

February 3, 2015

THE "MIDDLE" MEMO

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP CHARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL / TUESDAY LETTER

Dear Community Partnership Middle School Families:

This month has been set aside as Black History Month. This month we want to highlight the accomplishments of individuals who work tirelessly toward achieving and maintaining civil rights for all.

It was Fredrick Douglass who said, "Without struggle, there is no progress." In light of the recent national events, it is important that we share the responsibility of speaking to our children about who they are, their history and what it means to be a part of their racial/ethnic group. Equally important, we must encourage our scholars to take a healthy pride in who they are and their rich history of struggle and progress.

This week, we salute Ms. Angela Davis, writer, educator and activist. Throughout Ms. Davis' career, she has spoken against issues involving race, class, gender and the prison industrial complex.



Writer, activist and educator Angela Davis was born on January 26, 1944, in Birmingham, Alabama. Davis is best known as a radical African-American educator and activist for civil rights and other social issues (Source:<http://www.biography.com/people/angela-davis-9267589>)

For Our Kids,

Keisha Rattray

Upcoming Events

Report Cards Mailed Home - February 6th

Open House for Prospective Families - February 10th, 8:30am

Open House for Prospective Families - February 11th, 5:45pm

CPEC Board Meeting @ 215 Heyward Street February 11th, 6pm

Midwinter Recess - February 16th - 20th

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

5th Grade

In Math, the scholars have finished their introduction to understanding decimals to the thousandths place. Our scholars are excited to show what they know on next week's exam, Wednesday, Feb. 4. After the exam we'll continue by learning how to multiply and divide decimals.

In Writing, this week we worked on developing our characters through making sure they look, sound, and feel more relatable. As we move forward in our Realistic Fiction unit, we will use *Mr. Lincoln's Way* to guide us through the process.

In Reading, we are looking at "Thank You Ma'am" to see how Langston Hughes' life has influenced his writing craft and ideas. We have read this short story several times before during other units, so our understanding of the text will help our close reading become more specific and intentional.

In Science, the scholars continued their research for their wetland project. Next week they will be presenting their findings to the class using either Powerpoint or creating posters with their information.

In History, students are learning about the beginnings of European settlement in the Americas, focusing on Canada.

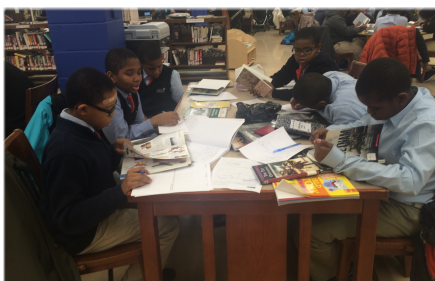
6th Grade

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By Jake from State Farm

So (and I think we can all agree), this week was the best week of school ever! In math we started working with algebra, and everyone has been doing great. The snow outside has given all of us a reason to feel relaxed. This week both classes have been trying really hard to boost their grades and get off to a good start for Quarter 3. Even though the snow has been keeping us holed up inside for park, students have been having a great time. We are practicing for the big Black History show coming up (hosted by Mr. McCray) and the show is going to be amazing. That's about it for now so I'll see you next time when you need insurance.

Shout Outs: The whole 6th grade for being awesome!

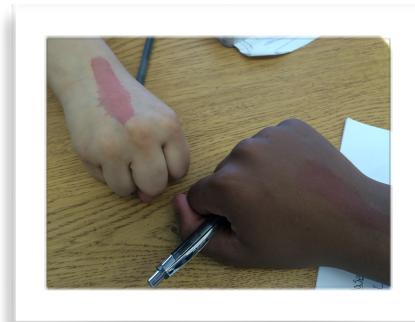
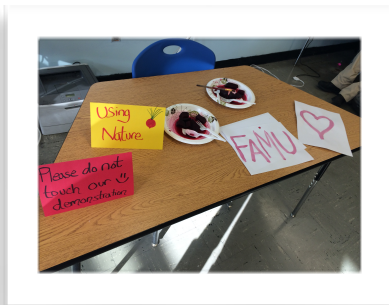


Photos from 6th
Grade visit to
Clinton Hill Library



7th Grade

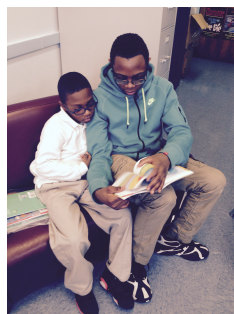
In 7th grade Social Studies, we are in the heart of our Native American unit. We'll be doing four tribe studies--the Sioux, the Navajo, the Cherokee and the Iroquois. Yesterday, we thought critically about how nature can be put to use for other purposes. Then, we made our own paint using beets! See how pink it is?



This week in 7th Grade Science students will be experimenting with solutions that inhibit or stop the growth of bacteria. Be sure to check in with your child about the independent variables they are testing in the science lab.

8th Grade

In 8th grade Social Studies, we've entered the European front during World War II. If you see us leaving class with glum faces, it's because we're studying the Holocaust. Stay tuned for details on our upcoming trip to the Jewish Heritage Museum!



The new cycle of the 8th grade Bridge Program has begun! 8th Graders read with a Lower School reading buddy each Friday morning during Family Time, from January until April. Congratulations to all of our 8th grade mentors: Ebony Akinbohun, Chawn Evans, Danee Forgenie, Heaven Jeffries, Folasade McMullen, Olu Oladitan, Tashaya Saunders, Vance White.

Scholars must check the Art Blog for details on the current Graphic Novel project. The address is jenhillmanprints.blogspot.com and it is important to sign up for email updates so you get the info when there is a new post.

The graphic novels can be autobiographical or fictional but the criteria is posted on the blog. Spelman's projects are due Wednesday, February 4th and Morehouse has until the 10th of February. It will be interesting to see what the scholars create for this major project for the 3rd Quarter.

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)