



Bailey Middle  
School

May 15th, 2015  
Quarter 4

# Cyclone Team Newsletter

## Cyclones in the Classroom

### Science Class

First off, the human body books look great! The kids really worked hard and it shows! They have all told us how much they learned from creating them. We look forward to reading them and will get the grades back as soon as we can.

We started reviewing for the Science Final Exam which the students take on Friday May 22nd. This is a state final exam covering the content from this year. Students received a review book (which is staying in class until Monday) for the material we covered this year. This week we reviewed the Human Body Systems, Cells, Genetics, and Weather & Atmosphere. Monday we will cover Energy, Forces & Motion and Physics, students will need their 1st quarter notebook to complete this section of the review book.

The review books will be counted as 2 informal assessments and will be due May 22nd. Students will receive only one booklet and will have to be responsible not to lose it.

There are codes for review tests on our weebly. Students can access these tests through Schoolnet by using their Powerschool logins. The students are required to complete 5 of them (one from each unit), but if they take 10 they will receive a 100 on their lowest informal grade.

I know this is a stressful time for everyone and thank you for your continued support!

### Math Class- Math 1 /Honors/Standard Plus

At this point, we are fully involved in our EOG and EOC review rotations. We will be finishing up our rotations right before our math EOG on May 27, however EOC review will continue for Math 1 students. We are in desperate need of proctors. If you are able and willing, your time spent proctoring would be much appreciated. Please contact Donna Dickson in our front office or see the email containing the sign-up links that I sent out earlier this week. Please remind your students to prepare for our upcoming EOG's by getting a good night sleep & eating a healthy breakfast. Additionally, students will not be allowed to have cell phones in the classrooms during testing and they might wish to pack a lunch on those days although cafeteria lunches will still be available.

### Language Arts Class

Language arts has been busy reviewing major literary concepts for the Reading EOGs. The entire 7th grade took part in a rotation among each 7th grade language arts teacher, and it was a great success. We do this for a variety of reasons, including being exposed to other teaching styles to maximize understanding. Now that we are all back with our own students, we are reviewing many more concepts in-depth to prepare our students as best we can for the 7th grade Reading EOGs! Please know that many students have continually showed up to class unprepared. We completely understand that spring fever is abundant, but we still have our biggest hurdles yet to jump!

## Cyclones in the Classroom Continued

### Social Studies

We are busy reviewing for the Social Studies Final Exam. Students should be reviewing past study guides in their notebooks to help them prepare for the exam. Starting next week, we will begin reading *Diamonds in the Shadow*. Students are not required to purchase their own copies of the book, but they may choose to do so if they wish.

### General Items of Need in all classrooms:

- Tissues!! (allergy season is here!)
- Clorox Wipes
- Candy items or other prizes or treats
- Glue sticks

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## Reminders

### CMS Grading Scale

A	93-100
B	85-92
C	77-84
D	70-76
F	Below 70

### Grading Policy

Formal (tests/projects/some quizzes): 65%  
Informal (class work/some quizzes/homework): 35%

### SPECIAL EVENTS

May 25 Memorial Day (Schools Closed)

Jun 11 End of Quarter & Last Day of School

### Power School Questions:

Several of you have had questions regarding some of the lingo that you see in Parent Portal. Please see below.

**Q1/Q2/Q3/Q4: Quarter grades**

**S1/S2: Semester Averages**

**F1: Final Grade**

Thank you again for all your continued support!

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