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Greetings All!

THE HOME STRETCH

Greetings Parents, Students, and Staff!

We apologize for the lack of regular newsletters in May; State PSSA and Keystone Exams required all of our resources for the last several weeks.

We would like to thank all the students and parents for their active participation in State Testing - the numbers are impressive and individual results will be emailed to parents and students as soon as we receive them this summer.

We hope you enjoy this "almost" year-end edition of Digital News!

Thank you for a fabulous year!
The Digital Academy Staff

Fun Stuff First!

Arbor Day at Longwood Gardens

Our entire Middle School was given the opportunity to participate in a virtual Arbor Day Celebration at Longwood Gardens on April 22, 2022. Students (and their science teacher) learned about Arbor Day, how trees are cared for and measured (Did you know there is such a thing as a "champion tree?" We didn't), and some of the history of Longwood Gardens. A good time was had by all!

"We Hold These Truths" at People's Light and Theatre Company

The entire Digital Academy had the opportunity to participate in a special live-streamed performance of the one-man play, "We Hold These Truths," presented by the People's Light and Theatre Company of Malvern, on April 29, 2022

More about "We Hold These Truths"

from Mr. Ballenger

The play is based on the true story of Gordon Hirabayashi's life and resistance to the forced removal and internment of over 120,000 people of Japanese descent during WWII which would ultimately lead to the Supreme Court case *Hirabayashi v. United States*.

Our students' responses were overwhelmingly positive, and we look forward to hosting similar experiences in the future!

Fun Stuff (continued)

APRIL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

We are pleased to announce April's Students of the Month - all received a \$25 Amazon Gift Card to reward their work!

Grade 6 - Breon Jones

Grade 7 - Ava Nance

Grade 8 - Lenny Borrero

Grade 9 - Josue Huertas

Grade 10 - Davonte Joseph Butts

Grade 11 - Tyonna McCray

Grade 12 - Keasjah Butler-Ishmail

STUDENTS OF THE YEAR RECOGNITION

The drawings for Student of the Year (one per grade) will be held on June 2, 2022 (Seniors last workday) at 9:00 AM. Parents and Guardians are invited to join our zoom for the celebration and recognition.

Students of the Year receive a \$200 Amazon Gift Card!

Fun Stuff (continued)

PBIS REWARDS FINAL SHOPPING DAY

We are so grateful for our students and parents and their participation in our PBIS Rewards Program.

Thursday June 2, 2022, will be the last day to purchase rewards from the catalog.

Our most popular rewards since we began the program in February included:

- Early Dismissal Pass (50 rewards selected)
- Quiz Pass (48 rewards selected)
- 5\$ Gift Cards (15 rewards selected)

A reminder to all students and their families that the rewards points will not carry over into the new school year, so spend those points before they go away!

Congratulations to all the students who earned points through positive behaviors!

Academic Reporting

TESTING BY THE NUMBERS

The Digital Academy Family made an impressive showing for State Testing, and we are grateful to all students and parents for supporting these federally required tests.

Participation Rates:

- 6th Grade ELA - 87%
- 6th Grade Math - 80%
- 7th Grade ELA - 71%
- 7th Grade Math - 64%
- 8th Grade ELA - **100%**
- 8th Grade Math - **100%**
- 8th Grade Science - 90%

- Keystone Literature - 82%
- Keystone Algebra 1 - 80%
- Keystone Biology - 70%

Participation in State Exams helps the district meet goals on the Future Ready Index. Thank you for helping us make a good showing!

Academic Reporting (continued)

SENIOR GRADUATION JUNE 13TH

Congratulations to our Twenty-Eight (28) potential graduates from Digital Academy Class of 2022!

If you still have work to complete, please get it done by June 2nd as technology will be collected on the 3rd and we will start processing final grades as well.

Graduation will be held at Neumann University

The most recent Graduation Information Sheet is available in Word, Google, and PDF formats in the google classroom or by clicking the links in the email that brought you this newsletter.

EIGHTH GRADE PROMOTION JUNE 9TH

Congratulations also to our Thirteen (13) potential 9th graders from the Class of 2026!!

If you still have work to complete, please get it done by June 7th as technology will be collected on the 8th and we will start processing final grades.

The 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony will be held at the STEM Academy, and the information sheet is available in the google classroom or by clicking the link in the email that brought you this newsletter.

Academic Reporting (continued)

DECISION TIME 2023

Will you be returning to Digital in the fall?

If the answer is yes, you will meet with Mr. Thompson or Ms. Floyd between now and June 7th to make course selections. All students in good academic standing are welcome to return to Digital! If you are not in good academic standing, you are still welcome to return but will begin the year on academic probation.

If the answer is no, we are sorry to see you go and wish you the best as you begin the next year. You will still meet (briefly) with Mr. Thompson or Ms. Floyd to ensure that you are put in contact with the right forms and personnel whether you are returning to Toby Farms, STEM, or beginning your career at CHS.

Do you need Summer Credit Recovery?

Students in all grades who have failed one or more major courses are eligible to participate in Summer Credit Recovery. Mr. Thompson and Ms. Floyd will discuss these needs at your scheduling meeting.

Please note that there is a \$50 fee per course this year, and that students will be required to attend in-person for two hours a day for five weeks to complete their courses and credits. Further information is available on the District Website.

Year-End Calendar Information

- May 31 - June 7 - Course Selection Meetings
- June 1 - Deadline to request tickets for 8th Grade promotion ceremony at STEM
- June 2 - Last Day for Seniors to Submit Work
- June 3 - Senior Technology Turn-In
- June 7 - Last Day for Grades 6-11 to Submit Work
- June 8 - Grades 6-11 Technology Turn-In
- June 9 - Half Day for Students (records day)
- June 10 - Half Day for Students (records day)
- June 13 - Graduation at Neumann University
- June 13 - Asynchronous Day for Grades 6-11
- June 14 - Last Day of School
- June 22/23 - Summer Program Orientation

Thank you for an amazing year and please have a safe and relaxing summer vacation!