

QHIA Weekly Update: September 1, 2016

Hello QHIA families,

What an amazing field trip today to see Theo Jansen's Strandbeests! (I was so excited to be able to actually touch and walk with one!) Thank you everyone for making the long journey; every student was able to come! I'd like to extend a special thank you to our group drivers: Sheryl Lane, Mandy Lariz, Blair Mandell, Shawna Gregory, and Rachael Hughes. (It might be nice to offer a small donation towards gas or parking for these fine folks!)

*My camera stopped working early in the day, please send me pictures via email or text. Thank you!

*Please let me know if you do NOT want your student's photo on our QHIA webpage in our ongoing digital photo album.

Please read the update carefully, as next week we are not meeting in our classroom until Wednesday!

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

[QHIA Website](#)

Here are some important dates and info to be aware of:

Next Week (September 5-9):

- **Monday: NO SCHOOL** Campus is closed for the Labor Day Holiday
- **Tuesday: Mt. Hermon Low Ropes Teambuilding Day:**
 - **Address: 17 Conference Drive, Mt. Hermon, CA 95041**
 - **8:50 am arrive at Conference Center (it takes about 10 minutes to get there from Ben Lomond Market)**
 - 9:00-11:30am entire group LOW element Team Building activities
 - 11:30-12:30pm entire group break
 - 12:30-1:30pm entire group LOW element Team Building activities
 - **1:30pm depart**
 - ***Please complete the attached participation waiver for your student and bring it with you (send it with them). Just check off the "Low Elements" box.**

Update:

Art

We continue to explore Theater/Improv games once each day to get to know each other (and play is important!)

Math and Physical Science

We spent a few hours each day navigating their online Math and Science program: CK12. Students are now getting to the point where they are discovering unfamiliar content in math. This is the point when I have them read and/or watch the video lesson and complete

handwritten exercises from the online text. I also went around and helped each student individually, and supported peer teaching of concepts. We watched some “mind blowing” videos on perception and frame of reference when it comes to motion (one of the students literally said, “Wow. My mind is kind of blown right now!”) Students also answered questions from the online text, although many need to complete it. *See Assignments at the bottom of this email.

History and English

This week we discussed two primary events that set the stage for events leading to the American Revolution; The Enlightenment and The Great Awakening. Students watched a powerpoint, participated in discussion, and took notes. In addition to group work, students began writing their Fall Benchmark Informative/Explanatory essays.

Classroom Culture

We welcomed two new students yesterday, Zach Diego and Cyrus Hurst!

Below are the video clips that I shared in class this week (and some I forgot to include previously):

[Motion: Frame of Reference](#)

[Bobby McFerrin and the Power of the Pentatonic Scale](#)

One of our parents, Shauna Reisewitz, also teaches at another program. She has extended a Whale Watching Opportunity..check it out!

From Shauna:

Hello All,

I have about 20 spots available for whale watching Friday September 16 with my MVWSD K-8 Homeschool group.

Details: Boat leaves at 10 AM, please arrive at 9:45 Friday September 16.

Leaving from Monterey Fisherman's Wharf.

Going with [Monetary Bay Whale Watch](#)

If you would like to join us, it's \$30 per person. Please contact me and pay via paypal to psalearnyourway@gmail.com

First signed up and paid, first served.

Parents bringing kids on the trip will be responsible for said children. Because I have a large group I will be managing, I will not be able to take additional kids myself without chaperones.

Thanks!!

Have a fabulous Labor Day Weekend.

~Amber

Cool Happenings out and about!

September 24: Fashion Art Santa Cruz

Tickets cost \$24.00

<http://www.fashionartsantacruz.com/>

In true Santa Cruz tradition, the Eleventh Anniversary of FashionART Santa Cruz, expresses the unrivaled creativity of our artistic community.

For the 11th year, fashion and art will come together in a one night, one-of-a-kind, never to be repeated, spectacular runway show at the Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium featuring over 15 artists and 8 fashion designers.

FashionART Santa Cruz takes the very best of fashion and art and melds them together in one extravaganza to create a unique, colorful production full of surprises and creative talent. Designers from Santa Cruz and the SF Bay Area and beyond will show off their newest lines while artists surprise and amaze us with hand crafted, wearable art creations.

September 17: Great Local Community Service Opportunity!

[Coastal Clean Up Day](#)

[Santa Cruz Symphony Season](#)