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CARMEL MIDDLE SCHOOL

8th Grade Cougar Update — 10.8.21

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Happy Friday 8th Grade Cougar Families,

Our 1st quarter closes on Friday, October 29. Please take a look at your child's PowerSchool so far this year and have him/her follow up with teachers if they have any questions regarding grades or assignments. All assignments are due by Monday, October 25, no later than 4:15 PM.

Join us for **Family Fun Night!**

Food trucks, games, activities, and our last home football game versus JM Robinson. This is a fantastic community event for all ages.

Northwest School of the Arts is now accepting applications for the 2022-2023 school year. Please see the attachment for more information for our rising 9th graders.

Curriculum Updates:

English Language Arts - ELA 8 is continuing our journey through Mexico with our characters from *Summer of the Mariposas*. We are officially beginning Unit 2, and our focus is shifting to a more in-depth study of theme. Students will be incorporating more writing skills in this unit by crafting literary summaries for their chapters and planning, plotting, and publishing their own narrative from the perspective of a character from our novel. Their narratives will incorporate monsters from Latin American folklore, so we look forward to some bone-chilling tales coming our way as we enter the Halloween season!

Math -

Math 1: In the upcoming weeks, Math 1 students will be learning how to solve equations for a variable and then use those equations to answer questions. They will also be writing and solving inequalities in one variable. After the Unit 2 test on Wednesday, October 20, we will begin looking at the connection between linear equations and their graphs.

Math 8: Students introduced to a new transformation, dilations. Students are currently using their knowledge of rigid transformations and dilations to identify similar figures. They will also explain this using the angle and side measurements to prove similarity. Students were introduced to slope and will be able to calculate the slope based on a graph and knowledge of similar triangles.

Assessments: Mid-Unit 2 is on Wednesday, Oct. 13 and Unit 2 will be on Friday, Oct. 22.

Science - This week in Science students are starting Unit 2 Hydrosphere and will be applying the concepts of understanding the hydrosphere and the impact of humans on local systems and the effects of the hydrosphere on humans. **Please make sure students are reviewing their notes each night and turning in assignments in a timely manner.** Students always have the opportunity to improve their grade for most assignments and test, all they have to do is make corrections and resubmitting the assignment to canvas.

Important Dates

Unit 2 Test - 10/29(B) and 11/1 (A)

Social Studies - We just finished the Unit 1 assessment on Native Americans and Colonization. We are starting Unit 2 next which focuses on the American Revolution where we will investigate the causes of the Revolution, including the French and Indian War, and British Acts and Taxes. We will learn about the major battles of the war and get to know the key figures during this turning point in American History!

Counselor Connection

Students are continuing to complete the Panorama survey and we expect results back at the end of this month. This data will help the Student Services & Support department plan future SEL lessons and tailor them to meet our students' needs. Some of the upcoming lessons will be adapted from [The 7 Mindsets](#) curriculum in which the specific topics have been chosen based on last year's teacher and student feedback and will include ready-made, modular and adaptable lessons, activities, printable resources, icebreakers, prompts, videos, and more. It's *National Hispanic Heritage Month!* Click [here](#) for activities and resources.

Be sure to check out Carmel's Student Services & Support's website [here](#) for useful information and resources.

Other News & Reminders

Important Dates:

Monday, Oct 25 - Last day to turn in any missing assignments from Quarter 1. All due by 4:15 PM.

Wednesday, Oct 27 - Family Fun Night and Home Football v. Jay M. Robinson Game

Friday, Oct 29 - Last day of 1st Quarter

Join and Support Carmel PTSA!

Join the renowned [Carmel PTSA](#) to stay engaged and informed on what's going on at Carmel Middle! To receive the weekly *Cougar News* please sign-up [here](#)! The Cougar News is our weekly publication of all school-wide updates, announcements, and celebrations.

The PTSA has integrated the use of [Pay4SchoolStuff](#) to streamline the process of filling out your back to school paperwork, as well as order and pay for all of your back to school items together. By moving this process online, it is easier for parents, teachers, and the PTSA volunteers to get these orders processed. Note, the blue form is still required to be turned back into your homeroom teacher so the school has a hardcopy.

It's time to re-link to Harris Teeter's Together in Education! The program runs August 1st-May 31st. This can be done online or at the store. The school number for Carmel Middle is 1576.

If you shop on Amazon, switch to <https://smile.amazon.com> and choose PTA North Carolina Congress Carmel Middle School PTSA. They will send our school a check for 0.5% of purchases! Shop for Carmel!

- **Canvas:** Parents can access Canvas! Click [here](#) to find directions on how to create a parent account.

Thank you!

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