



CREATIVE MINDS CHARTER SCHOOL

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Wednesday, January 18th, 2017

Dear Parent(s),

It's HUUUUUUump Day! Happy New Year a few Wednesdays late! Let us take a moment to thank every single one of our families for their thoughtfulness and generosity this holiday season. We were overwhelmed with the scrumptious treats and precious gifts and tokens! Each of us feel incredibly blessed to be a part of your youngster's every day! Thank you for sharing your most precious children with us!

Down to business...

In **Investigations**: Children are rotating through three different seminars throughout the next several weeks. Mrs. Hunter is launching a unit on Wisconsin Geography. Mr. A is investigating Energy and Forces and Mrs. Scandin is exploring Engineering and Design with a unit on Simple Machines using our Lego Education Kits. If you have any expertise in one of the above areas and are willing to share your time and talent OR know of any local (semi-local) resources, people or organizations that we could capitalize on or visit or invite in, we encourage you to contact one of us at your earliest convenience!

Charter Lottery: It is that time of year again. The Woodland/Creative Minds Governance Council will be conducting their first/early lottery on January 31st at 6:00 pm. If you have a child currently enrolled in Creative Minds and s/her has a sibling in 2nd grade, the sibling is automatically in IF you apply. Same is true for Woodland, BUT they are separate schools, so having a child in Creative Minds does not grant automatic admission of a sibling or said child into Woodland and vice versa. Letters went home this week and the **deadline is Monday...** yikes!

Half Birthdays: We started celebrating our "summer" birthday folks by celebrating their 1/2 birthdays. If you want to send a treat on your youngster's 1/2 birthday, we all LOVE treats, but it is totally up to you if you choose not to!

This month we are celebrating the following:



Tomorrow...

Monday, January 23rd...

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Tuesday, January 24th...

Britney, July 20th (1/2 Birthday)

Norris, June 23rd (1/2 Birthday + 30 days!)

Meela, July 23rd

Alyssa, June 24th (1/2 Birthday + 30 days, again!)



Happy Birthday to the other "halvsies" we celebrated already this month...

Cayden (6/11), Kasper (7/13) and Caelyn (6/17) and to those REAL

Birthday B's & G's... Talon (1/3), Steven (1/9), Micah (1/12) and

Martin Luther King Jr!



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Community Ed.: Winter Community Ed. classes started this week! Classes meet most Tuesdays and Thursdays unless otherwise indicated.

Field Days: We are looking for new off campus Field Day ideas and opportunities. If you know of any location, organization, etc. that would welcome us, please drop one of us an e-mail. We're looking to extend our in-school learning with on-site visits. We usually plan our field days around anything relating to our units or a service project of some sort.

Epiphany: We've spent a few weeks since our holiday break introducing the kids to their "Personalized Learning Management System" online via Epiphany Learning. Each student set up his/her profile which includes learning preferences, strengths, weaknesses, hobbies and interests... and a picture. We also introduced "SMART" goals. All have/are/will be required to write at least two SMART goals and will track their progress via Epiphany. This is our 1st year with the program. Eventually, your child will have a complete online portfolio showcasing his/her journey through Creative Minds which will include his/her progress toward meeting state standards and evidence of that progress. You can have your child log on at home if you would like to check out the start of this whole process.

Water Bottles: Our water bottles FINALLY came in. We weren't able to secure our 1st choice in design, and weren't entirely impressed with how they turned out, but the kids changed all that by personalizing them and now all is well with the world!

Book Orders: January Book Orders will be in your child's Take-Home Folder tomorrow or early next week. For more book choices at anytime, go to www.scholastic.com. Scholastic has made it very simple to order on line plus you can find special deals....worth checking out! All book orders are due on or before Friday, January 27th!

Other Updates, Dates to Remember and/or Reminders!

Please help your child to remember all of their snow gear! Recess is really boring without boots and snow pants and it is a district policy for **all** to have appropriate winter attire in order to partake in any snow-related recess functions!

Friday, January 20th - 2nd quarter ends & No School due to Teacher In-service!

Friday, January 27th - Report Cards go Home!

Friday, January 27th - Book Orders due!



Enjoy the rest of your Hump Day!

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