

QHIA Weekly Update: August 31, 2017
[QHIA Website](#)
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Hello families,

What a joyful week! We had a great time learning with and about each other, and finding our “group groove” through daily Teambuilding Activities, Improv games, familiarizing ourselves with the topics for the year, and learning how to navigate the online programs, gmail, etc. This is the first of your **QHIA Weekly Updates** which will all have that subject heading, followed by the date sent. Please read through them carefully and refer back to them as this is my primary form of communication with all of you en masse, and I am working on a parent contact sheet so you can connect with each other. This update is quite lengthy, so take your time going through it. Here are some “sneak peek” photos, more are on our FB page. It is my joy and privilege to work and play with these young people!



Other sources of information and connection:

Click on this link for our [QHIA Website](#) which also connects you to our class google calendar, links to resources, and your students' assignments for the week.

We have a class [Facebook Page](#) as well, titled [Quail Hollow Integrated Arts](#). I believe I sent an email invitation for all to join who were not already in that group. This is a great place to connect socially, share photos, and keep each other informed of cool events happening in our area.

Immediate Attention: Drivers Needed and STOMP confirmation!

Monday, Sep. 18 at 11:30: Ramayana-The Indian Epic at Montalvo Arts Center

Tickets are \$10.00 per student and attending adult. I have 34 tickets already purchased.

So far, I have the following confirmed drivers:

Anna Ruwe-can take Liam, sibling + 1

Leslie Buchanan- can take Rowan + 2

Holly Rustay-can take Miles + 3

I need confirmation of more drivers ASAP and how many students you can drive.

****Important:** As I mentioned at our meeting, drivers need to be fingerprinted. Forms can be picked up from Helen, here on our campus at the district office. You can then bring this to the County Office of Ed in Santa Cruz (near Costco.)

Of course, if your family needs sponsorship for this cost, let me know. No student is ever turned away from field trips.

STOMP! Tickets: Although the performance is in May, Sheryl would like to order the tickets ASAP. Please respond to this email with the number of tickets she should purchase. Students will be covered, additional attendees will need to purchase their own. Tickets will be in the \$45.00 range.

Kayaking or Seymour Center Lab?

We can either go Kayaking with Blue Water Ventures in Elkhorn Slough on Oct. 11 or participate in an interactive Lab called Dynamic Ocean Ecosystems at the Seymour Marine Discovery Center in Santa Cruz. Kayaking costs \$38.00 per participant, and the Lab costs \$125.00/all inclusive. Please click on the link to vote on your preference: [Marine Science Field Trip Vote](#)

Tomorrow: All Charter Beach Day 11-2, Twin Lakes Beach (near the Crow's Nest Restaurant)

Students and parents from all of our charter program gather for some fun in the sun! If your student needs a ride, I will help you connect with families that can drive and chaperone. Teachers are present from 11-2, however this is not a drop off event. A supervising parent must attend or be "in charge" of every attending student. Many families stay later than 2pm, although some teachers may leave at that time.

Student Classroom Supplies

- **chrome book or laptop device** Because this is a hybrid online/classroom based program, all students will need a chrome book or laptop device. We have some here in the classroom for students to use if they forget theirs, etc., yet not enough for all students. Please let me know if this is a hardship for your family, and we will find a solution.
- **Either a large 3 Ring Binder with dividers, and/or 4 individual subject spiral notebooks.** I have some extras here in the class if your student needs a few.
- **Water bottle**

Student Assignments

All students have been emailed required login info, links, etc. to complete their work.

Due 8/31

1. Pick your favorite living thing and create the proper classification for it, based on what you learned in lesson 1.8 in CK12 Life Science, in order of smallest group at the top, to largest at the bottom. ([Most Students finished in class](#))

- copy and paste, or draw, or cut from a magazine, a photo of your chosen living thing at the top of your page
- list the classification underneath.
- This can be done on blank paper or in a google doc.
- be creative! Use colors, graphic organizers, etc.

2. *Optional: Create a mnemonic device to remember the order of the Classification of Living Things. For example, "Every good boy deserves fudge" is the order of notes on a music scale, based on the first letter of each word.

3. CK12 Life Science: 1.8, 1.10, 1.11 *Read each of the directions carefully ([Most Students finished in class](#))

4. Can Begin Math and ELA Benchmarks. No due date yet.

Classroom Wishlist

- Planter boxes for in front of classroom railing
- Casters to roll plants indoors
- Countertop wipes or green countertop cleaning spray
- Weekly snacks (click here [QHIA Snack Sign Up](#) for sign up sheet. Thank you Sheryl Lane for this week's snacks!)

Coming Up Next Week:

we will resume our "Regular" Schedule which is as follows:

Monday-Thursday

9-11: direct instruction and independent study with math and science programs (either at home or in the classroom)

11-12: open time for lunch, art, music, dance, all student led (optional attendance, this is a great arrival time period for students learning at home in the morning)

12-2:30: Integrated World History, English, and VAPA (all students in attendance during this time period)

Friday Sept. 8 (and Sept. 22)

Parent Conferences: New families, please sign up to meet with me to go over some of the nuts and bolts of how our Independent Study program works, including attendance sheets, work samples, etc. If these dates doesn't work, please let me know via email when you are available and we will start there.

[Amber's Fall 2017 Conferences](#)

Coming Up in September:

Monday, Sep. 4: District Holiday/Labor Day

Wednesday, Sep. 13: Character Day

<http://www.letitriipple.org/character-day/>

Thursday, Sep. 14: Workshop w/ Charter counselor, Jen Sims. Topic: Empathy at 10am

Friday, Sep. 15: Capture the Flag from 10:30-12:30. Here at the QH campus

Monday, Sep. 18 at 11:30: Ramayana-The Indian Epic at Montalvo Arts Center

Thursday, Sep. 21 at 1pm: Monthly family potluck

Friday, Sep. 22: Month 1 Attendance paperwork due

Thank you for sharing your students with me!

Sincerely,

Amber

All important info, including All Student Assignments and our calendar of events, will be accessible at any time here. Just click on this link:

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