

QHIA Weekly Update: September 21, 2018

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Hello families,

Students are finishing up their study of Plate Tectonics through CK12, and will begin (or have begun) their “C-E-R” on the topic. They will explore articles, determine what scientists are claiming about the phenomena, cite evidence, and connect it to prior knowledge learned through CK12. 6th graders completed their cave art slab painting, and began short stories, while 7th/8th graders learned about “Columbia: Lady Liberty” in connection to their statue project, and put themselves in the shoes of colonists deciding whether to be Patriots, Loyalists, or stay neutral in terms of the American Revolution. Marie continued Reader’s Workshop with a focus on Character Traits, and Amber began direct instruction on creating Sentence Variety to enhance narratives. Our 7th graders enjoyed an hour in the garden with **Melanie Burgess, part of our Junior Master Gardener program, and our 8th graders will be with her next Tuesday.** [We also previewed Character Day! What is it?](#)



Join us for the fifth annual Character Day on September 26, 2018! Last year there were over 133,000 Character Day events in 150 countries and all 50 states.

Character Day is a free day and global initiative where school districts, individual classrooms, companies, organizations, and families -- groups of all sizes -- screen films on the science of character development from different perspectives, dive into free printed discussion materials catered to different ages, and join an online global Q&A conversation featuring prominent leaders discussing the importance of developing character strengths (resilience, grit, empathy, courage, kindness)--all rooted in evidence-based research. Here is a link to the trailer:

<http://www.letitriple.org/character-day-2/>

Here is a link to the video that we made after last year’s Character Day:

[QHIA Character Day 2017!](#)

Next week’s schedule:

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
9-11	9-11	9-11	9-11
Math	Science	Math	Science
Independent	Independent	Independent	Independent
Study	Study	Study	Study

	*10-11:7th grade Master Gardener program		
11-12: Transition time	11-12: Transition time	11-12: Transition time	11-12: Transition time
12:00 - 2:30 History/VAPA Focus	12:00 - 2:30 Reader's Workshop & Narrative Writing Focus	12:00 - 2:30 Character Day!	12:00 - 2:30 Art Project for Fundraiser and Improv

Announcements:

Toyota Drive For Schools Fundraiser

Tickets are here! Pick them up from me in the classroom. This is our biggest class fundraiser of the year. You could win a car, \$25,000 or many other great prizes. Our QHIA Family Booster Club retains 100% of the money from our ticket sales! (*8th graders attending the Ashland Shakespeare Trip in the Spring can earmark funds from their ticket sales towards their tuition.)

The Science Fair is November 9 this year. All Charter kids are invited to participate.

QHIA students who would like to participate can get support with their science writing/research during the morning science lab time during the month of October. ***Packets went home with interested students yesterday.**

Applications are due to [Katie Parmenter, teacher at Quail Hollow Homeschool](#), by **Friday, Oct. 12.** *The County Science Fair is in March, so if anyone is interested in participating in the County Fair, they must indicate that on their application and Katie will send them the "official packet" that needs to be followed with all the specifics.

Assignments:

1. CK12 Math: I have uploaded content for the whole month. Students should continue working, unit by unit. If they finish Chapter 1, they can complete the Chapter One Review, via CK12 in their assignments list. If they finish this review, they can move on to Chapter 2 assignments.
2. CK12 Science: Plate Tectonics: Continue working unit by unit. There are assignments uploaded through 9/21/18. After this they will have "Claim, Evidence, Reasoning Articles to complete.
3. 7th/8th graders can work on their statue project
4. They can read their books, focusing on character development
5. They can sign up for their No Red Ink Grammar site. I sent an email with directions. Once signed up, they complete their "areas of interest" then the diagnostic. After the diagnostic, they have practice units to complete.

Looking Ahead to October:

Thursday, October 4: Picture Day

Friday, October 5: Capture the Flag

Thursdays/Fridays: Oct. 4, Oct. 12, Oct.18, Oct. 26/3-4:30pm

Tuesday, October 9: All Charter Play Info Mtg. 3pm

Thursday, October 11: Vision & Hearing Screening

Friday, October 12: All Charter Skate Day, Science Fair Applications Due

Mondays/Tuesdays, Oct. 15, 16, 22, 23: Charter Play Auditions

Friday, October 19: NO SCHOOL for students - Professional Development Day

Saturday, October 27: Thrill the World Event in Santa Cruz

Friday, November 9: K-8 Charter Science Fair

Cool Curiosity of the Week:

Check out this artist's bug creations from leaf clippings: [Leaf Clipping Art](#)

Weekly Snacks: Please sign up (Thank you, parents!)

[QHIA Snack Sign Up](#)

Community Opportunities:

[Calendar of Events from BC Rec and Park](#)

[Calendar of Events at the MAH in Santa Cruz](#)

As always, thank you for sharing your students with us.

~Amber & Marie

All important info, including **All Student Assignments and our calendar of events**, are accessible at any time here. Just click on this link: [QHIA Website](#)