7th grade parents—Check out these announcements:

**7th GRADE FIELD TRIP DEC. 2 —PERMISSION SLIP DEADLINE TOMORROW**

All seventh grade students will be visiting the Denver Museum of Nature and Science to view the “Traveling the Silk Road” exhibit on December 2nd . Students will see firsthand documents and artifacts from the ancient world’s super highway that they learned about this year in Paragon.  In addition will be looking at additional exhibits that fit into our Science curriculum.  The cost of the trip will be $11 per student. Buses will depart the school at 8:30 am and will return around 2:30 pm. **Permission slips must be returned with payment to Mr. Larson by TOMORROW Oct. 29.** We will need five parent chaperones. They will not need to pay the $11 fee, it is covered. The first five parents to contact Mr. Larson with a completed background check will be accompanying us to the museum. For the background check go to [www.cbirecordscheck.com](http://www.cbirecordscheck.com) and it costs $6.85.

**TEACHER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON**

Please see the attached document outlining the PTO Teacher Appreciation Luncheon in November.

**IMPACT AID FORMS (PINK)**

Return these forms to your student’s homeroom teacher by Friday, Oct. 31.  Every student at BLRA must have a form on file.  If your student has no military ties than only the top section must be completed and returned.

Here’s what your students are doing this week:

Math:   Mr. Como

This week in math Block 1 will be working in Moby Max to cover basic concepts of proportions and percents. There are 4 lessons altogether and this is work they can do at home if they are getting behind in class. All 4 lessons are due Friday.  Block 2 is moving on from Rational Number Operations and getting into Proportional Relationships, chapter 4 in the text. And Block 3 is ramping up for the Chapter 3 Test on Thursday. Students are encouraged to use the online book at home to prepare for the test, and they should have a practice test with them Wednesday night. Thanks.

Paragon:   Mr. Larson

This week students will be focusing on the Yangtze and Huang He River Valley civilizations, better known as ancient China. Students will be taking notes, updating their Asia maps that they began last week, and writing a short essay analyzing ancient Chinese history and culture.

Science:  Mrs. Hill

In science students continue to learn about earthquakes and volcanos.  This week they will be doing an activity called “virtual seismologist”. Students will learn how to measure earthquakes s-p waves, epicenter and magnitude.  They will also start an Earthquake/Volcano workshop project.  There will be a study guide going home on Wednesday, the test will be next Thursday November 6.

**Science Fair:**  There is only two more in class  work days (Fridays) before the Science fair November 21.  Students need to turn in their final conclusion and abstract this Friday October 31. Your student needs a tri- fold board size w48 X h36, these can be purchased at hobby lobby or Walmart.

**Donations needed**: M & M’s, skittles and raisins. (for a mixture lab in two weeks)

Language Arts:   Mrs. Montel

This week we’ll be doing some close reading about “Arachne”.  Our grammar focus is on Prepositions.  We graded our 3rd Vocabulary unit and will be working on Word Wall illustrations in class.  Ask your student if he or she has been **brooding** lately! Students also received their *FOURTH* weekly reading log of the quarter.  This Reading Log is due on **Monday, Nov. 3**.  Students can always find another reading log and the quarter’s current requirements on my website <http://www.schoolrack.com/tmontel/> or in the blue folder in the classroom.