

**Creekside
Intermediate**

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What's Happening at Creekside?

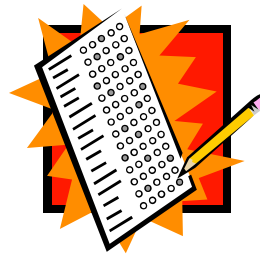
Can you believe that it's October already? We can't! In just a few short weeks, we will have completed our first nine weeks of school. You know what that means! That's right...9 Weeks Tests! Here is our testing schedule:

Monday, October 9th:
Social Studies

Tuesday, October 10th: Math

Wednesday, October 11th: Science

Thursday, October 12th: Reading



Friday, October 13th, marks the end of our first nine weeks. Report cards will be sent home the following Thursday, October 19th. Remember that you can always use K12 Planet online at www.k12planet.com to check on your student's grades throughout the year. If you've never heard of K12

Planet, call the school and they can give you more information and set you up with a user-name and password. Teachers are uploading grades once a week, so it is a good way for you to stay on top of your student's progress.

You can also check out our school website by visiting www.ccisd.net. Just click Schools and then Creekside to see what's happening on campus!



Sign Language T-shirts For Sale!

Once again we are selling our Creekside Sign Language T-shirts as a fundraiser for our deaf ed. group. This year, CIS is written on the front pocket area and the big cobra is on the



back of the shirt. We have sizes Adult S, M, L

and XL. If you would like to purchase a shirt for your student or others in your family, please send cash or a check made out to GBCHI for \$13.00.














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Schedule of Events

- 2nd—Student Holiday
- 9th—Social Studies 9 weeks test
- 10th—Math 9 weeks test
- 11th—Science 9 weeks test
- 12th—Reading 9 weeks test
- 13th—Scholastic Book Orders Due!
- 17th—Fundraiser Dance
- 19th—Report Cards sent home
- 22nd-27th—Red Ribbon Week
- 24th—8th grade panoramic picture

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 No school	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 	10 	11 	12 	13 	14
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Schedule of Events

- 26th—Band Concert 7pm
- 27th and 30th—Theater Performance 7pm

From the Desk of Ms. Traynor

Is it already October?!?! Wow! Well, we have been working hard. We're moving right along in Language! It won't be long before we are in our next unit. We've also been working on our writing skills and using laptops to publish our pieces. Something new we're going to be starting here pretty quick is our novel reading. I will be passing out novels according to reading levels. The students will be assigned a chapter (or certain pages) to be



read each week. They will also have a few study guide questions to answer as they read. Every Friday, we will discuss what we've read and have a quiz. This is an excellent way for the students to get in some outside reading and improve their vocabulary and reading skills. Some help will be needed from parents to remind the students to read and maybe help them with some unknown vocabulary words. Please find some time to discuss the book with the students. A student can remember things so much more if they are able to discuss it with others.



Students have Word of the Day homework every night and must turn their folders in every Friday for a grade. Spelling words are given every Monday and homework is due every Friday.

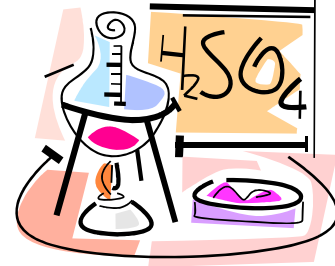
From the Desk of Mrs. Myers

This past month was filled with extreme learning situations. I can't wait for what's in store for next month!

1st and 6th period science: The students have taken two major tests since the last newsletter. The first one was over the scientific method and the second was over plants. The students needed to know the parts, the functions of the parts, the definitions and the life cycle. We will begin learning about traits that are inherited from parent to offspring and continue into the phases of the moon.

2nd period science: The students have participated in a few lab practicals, which is when the students go from station to station answering questions. We took a test over the contents in chapter 4. The students should now know the formula for density and volume. The class is moving and grooving and doing a great job!

5th period science: The students have participated in a few labs, the gummy bear lab, the sugar lab and the GAK lab. Though the labs are extremely fun, the students are learning quite a bit in these labs. The



gummy bear lab enforced the skills of finding the mass, the volume and the density. The sugar lab and the GAK lab showed a chemical change took place. The students also wrote notes on the physical properties of the sugar before, during and after the lab. After the GAK lab the students had to come up with physical properties of the GAK and explain why it was a chemical change and not a physical change. The test over chapter 1 and 3 is October 3rd.

From the Desk of Mr. Porche

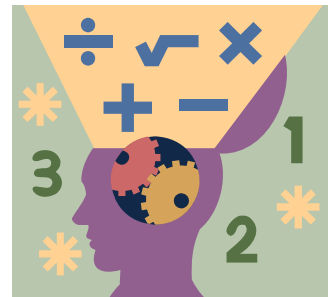
Hey there!

It has been a fast one! Almost 2 month has passed by and surely the kids are learning a lot in social studies and math. They are learning so much about the Pre-historic times and Vikings in social studies. However, in math the kids are doing crazy fun algebra. There is so much to learn and very little time, imagine the stress! My goal is to make it fun and enjoyable environ-

ment for the kids to learn. I am happy to say that our kids have being doing great!

I made a challenge with our kids that if they do all the work and make A's throughout October, they will have a Halloween surprise, shh... I can't tell because I know the kids are clever enough to read this article and find out ha!

If you would like to help with the mini surprise during Halloween day or have any concerns, please do contact any Deaf teacher or email me.



Have a great Halloween!

Deaf Awareness Week

During the week of September 11th-15th, we celebrated Deaf awareness. Each morning, an interesting fact regarding deaf culture was shared over the announcements. We discussed these facts as well as studied about some important Deaf people and some hearing people who have made great contributions towards the Deaf community. We would like to share each day's fact with you.

Monday – Did you know that the hand signals that umpires use in baseball games were originally started for William “Dummy” Hoy, the first deaf Major League Baseball player? He was the reason umpires adopted hand signals such as “out,” “safe” and “strike.” Umpires have been using them ever since!



Tuesday – Did you know that the football huddle was invented by deaf students? The deaf football team at Gallaudet University created the huddle to keep their opponents from eavesdropping on the quarterback while he signed the plays.



Wednesday – Do you know that cartoon “The Smurfs?” Well in 1983, the Smurfs became the first cartoon to use sign language on TV in America. The “Smurfing in Sign Language” show had the highest ratings that “The Smurfs” ever had.



Thursday – Did you know that a deaf person won an Oscar at the Academy Awards? In 1986, Marlee Matlin became the first Deaf person to win an Oscar for “Best Actress” for her performance in “Children of a Lesser God.”



Friday – In the United States, there are 176 different languages spoken. But did you know that American Sign Language is said to be the third most used language? It is behind only English and Spanish.

