let a 5th grade teacher know. THANKS!!**
- ❖ **SERVICE LEARNING...** Please return your child's permission slip for our service learning project by January 25. The 5th grade students will be volunteering at Suncrest Medical Center in small groups every Friday from 10:00-11:30. The first group will be going this Friday.
- ❖ **PHYSICAL EDUCATION..**All 5th grade students attend P.E. on Tuesday's and Thursday's and are expected to participate. Please make sure they bring in their gym shoes so they don't have to sit out.

What's Happening?

Please remember to check your child's planner each night to see what new concepts they are learning in Math. It is also helpful to check over your child's homework to make sure it is completed.

In literacy groups, students will continue with the theme "Person to Person." We will take a vocabulary test on Friday using words found in The Watsons go to Birmingham - 1963 by: Christopher Paul Curtis. Attached are this week's vocabulary words for Friday's test. The words can also be found on the 5th grade website.

In Science, students will learn about inertia by participating in an activity from Science Court. They will take a Science Court test covering inertia on Wednesday.

In Social Studies, we will continue to learn about colonization and settlement. This week they will begin to explore the development of the New England colonies.

In Writer's Workshop, students will work on the final draft of their historical fiction. They will have 3 full hours in class to type their final draft. If they do not finish it at school it must be completed at home. We will celebrate their writing during author's chair on Friday.

Valentine's Day Celebration

If your child wishes to send in Valentine cards, he or she must send them in for everyone in his or her homeroom. We will open the Valentine cards on Friday, February 10, 2012. We will also celebrate by having ice cream sundaes. If your family is able to donate any supplies for this celebration, please return the sign-up attached to this newsletter or visit the 5th grade information board to sign up. THANKS!!



Important Dates

January 23	P.I.E. Meeting 6:30
January 25	Family Literacy Pact 2: Comprehension strategies 5:30-7:30
January 26	Chinese New Year Lunch
January 27	End of second card marking
January 27	Backcountry Film Festival
January 31	Science Board Order form payment due
February 3	Report Cards
February 7-9	Student- Led Conferences
February 8	Red Wings Day
February 9	Daddy- Daughter Dance
February 10	Valentine Celebration



Daddy-Daughter Dance

This year's Daddy-Daughter Dance will be on Thursday, February 9, 2012 from 6:30-8:30. The cost is \$10 per family and all the money raised will be used towards funding the 6th grade class trip. A photographer will be available to capture the special moment. Corsage orders went home today and are due by February 3.

Family Literacy Night

Last week, an invitation went home inviting your family to attend a reading workshop and dinner on Wednesday, January 25 from 6:00-7:30. Dinner will be served at 5:30. You and your child will learn new and fun strategies for reading together! Please return the permission slip by Monday, January 23rd. Hope to see you there 😊



HOW CAN I CONTACT AN UPPER EL TEACHER???



Upper El Teachers can be reached by phone before school from 8:00-8:30 a.m. or after school from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Feel free to e-mail questions or concerns at anytime.

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