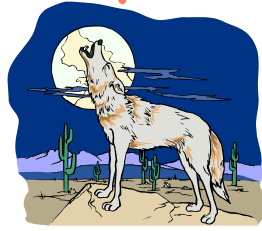


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The next four weeks at Canyon Hills

March 2-6 Read A Thon
March 4 Band Booster
March 4-5 Talent Show Try Outs
March 6 End of 2nd Trimester
March 9-27 World's Finest Chocolate Sale
March 10 GATE Field trip (CA Science Center)
March 12 Career Day
March 17 Elementary School Visit

March 2015

March 18 AVID Meeting 6:45 a.m.
March 18 East Coast Trip Meeting 6:30 p.m.
March 19 Talent Show
March 20 Student Free Day
March 26 Successfest (Minimum Day)
March 27 AVID Field Trip
March 27 Math Meet
March 27 Minimum Day

Science Department

Seventh grade students have been exploring the science of heredity learning how traits are determined and passed on from parents to offspring. Teachers have been reinforcing these concepts using Punnett squares to predict whether recessive, dominant, or codominant traits are likely to show in the offspring of parents with specific Mendelian traits. Pedigrees are a tool used to trace genetic traits/disorders through generations of family members. Students were given the opportunity to create their fingerprint cards and used these to help identify each other. A blood-typing mystery lab was an exciting way to reinforce the concepts seventh grade students are learning in this section.

Eighth grade students have started the physics portion of their year. Classes are introduced to the topic of motion using concepts such as speed, velocity, and acceleration. Labs give students the opportunity to calculate speed, average speed, distance, and acceleration using marbles, toy cars, and paper helicopters to measure distance per unit of time. The labs also reinforce many of the formulas and application of numbers learned in their math classes. Newton's three Laws of Motion follow the initial introduction as

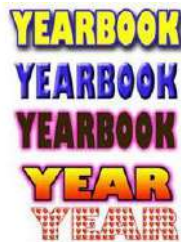
we begin focusing on forces and how they influence us and the objects and bodies around us.



Yearbook

Why should you buy one? Because you're in it! Don't miss out on reserving a copy of the 2014-2015 Yearbook. Beginning March 1, the price goes up to \$50. There is a limited amount of books available and we do run out. Reserve your copy today.

Bring a check made out to Canyon Hills Junior High or cash to the office to purchase a book. Also, there is some space still available for a yearbook dedications. Information for the dedications is available in the office.



English Department

This month the 7th grade English classes wrapped up the unit called "The Art of Argument: Tap vs. Bottled" and started Unit 5, "Plot Twists." In this unit we will be reading short stories by Rod Serling, Ray Bradbury and Edgar Allen Poe, as these authors are pros at writing a great plot twist! We will analyze poetry, including focusing on figurative language. While reading some of these selections we will also be discovering the historical significance of when and why the story was written. The students will culminate the unit by designing a game about one of the stories we read, and then by playing and evaluating each others' games.



In Ms. Shaw-Morgan's class we have also been studying word dissection with Greek and Latin roots by taking notes, using flashcards and studying for memorization. With the start of Unit 5 the students are taking notes and then will be making a poster of 24 different figures of speech. Some students just finished the book, Z For Zachariah by Robert C. O'Brien and highlighting parts where the main character's actions could be argued for or against, which were then used in a class discussion. All classes will be starting their next book which will parallel the "Plot Twists" theme.

8th Grade Language Arts

This month the eighth grade students will be focusing on the theme of "Morality." Students will be introduced to political propaganda and explore its effects as it relates to the annihilation of the Jewish people in Western Europe. Using the Diary of Anne Frank and additional research, students will gain an understanding of what behaviors, beliefs, and attributes allowed some to survive under horrendous conditions. This is a literature based unit using current Internet research strategies to complete performance tasks.

Math Department

The 7th graders are busy right now solving two step equations and relating them to real life problems. By the end of their current unit of study, they will be able to solve equations, graph equations, calculate the unit rate of change, as well as interpret the unit rate of change in a problem or situation. Their next unit of study will be an introduction to geometry.

