

ELITE A

TEAM NEWSLETTER

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STEM CENTRAL – SCIENCE 8

EXPLORE. INVESTIGATE. DISCOVER.

What's Happening this Week in Your Classroom?

- Students will explore how plants reproduce and compare plant reproduction with what they have already learned about animal genetics.
- We have 2 labs this week!
 - Students will extract DNA from a strawberry for one lab.
 - Students will dissect and investigate the structures of a lily to discover how flowers help plants reproduce and how pollinators assist in that process.
- Students will learn about breeding plants to get certain traits and how some plants can reproduce without seeds through a process called asexual reproduction.
- At the end of the week, students will research organisms that reproduce asexually and explain how their offspring get genetic information from their parent.



Important Note:

We discussed the major project, which was a check of what we've covered through the end of last week. It seems some students do not fully understand what a model really is, how to fill out Punnett squares, and how a genotype affects a phenotype. We are planning 9/24/26 as a review day to strengthen these ideas so they can master the standard 8LS4-4.



HISTORY HUB – SC HISTORY 8

LEARN FROM THE PAST. BUILD A BRIGHTER FUTURE.

What's Happening this Week in Your Classroom?

- Students will find links between Colonial Carolina and Barbados and use the skill of Comparison to look at similarities and differences among the three Colonial regions of British North America (New England, Middle Colonies, Southern Colonies).
- Students will keep learning and using academic vocabulary, connecting with ELA standards.



PROBLEM SOLVERS – MATH 8 & GEOMETRY

THINK. SOLVE. APPLY.

What's Happening this Week in Your Classroom?

- Students will practice finding the y-intercept using points and a table.
- Students will also find the slope and y-intercept from an equation.
- Students have done a **GREAT** job this week finding the rate of change from pairs of points, tables, and graphs.
- Please ask students to share their scores from the assignment given in Google Classroom.
- Please check students' PowerSchool daily for updates or changes.



Glow: Students are starting to work more independently.

Grow: Please encourage students to finish assignments when they are given.



LITERACY LOUNGE – ELA 8 & ENGLISH 1

READ. THINK. WRITE. BELONG.

What's Happening this Week in Your Classroom?

- This week in ELA, students wrote essays in response to a CCSD district-wide writing prompt.
- These writing samples will help teachers and students identify what they do well and what they need to improve.
- These assignments will help students get ready for the SC-Ready tests.
- In the next few weeks, students will have writing meetings to set personal goals to be better writers.



ELITE STUDENTS – CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TOP STARS!

Shout out this week to all the students who ACED their Chapter 1 SC HISTORY exam:

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| • Dulce Alfaro Pineda | • Marshaun Harley |
| • Marvin Avila Avila | • Ronaldo Mendoza-Pérez |
| • Aria Carney | • Janiya Murray |
| • Ashly Mendoza | • Henry Reyes Avila |



ATTENDANCE

BE HERE. BE READY. BE SUCCESSFUL.

Regular attendance is essential. In the coming days, the 8th-grade attendance team will send truancy letters and schedule attendance meetings as needed. Please ensure your student attends school every day. Morningside hours are 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., with arrival beginning at 8:05 a.m. Attendance is recorded each period. We also ask all parents to update their phone numbers and email addresses to maintain effective communication. To update your contact information, please call the school at 843-745-2000 and ask for Ms. Drayton or Ms. T. Brown.



SHAFFER'S CORNER

SUPPORT. ADVOCATE. COLLABORATE.

Shaffer - Parents, please continue to check PowerSchool regularly and discuss grades with your student. Please look out for IEP goals progress reports coming soon. Please reach out to me, maridith_shaffer@charleston.k12.sc.us, or my Google Voice number, (980)285-7155, if you have any questions or concerns.



STUDENT SHOUT OUTS!

CELEBRATE. ENCOURAGE. INSPIRE.

- Samuel Mora and James Brown. I appreciate the work and effort that you are demonstrating.
- Dent



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

WISHING YOU A GREAT YEAR!

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| • Washington, Samira | 9/27 |
| • Aguilar Henriquez, Zaid Alejandro | 9/28 |
| • Mora, Samuel | 9/28 |
| • Godinez Santeliz, Megan Estephania | 9/29 |
| • Mendoza, Ashly Zarahi | 9/29 |
| • Harley, Marshaun Tyliek | 9/30 |



IMPORTANT DATES

STAY INFORMED. GET INVOLVED.

- Interim Reports - Week of Sept 21st
- End of the Quarter - Oct 9th
- Half Day - Oct 9th
- Teacher Workday - Oct 12th
- Second Quarter Starts - Oct 13th
- PSAT/NMSQT - Oct 14th
- First Quarter Report Card - Week of Oct 19th