

# Sixth Grade News

October 28, 2016

## Week in Review

**Successes** Students are better using their time in class, especially accomplishing a lot during the 30-minute study halls that are held at the end of Tuesdays and Thursdays.

**Opportunities for Growth** Last week I mentioned that students are very helpful in our classroom. This does not mean giving away answers or telling others what to do. We want to be collaborative by encouraging and guiding others in order to figure things out on their own.

**THE OUTDOOR SCHOOL** Our trip to The Outdoor School is fast approaching. There will be a mandatory parent meeting on **Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade classroom for a slideshow and Q & A. At least one parent must attend as we will discuss medical forms, behavior expectations, the packing list, ideas for fundraisers as well as The Outdoor School Parent Handbook.

**SOCIAL STUDIES** We continued our study of ancient Mesopotamia this week learning about the earliest form of writing – cuneiform – and next week will focus on the first written law – Hammurabi’s Code.

**BOOK CLUB** We had a great book club for October. Our next book club will be on **Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup>**, location to be determined. **(Please let me know if you would like to host a lively middle school book discussion.)** The book we will be discussing is *Audacity* by Melanie Crowder. This narrative poem tells the true story of Clara Lemlich whose fight for equal rights led to the largest strike by women in American history. We chose this inspiring story because it goes along with a middle school field trip coming up in December to see the play *To See the Stars* at Santa Ynez High School. This play is also about the 1910 Shirtwaist Workers Strike. See the attached flyer for the address.

**8<sup>th</sup> GRADE CARNIVAL** Tickets for all carnival games and treats will be sold at recess, lunch, and during the carnival on Monday. Tickets are \$0.25 each and all games will cost 2-4 tickets. Get ready to participate in this year’s Halloween fun!

**HALLOWEEN COSTUME** Costume attire (for students and parents) must be appropriate for school. We thank you in advance for being mindful of selecting tasteful costumes (no devils, weapons, blood, gore, etc.)

## The Week Ahead

10/31 – Monday	Halloween Parade/Lunch Fundraiser/Carnival
11/01 – Tuesday	<b>9am Mass/Middle School Reading Day</b> Spanish/Electives/Study Hall
11/02 – Wednesday	12:20 Dismissal
11/03 – Thursday	PE/Electives
11/04 – Friday	Spanish/2pm Dismissal