The 8th graders are done with their textbook piloting and are back in the Carnegie books. They will be delving into geometry next with a unit on transformations. The accelerated 8th grade classes are working on many concepts right now with a concentration on the distance formula and parallel and perpendicular lines.

Our math meet for March is on the 27th.



EDACTS Global Club

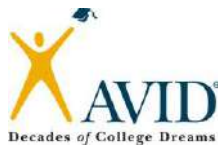
In our first year, the EdActs Global Club has been busy helping the local and global communities. In November the club partnered with the school to collect over 500 food items and donated them to a local food bank. In December, the club made over 100 toys and donated them to an international non-profit organization that ships shoe boxes filled with items for children around the world. In January and February, EAG organized a used shoe drive. The generous Canyon Hills community donated over 300 pairs of shoes that will be shipped to people all over the world who cannot attend school or work because they don't have shoes.

All students are welcomed to join our club. Contact Mrs. Hauck in Room 510 for the dates and times of our meetings.

AVID

In February the AVID classes competed in the National AVID Write-Off Competition. This year's topic was, "How can schools help student feel comfortable with and overcome struggle?"

It was the first year that the Canyon Hills AVID program has participated.



Each grade level chose a runner-up and a winner winner who will go on to the county level.

The 7th grade runner up was Naomi Nwishi and the winner was Kenny Nwadike.

The 8th grade runner up was Ronnie Flores and the winner was Kenny Kono.

Congratulations to all AVID students who participated.

History Department

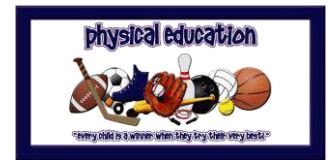
In 7th grade history, after touring much of the world (Arabia, Asia, Africa) students are now headed back to Europe. Students are investigating what happened to western Europe after the fall of the Roman Empire. They are identifying the reasons for the development of feudalism in Europe and investigating a time

period historians call the Medieval Period. Students will also identify the major events (Crusades, Hundred Years War, Black Death) that led to the end of the Middle Ages.

In 8th grade history, after learning about the first 5 presidents and identifying the major changes America went through in terms of government, students are discovering the various events that led to the expansion of our country. Students are spending time debating the merits of Andrew Jackson, one of the most controversial of all U.S. presidents. Students will also investigate the concept of Manifest Destiny and how that led to westward expansion.

P.E. Department

Fitness assessments should be a positive experience for your child. By using an assessment that focuses on health-related fitness instead of athletic performance and skill-related fitness, the potential for inappropriate comparisons between children is minimized. March opens up the 7th grade PE testing window for the State FitnessGram. This test is designed to test a child's overall level of fitness by conducting various tests in 5 areas: body composition (BMI- Body Mass Index), aerobic capacity, muscle strength, endurance, and flexibility. Most students who are physically active every day will be able to achieve a score that puts them in the Healthy Fitness Zone. In addition to the state Fitness Gram, all 7th and 8th grade students will be participating in the President's Challenge.



The President's Challenge is administered as a co-sponsorship between the President's Council on Fitness, Sports and Nutrition and SHAPE America (formerly the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance). Each student has the potential of earning an award for his or her physical fitness achievement, as compared to a norm of other kids within the United States within the same age and gender group. Children above the 50% percentile will earn a National certificate and a National T-shirt (shirt for 7th grade only). Children who surpass the top 85% percentile in the nation will receive a Presidential certificate and Presidential T-shirt (shirt for 7th grade only). Generally speaking, when kids are physically active... They perform better academically. They have better attendance. They have higher self-esteem. Improving Americans' health is an effort that extends well beyond the President's Challenge. We, as a staff at Canyon Hills JHS, hope to foster a PE program that is enjoyable and promotes a healthy lifestyle of movement.

We need a Wii

If anyone has a Wii gaming system that they are no longer using, we could use one in the PE Department for rainy days and after school fitness activities. Our FBLA club is currently working on a plan to purchase a more elaborate system but we would like to cut costs, if possible, and try incorporating this activity into our program. So if you have one that you are not using any longer please consider the school when planning to donate that system to a worthy cause.



