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Up Up And Away - Notes from the Upper School Director

February 9, 2020

Thanks to all involved with our action-packed Science Fair Week, from the Edible Car Race to the STEM Festival to the Science Fair projects themselves. The great turnout Friday evening was a testament to our community's support of STEM education. Now for all the things going on THIS week...

Events This Week:

- Student Council has busy days ahead. The third trimester homeroom representative elections are taking place this week. The Council is also selling carnations Monday through Wednesday (2/10-2/12), to be distributed during the last period Friday (2/14). Each flower is \$2, and fifth through eighth graders may purchase them. Finally, this month Student Council is joining forces with the Lower School to raise money for WIRES- an Australian wildlife rescue organization (<https://www.wires.org.au/about-wires>). Students are encouraged to bring donations for this worthy group on Thursdays this month.
- The **Seventh Grade** is going off campus to enjoy group-building games at Playformance on the morning of Tuesday, February 11. They will be back at school around lunchtime.
- This year's **Math-a-thon** is nearing completion! The deadline to turn in donations is Wednesday, February 12. Prizes will be awarded to the top three students as well as the top classrooms in both Upper and Lower Schools. If total pledges exceed \$14,000, the entire school will celebrate with Free Dress for a day, and prizes will compound with every \$2,000 beyond that mark.
- As the second trimester winds down, students will be learning about and then selecting their choices for third-trimester **electives** this week. (See attached PDF for the full description of choices.)
- Students can participate in the next \$2 "**Fee Dress**" Day on Wednesday, February 12, followed soon by our next **Relaxed (Free) Dress Day** on Valentine's Day, February 14.

● Parent information nights for the 6th grade **Crow Canyon** trip and 7th grade **Catalina Island** trip are both scheduled for the evening of Wednesday, February 12, from 5:30 - 6:15 p.m.

● **8th grade families** - there's a lot you have to coordinate these days! First of all, the forms for the **Washington, D.C. trip** are due back by Wednesday, February 12. See the email from Ms. Divijak for details, and email or call her with any D.C.-related questions.

Secondly, 8th grade families are asked to submit images and text for the dedication pages of this year's **Yearbook**. Every 8th grader will receive space, but parents must furnish the materials to use by **February 14th** at the latest. Here are the basic steps:

1. Go to www.yearbookforever.com and find our school.
2. Select and pay for your tribute size: a full page is \$100.00, a half page is \$50.00, and a quarter page is **complimentary**.
3. You create your tribute by uploading your photos and writing your message. Walsworth has made it quick and easy.

Whether or not you are upgrading to a larger (half- or full-size) tribute space, we still need images and text by that date for every eighth grader.

● Eighth Grade Community Service **Team Three** will spend the morning of Thursday, February 13, at the Community Food Bank.

Events Beyond This Week:

● There's no school for our **Rodeo Break** the week of February 17-21, which also marks the end of the second trimester. Because I will be attending the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) conference in Philadelphia the week following Rodeo Break, report cards likely won't go home until Wednesday, March 4. In the meantime, you can always check grades online through PlusPortals. Please let me know if you have any difficulty doing so.

● **Enrollment agreements**, along with a cover letter from Mr. Sullivan outlining our initiatives for the coming year and information regarding financial aid, were mailed Friday, February 7. Please let us know if you have any questions at all about re-enrollment.

That's all for now...

Best wishes,

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