

PTO Newsletter, 1-12-2018

Happy Middle of January to you all. School is in full swing at awesome CRA hopefully everyone has adjusted to being back at school and is looking forward to a long weekend with Martin Luther King day on Monday.

Science Night - Friday Feb. 9 from 6:00-8:00pm

Make sure to save the date for Science Night coming up next month. We have a lot of fun stuff planned! Want a sneak peek of what we'll be doing?? Then check out Signup Genius and see descriptions of all the stations we're doing this year, from DNA to slime to weather to ice cream. And while you're there, PLEASE SIGN UP TO HELP if you can, of course. This is a fun event that takes good volunteer support to be great. See you there!

Perspectives- Our Perspectives Contest will be in full swing soon! Our theme this year is *"If I Could Change the World!"* This week we introduced each class to someone who changed the world in big ways with her words and voice, even at a young age. When Malala Yousafzai was told by extremists in her country that she was forbidden to attend school because she was a girl, she spoke out. She published her writings about education and preached equal treatment for girls in Pakistan, even when her life was in great danger.

We read to each class part of "Malala's Magic Pencil," a children's book written by Malala. In the book, Malala dreams of a magic pencil with which she could erase things out of the world and draw good things into the world. We asked CRA students those very questions: *"Think about changing the world. What would you erase? What would you draw?"* We encouraged students to take that idea and turn it into an art project, in whatever medium they would like. It was so fun to see the light in the students' eyes as they started to think about how they could improve the world. Link below to a 2 min video with Malala talking about her children's book, and how each child can change the world.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jWKYalbPLRY&t=63s>

Please remember, all entries must be **original**. Entry forms went home this week and entries are due **Friday, February 2nd**. Gallery Stroll **March 1st**. This year, Principal Fuller and our CRA staff will chose a **Falcon Legacy Award** winner in which they will purchase that students art to be hung permanently in the school. Over the years, we hope to create a permanent art installation of original works by CRA students. Thanks to everyone who has already volunteered. If you are interested in helping, please email Catherine Arveseth. cath.arveseth@gmail.com

LEGO Club!!!

We are excited to start up a Lego club again!

- *Our first meeting will be for K-2 right after school for 1 hour on Wednesday January 24th in the music room, room 1).
- *Our first meeting for 3-6th will be right after school for 1 hour on Wednesday January 31st in the music room, room 1.
- *Our meetings for the lower grade kids will be the second to last Wednesday of the month.
- *Our meetings for the upper grade kids will be the last Wednesday of the month.

We think that splitting up into two groups will be a lot more fun for the kids!

If you have students that are siblings and would be in different meetings, you are welcome to let me know and we can have them come together to a meeting. That being said, they will be assigned the least full group.

There will be a cap on the groups. 30 for each. It will be a first come sign-up basis. So, email me quickly all your interested students. Contact sabrinamgreen@gmail.com.

Please include their Name, Grade, Teacher, phone number (preferably cell) and email address and if you want siblings in the same group.

I also need to have 2 parent volunteers for each meeting. I am working on getting a sign-up on sign-up genius. I will get you the link after you sign up for LEGO club.

We could really use some donations for more LEGO bricks. a \$5 donation for each student would be wonderful for purchasing more bricks. Or if you have any LEGO you would like to donate we would love them as well. This is all voluntary and not required at all.

I can't wait to see what your kids create!

Sabrina Green