Leadership

For the second time in two years, the Leadership/ASB class at Canyon Hills has received the Outstanding Leadership Program Award, an honor presented to only 5% of eligible schools in California. The students in Mrs. Wood's Leadership class applied for the honored distinction in January. The actual award will be received at the end of March in San Jose. Seven leadership students will be attending the California Association of Student Leaders (CASL) conference to accept the award. Those students are Eshaan Karia, Mitchell Iwasaki, Trevor Ramsey, Jacob Johnston, Maya Kim, Christina Yi, and Megan Oh.



Students in the Leadership class had to meet eleven different landmarks and criteria on the CADA/CASL Road Map for Improved School Climate and Culture to be selected for this award. These landmarks include having participated in professional leadership training, providing their peers with a voice in administration, uniting the campus with common experiences, using traditions to create a sense of pride and belonging, promoting achievement, offering safe and inclusive social opportunities, encouraging a culture of service, honoring diversity, communicating vision clearly (Building the World's Greatest Junior High School), concentrating on character education, and creating lasting connections with the students at the school.

Congratulations to Mrs. Wood and her Leadership students!

Counselors Corner



Calling all Canyon Hills Junior High Parents! Do you have a career you'd love to share with students? Do you have an interesting job/career that could inform students about your industry? Do you have specialized training/education that could help

students set career goals? Are you an entrepreneur and/or business owner and could share business tips? We need parents from all career industries and educational backgrounds!! We need construction workers, doctors, lawyers, nurses, accountants, electricians, engineers, police officers, business owners, hair stylists, etc. This should be fun and a great learning experience for all! If you're interested in participating in Career Day, please contact Mrs. Uhr (909) 464-9938 or email Julie_uhr@chino.k12.ca.us



Career Day
Thursday March 12th, 2015
9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Canyon Hills Junior High
Media Center



Lunch Bunch



Does your student need help with homework? Could your student use tutoring, especially with math? We're here to help! Lunch Bunch is held on Mondays and Wednesdays during both lunches in room 410. In Lunch Bunch, we check agendas, help with homework and have wonderful tutors available to help. Please encourage your student to take advantage of this opportunity to get extra help!

College Shirts

In an effort to raise awareness and excitement for our student's future college and career goals, we have started College Shirt Wednesdays! Each Wednesday, please encourage your student to wear college shirts in an effort to continue building the college bound culture we have here at Canyon Hills! If you don't already have one, you can go to your college's school website or online bookstore or go to <http://www.fanatics.com/COLLEGE> to order one. Thanks for your participation and we are excited to see our students proudly wearing their college shirts!



St. Patrick's Day

Facts about Irish Americans

Every year on March 17, the Irish and the Irish-at-heart across the globe observe St. Patrick's Day. What began as a religious feast day for the patron saint of Ireland has become an international festival celebrating Irish culture with parades, dancing, special foods and a whole lot of green.

- There are 34.7 million U.S. residents with Irish ancestry. This number is more than seven times the population of Ireland itself.
- Irish is the nation's second most frequently reported ancestry, ranking behind German.
- Across the country, 11 percent of residents lay claim to Irish ancestry. That number more than doubles to 23 percent in the state of Massachusetts.
- Irish is the most common ancestry in 54 U.S. counties, of which 44 are in the Northeast. Middlesex County in Massachusetts tops the list with 348,978 Irish Americans, followed by Norfolk County, MA, which has 203,285.
- Irish ranks among the top five ancestries in every state except Hawaii and New Mexico. It is the leading ancestry group in Delaware, Massachusetts and New Hampshire.
- There are approximately 144,588 current U.S. residents who were born in Ireland.



St. Patrick's Day Celebration

- Corned beef and cabbage is a traditional St. Patrick's Day dish. In 2009, roughly 26.1 billion pounds of beef and 2.3 billion pounds of cabbage were produced in the United States.
- Irish soda bread gets its name and distinctive character from the use of baking soda rather than yeast as a leavening agent.
- Lime green chrysanthemums are often requested for St. Patrick's Day parades and celebrations.

www.history.com/topics/st-patricks-day/st-patricks-day-facts