

Sequoia Back to School Night  
2011-2012  
Agenda

- Welcome-Kim Zawilski
- Administrative Update-Office Staff
- Introductions/Meet the teachers
  - Jeannie Urbina -Language Arts, Algebra, Pre-Algebra, Personal World
    - [jurbina@cacmp.org](mailto:jurbina@cacmp.org)
  - Natasha Raffety-Pre-Algebra, Algebra, Accelerated Math/Geometry, Natural World/Physical Science, Personal World
    - [nraffety@cacmp.org](mailto:nraffety@cacmp.org)
  - Rose Fabian-Algebra, Pre-Algebra, Social World/US History, Personal World
    - [rfabian@cacmp.org](mailto:rfabian@cacmp.org)
  - Desirée Thomas-P.E. & Health
    - [dthomas@cacmp.org](mailto:dthomas@cacmp.org)
  - Bob Thomas-Teachers' Assistant and Accelerated Math Facilitator
    - [bthomas1960@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bthomas1960@sbcglobal.net)
  - Cherie Gardner Cooney-Educational Specialist& Middle School Mentor Teacher
    - [ccooney@cacmp.org](mailto:ccooney@cacmp.org)
- Middle School Handbook
  - Please review with child over the course of the next few weeks.
  - The students will review each section of the Handbook during class over the next few weeks, as well.
  - All forms requiring signatures must be returned by September 1.
- Cycle Overview Parent Meetings-These meetings are designed to inform parents of the curricular goals and expectations for the current cycle of learning. Please continue to stay informed on what is happening in our classroom by attending these meetings.
  - Cycle 1, Monday, August 22, from 5:00-6:00 pm

- Cycle 2, Monday, October 10, from 5:00-6:00 pm
- Cycle 3, Monday, January 9, from 5:00-6:00 pm
- Cycle 4, Tuesday, February 21, from 5:00-6:00 pm
- Cycle 5, Monday, April 16, from 5:00-6:00 pm
- Student Schedule-*See Handbook Pg. 2*
- Student Organization
 

Binder Demonstration	Lockers/Backpacks
Supplies	Lunches-no microwave/support our
Study Guide Overview	lunch programs
Calendar	Weekly Progress Report Graph
- Technology Update & Intel PC Pal program
- Student Academic Expectations
  - Class work
    - for Math, Language Arts, Social World, Natural World, P.E. and Personal World
  - Independent Work
    - Rosetta Stone
    - K-8 Technology lessons, assessments, and activities
    - Accelerated Reader & Math Assessments
    - Accelerated Reader Quizzes
    - Accelerated Math assignments
    - **Drop Everything And Read** (silent reading)
  - Daily Homework Monday-Thursday
    - Math-30 minutes/day
    - Reading-30 minutes/day
    - Studying for Friday tests-15 minutes/day
    - Unfinished Class work or proactive work to get ahead-as needed
    - Occasional P.E./Health Assignments

- Occasional long term projects-such as Science Fair and World Fair
- P.E. Clothes- There is no specific uniform. Students are required to wear athletic clothing and shoes. Students may change in or out of clothing but it is not mandatory. Students will earn points toward P.E. grade for being prepared for P.E. including appropriate attire.

- Cycle Learning/Themes/Dates

Cycle 0-	<i>Orientation</i>	8/17-8/19
Cycle 1-	<i>Power</i>	8/22-10/7
Cycle 2-	<i>Structure</i>	10/10-12/16
Cycle 3-	<i>Changes</i>	1/9-2/17
Cycle 4-	<i>Forces</i>	2/21-3/30
Cycle 5-	<i>Balance</i>	4/16-6/8

- Electives-Fridays from 2:00-3:15-Please sign-up to teach an elective via the on-line survey sent home next Wednesday.
- Immersion Trip Schedule/Payment Options-**See Handbook for payment options**
  - Community Building-Ropes/Farm Experience, October 4-6 (Subject to slight change but will be the week of October 3.)
  - City Immersion, December 13-15
  - Business Internship, February 13-15
  - Shakespeare Festival/Ashland, Oregon, March 28-30
  - Adventure Trip, June 11-13
- Chaperones-Please convey which trips you are interested in participating on via the on-line survey to be sent home next Wednesday.  
Chaperones will be selected in a lottery. Those with paperwork completed and turned in by September 15 will get priority.
- Student Run Businesses
  - 'Quoia Café
  - Taqueria Tuesday
  - Mr. Pickles Thursday

- Student Community Service-50 hours expected
- Discipline:
  - School Rules-Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible
  - Consequences-recovery, Minor Incident/Referral documentation, meetings with Parents, possible loss of privileges, possible mandatory study hall
- Cell phones: Cell phones have continued to be a challenge in the Middle School program. New protocols are in place this year. It is preferred that cell phones are not brought on campus. If it is absolutely necessary for a phone to be brought on campus, it must be stored in the front office during the school day. If seen or heard by a supervising adult, the phone will be taken away and placed in the front office. A parent/guardian will need to pick up the phone at the front office. An incident report will be completed for the first offense. Subsequent offenses will include a meeting with student, teacher, administrator, and parent.
- Dress Code Reminder-**See Handbook**
- Study Hall/Math Club
  - Offered after school Monday-Thursday from 3:30-4:30.
  - Offered during lunch recess Monday-Thursday from 12:00-12:30.
- Lunches/No Microwaves
- Aeries Grading System
  - All returning eighth grade students and families may continue with accounts set up last year
  - All seventh grade students and families must set up a new account in order to view grades on-line. Please see handouts in side pocket.
- Absences/Make-Up Work/Make-Up Tests
  - Please support our school and classroom integrity by attending school! We want to teach your children and can best do so when they are present. When an absence is necessary, we allow two days for every missed day to make up work for full credit.

- Parent Volunteers: Electives/Shopping/School lunch program delivery/'Quoia Café/Dance decorating & chaperoning/take home projects/at school projects/special talents to share/Kids Night Out/ Fundraisers, etc.
  - Please communicate with the teachers in which way you would prefer to complete your parent volunteer hours via the on-line survey to be sent home next Wednesday.
- Progress Reports/Report Cards/Student-led conferences
  - Fall Conferences: October 12-14
  - Spring Conferences: March 21-23
- Middle School Collaboration Meetings/All School In-Service Minimum Days
  - September 23, November 19, January 27, February 24, April 20, and May 25
- Athletics- Football, Volleyball, Basketball, Cross Country, Wrestling, and Track.
- CMP Network-wide Middle School Dances (all 5 CMP middle schools invited!)
  - Back to School Dance, September 23, Shingle Springs Campus: **Please sign dance contract located in the handbook!**
  - Future events and locations: TBA Watch newsletters and website.
- Minimize Classroom Interruptions
  - Please only call if absolutely necessary!
  - Please bring all forgotten items to the office and they will be delivered to the classroom.
  - Avoid early pick-up.
- Pick up procedures
  - Please pick up between 3:30-3:45 in front of the ASPEN class.
  - Students with younger siblings will be picked up at the Club M gate.
  - Students not picked up by 3:45 will go to Club M.
  - Yearbook pictures-Please take many pictures and share them with the teachers
    - For possible inclusion in the yearbook, please email jpeg files to [jmccarthy@cacmp.org](mailto:jmccarthy@cacmp.org)