

February 25, 2015

THE "MIDDLE" MEMO

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP CHARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL / TUESDAY LETTER

Dear Community Partnership Middle School Families:

This week we celebrate Barbara Jordan, the first African American Congresswoman from the Deep South (1972-1978) and the first woman ever elected to the Texas Senate (1966). Ms. Jordan, born February 21, 1936 in Houston Texas was a lawyer, educator and politician/political activists.

As a child, Barbara Charline Jordan, was encouraged by her parents to strive for academic excellence. Because of their investment, she will long be remembered for her intellect and gift of language. As Congresswoman, Barbara Jordan delivered the keynote address at the 1976 Democratic convention, In her address she stated, "My presence here . . . is one additional bit of evidence that the American dream need not forever be deferred." Ms. Jordan's life serves as a reminder that none of our dreams need be forever deferred.



"Earlier today we heard the beginning of the Preamble to the Constitution of the United States. 'We the people.' It is a very eloquent beginning. But, when that documents was completed on the 17th of September in 1787, I was not included in that 'We, the people.' I felt somehow for many years that George Washington and Alexander Hamilton just left me out by mistake. But, through the process of amendment, interpretation and court decision. I have finally been included in 'We, the people.'~Barbara Jordan, July 25, 1974 (Nixon Judicial Committee Impeachment hearing)

For Our Kids,
Keisha Rattray
Middle School Director

Upcoming Events

Open House for Prospective Families - February 26th, 8:30am

Staff Conferences - 1/2 day for Students - February 26th, 12 noon dismissal

Senior Dues Payment 2 Due - March 5th

Black History Show - March 6th @ 6pm

School Closed for students, Professional Development - March 11th

Parent Teacher Conferences - March 11th, 1pm through 6pm

Parent Teacher Conferences - March 12th, 4:30pm to 7:00pm

SCHOLARS OF THE WEEK

5th Grade - Diana Silvas

6th Grade - Willquetdave Celestin

7th Grade - Jabari Ndiaye

8th Grade - Daded Nunez



Baller of the Week:
Kayla Hall (pictured
above)



World Connect Ambassadors held a Valentine's Day bake sale on Friday, February 13th to raise money for a women's group in El Salvador. To read more information about the project, click here: <http://www.worldconnect-us.org/kids-connect/community-partnership-charter-middle-school/>.

Upcoming in Science

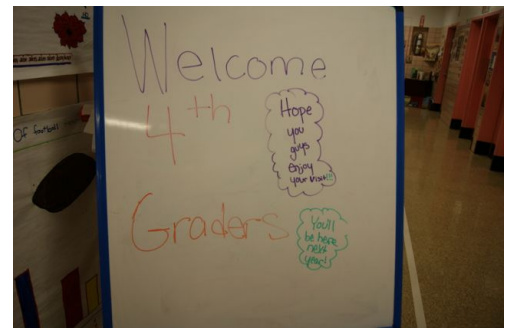
7th Grade Science: Students are taking a unit exam this week to end Unit 2: Other Organisms. We begin our study of Reproduction, Heredity, and Evolution, which will take us through spring break. We will also begin choosing science fair topics. Your child will be giving you a science fair packet by the end of the week that requires a signature. If you don't see this packet by Friday, please contact Ms. Moore at kmoore@cpcsschool.org.

8th Grade Science: Students took the fourth unit exam before the break. Scores have been communicated to students and will be coming home in the form of a grade report that needs to be signed. Students scoring less than 70% will have a chance to come to a review session and retake the exam to earn a passing grade. We begin our study of Earth's Internal Heat Engine, Unit 5 of 8 in the Regents Earth Science course. We have also started our review of 8th Grade Science topics for the state test, given on June 1. Your child will be giving you a science fair packet by the end of the week that requires a signature. If you don't see this packet by Friday, please contact Ms. Moore at kmoore@cpcsschool.org.

CPCMS Artists

As we slide into the third quarter, it is a great time to check out the Art Blog (www.jenhillmanprints.blogspot.com) to see what is happening in each grade. ACTUALLY, it's ALWAYS a great time to check the blog. Scholars who miss art class can always be up to date and can contact Ms. Hillman through the Art Blog. Updates are weekly. Photos of artwork are coming THIS WEEK because we have created SO much. Get ready for more!

Fourth Grade Scholars from CPCS Lower School joined the Middle School community on February 13th to gain a better understanding of the Middle School. Lower School scholar's interacted with scholars and teachers and participated in Community Circle.



Info Every CPCMS Family Should Know

8th Grade

\$270 Senior dues**final payment due by 4/2/15

Complete 50 book reviews

Complete Exit Portfolio..... due June 3rd

\$200 End of Year Trip (this is an earned opportunity).....

** non refundable

7th Grade

Complete 40 Book Reviews

\$200 for the End of Year trip (this is an earned opportunity)

6th Grade

Complete 35 Book Reviews

\$200 for the End of Year trip (this is an earned opportunity)

5th Grade

Complete 25 Book Reviews

\$200 for the End of Year trip (this is an earned opportunity)