



Dear Parents,

We've got a few very special events coming up. Please mark your calendars and see the details below.

What's happening in Class

In reading, we've been reading non-fiction, narrative, and folktales about earthquakes, and finding commonalities and differences. Our **Persuasive Writing** unit continues. Most kids have completed one piece already, and are working on another. We've been focused on using hooks to engage the reader, and conclusions that urge the audience to action. In **Math**, we're into our second unit on **Fractions**. We've been working on comparing fractions by finding a common denominator. The next unit will be on **Geometry**. In **Science**, we're starting our unit on **Earth, Sun, and moon**, and how they relate to day/night, seasons, and moon phases. We will finish the year with a unit on **Energy Transfer**, which will conclude with our Lighthouse Café, on June 8.

Lansing Details – April 20

Next Wednesday is our trip to Lansing. *We will leave NO LATER than 8:45 that day, so please be sure to have kids here on time that day.* We should be back between 4:00 and 4:15. I'll send a text using remind.com when we get close. If you'd still like to sign up, you still can, by texting @mrgoers to 81010.

- I'm encouraging kids to dress appropriately: **No T-shirts or jeans with holes.**
- **Put names on disposable sack lunches.**
- **Electronics including cameras are discouraged.**
- **Use the purple paper to indicate who will be picking up your child from school**

Pizza parties

Our FINAL reading party will be something different. We're increasing the duration to a **6 week session**, from **April 11 – May 20**, and upping the reading minutes by 50%. So, **600** = party, **850** = party, dessert, & Pizza Hut cert, and **1,100** = all that + extra credits for our final auction. Any reading over spring break will count!

Book Fair

We had our "preview day" today, where kids made a wish list. We'll shop as a class on Thursday, April 21, from 10:30 – 11:00 if you'd like to join us. More info attached to the purple paper.

Spring Concert

Info is coming home today about the concert next Thursday evening. Please let me know if kids won't be able to make it!

Genius Hour update

Over the last few weeks, I've been meeting with kids to check on their progress. Most are well prepared to share what they've learned. Over the next month, kids will be:

1. Creating a visual (poster, etc.) to attract visitors. (most will create one at school)
2. Memorizing a short "elevator pitch" to explain what they've been working on.
3. Preparing to answer questions about their project.

Please click on the [survey](#) to indicate which times work best for you on Tuesday, May 17.

I'll share the results next week.

Reminders

- **Wed, Apr. 20 – Lansing trip 8:30 – 4:15**
- **Thurs, Apr. 21 – Book fair 10:30 – 11:00**
- **Thurs, Apr. 21 – Quincy spring Concert**
- **Fri, May 13 – Field day**
- **May 17 – Genius Hour Presentations - Afternoon and Evening sessions**
- **Thurs, May. 26 – **Camp Geneva Trip** All are welcome**
- **Fri, June 3 – Trip to Planetarium**
- **Wed, June. 8 – Lighthouse Café – 12:00 lunch with kids at school**

As always, if you'd ever like to discuss anything happening here at school, please feel free to contact me. **Quincy Elementary (616) 748-4700 ex.5731 pgoers@zps.org**

Sincerely,
Pete Goers