

Dear Parents,

It doesn't seem like we were destined to take the kids to Pigeon Creek this year. We've scheduled a new trip to the planetarium and possibly the court house in Grand Rapids in Early June. Please review the practice math test and Economics study guide to help with tests next week!

What's happening in Class

In reading, we've been learning about a few different Native American tribes, and looking for similarities and differences. We continue to work on **comprehension, fluency, and decoding** in small groups, and work together to find **evidence** in the text to support our reasoning. Our **Writing**, unit on **Informational pieces** is coming to an end. We'll be working on **persuasive** writing next. In **Math**, we're finishing up our unit on **measurement**. We did a couple rounds of **metric and customary Olympics** to help kids with conversions. We took a practice test today to help study for next week's unit test. In **Social Studies**, our unit on **economics** is coming to a close. We spent some time today reviewing for the assessment next week. Our next unit will be on our system of **Government**. Kids will use what they're learning to complete their country project. We'll finish the year with a couple of **Science** units on **Moon Phases** and **Energy Transfer**.

Conferences/Report Cards

If you did not get an invitation, but would like to meet with me, let me know and I can get you scheduled for a conference on Monday, March 7. Report cards will be coming home with kids on Friday, March 11.

Planetarium Trip

We've added a trip to the Grand Rapids Public Museum, to check out the planetarium on Friday, June 3. This will serve as a culminating activity to our Moon Phases unit in Science. We may also be visiting a courthouse in GR that day. I'll be asking for volunteers as we get closer.

Lansing Trip Volunteers

I still have room for 3 more volunteers to attend our trip to Lansing on Wednesday, April 20. We'll be touring the capital building and the Michigan Museum. Volunteers would be in charge of a small group as we tour the museum. Parents would have to drive themselves. Please let me know if you're interested.

Genius Hour Schedule

Mrs. Johnson, the technology teacher, is able to help with our genius hour projects on **Thursday afternoons**, so we'll be working on our projects at that time going forward. Parents are welcome to come in and join the fun. Let me know if you're available, and we'll work out the details.

February Pizza Party

Use the purple paper to list minutes for Feb. You can send in \$ any time before March 3. I'll be out of town on March 4, so we'll do the party on **Friday, March 11**.

Reminders

- **Fri, April 1 – Sun, April 10 – Spring Break**
- Mon, March 7 – ½ day – Conferences 2-8 pm
- **Fri, March 11 – Report cards go home**
- Wed, Apr. 20 – Lansing trip
- Thurs, Apr. 21 – Quincy spring Concert
- **May 17 – Genius Hour Presentations - Afternoon and Evening sessions**
- Thurs, May. 26 – Camp Geneva Trip
- **Fri, June 3 – Trip to Planetarium**
- Wed, June. 8 – Lighthouse Café

As always, if you'd ever like to discuss anything happening here at school, please feel free to contact me. **Quincy Elementary**
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Sincerely,
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