

QHIA Weekly Update: October 6, 2017

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Hello families,

Welcome to October! Take a deep breath and enjoy the pace of this month and the Fall season; as we all know the ride from Halloween to Thanksgiving to Winter Break comes fast :)

We had a jam packed week! Students worked hard on their Independent Study math options; I believe the new tracks of study are working well so far, and we spent quite some time mastering all of the concepts and vocabulary associated with DNA and RNA. We read and responded to literature about the Byzantine Empress Theodora ("she's rad!" as one student put it) and researched key elements to include in the students' original myth writing/illustration project. Thank you for your support of our student, **Julia, whose family is from Puerto Rico**. She raised \$150.00 from her muffin sales to send to those in need.

- **Keidi Lewis**, one of our CRHS teachers, is organizing a charter exhibit for **Dia de los Muertos** in Watsonville sponsored by the Pajaro Valley Arts Council. The theme for the exhibit is "Lessons from Loved Ones"; an altar (ofrenda) exhibit featuring lessons from loved ones that we've lost. Keidi's idea was to have an exhibit based around a crock pot with "Recipes for a Good Life" written by students on recipe cards that she provided. The students wrote some wonderful tidbits of advice, some hilarious, some poignant. Here is a link to more info on the project: <http://www.pajarovalleyartscouncil.org/news>
- Thank you to **Alycia Schertz**, Mason's mom, for coming in and helping us make two huge pans of Apple Crumble on Wednesday. The kids did fraction conversions then worked in a few different groups to prep and assemble. It tasted great! (particularly with the ice cream that Alycia brought)
- **Jen Sims** came in for our monthly workshop/discussion circle on the theme of Communication. We highlighted "I feel messages" as a way to communicate clearly.
- Picture Day was a success! You can expect an envelope with a code to view online pictures of your student in a few weeks. You will be able to choose from a view poses then order what you like.
- We have one more week with **Hunter Wallraff and Improv!** He is truly a masterful teacher; the kids absolutely love him and this class.

Coming Up Next Week:

Tuesday, Oct. 10: Informational Mtg. for **All Charter Play**. 3pm in our classroom

Wednesday, Oct. 11: Kayaking in Elkhorn Slough. Please read a separate email with all of the important times/details, etc.

Thursday, Oct. 12: Vision and Hearing Screening for 8th graders and referrals

Thursday, Oct. 12: Thriller Dance Practice in the dance room (Rm. 29) from 3-4:30pm

Thursday, Oct. 12: Parent Advisory Committee Meeting!~3-4 pm in the Fall Creek Charter office.

***We need some representation on this committee.** It isn't a big time commitment and having equal representation from all of our programs provides for a more cohesive Charter School. Please let me know if you are interested in attending.

[Message from the Parent Advisory Committee](#) Member, Laura Bowers: We had a very small turnout for our first committee meeting (only representing the Nature Academy and CRMS). The Parent Advisory Committee is an excellent way to support teachers and students in your school, to advise on school plans, funding, and resources, within the school, and to identify ways that the charter programs can collaborate. Please consider joining this

committee to advocate for your program and the Charter school as a whole. It is a great way to make a difference and to be involved!

Toyota Drive for Schools: Fundraiser! Ticket sales are happening now through Thursday, October 19. Prizes include cars, \$25,000, and more. The best thing about this fundraiser is that we retain 100% of the money from tickets sold. This is our biggest fundraising opportunity of the year, and how we paid for Yeshe Jackson and Great America last year. We have the tickets in the classroom. Tickets are \$5 each or a book of 6 is \$25. **Please come down when picking up your student to purchase some booklets. Only two students have purchased booklets so far.**

Weekly Snacks

Thank you to Rochelle and Taya for providing snacks this week. We are all signed up through the end of October, thank you!

[QHIA Snack Sign Up](#)

Other Dates in October:

Monday/Tuesdays: Oct. 16, 17, 23, 24: Charter Play auditions in the Dance Room and Resource Center from 3-5:30.

Thursday, Oct. 19: Family Potluck at 2pm

Friday, Oct. 20: Capture the Flag at Quail Hollow RANCH 10:30-12:30

Friday, Oct. 20: Thriller Dance Practice in the dance room (Rm. 29) from 3-4:30pm

Friday, Oct. 20: Month 2 Attendance Paper Due

Thursday, Oct. 26: First Book Club Meeting at 3pm in the Resource Center

Friday, Oct. 27: Thriller Dance Practice in the dance room (Rm. 29) from 3-4:30pm

Saturday, Oct. 28: Thrill the World Event in Santa Cruz at 3pm sharp

Tuesday, Oct. 31: Halloween/Fall Celebration at school

Thank you for sharing your students with me!

Sincerely,

Amber

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

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