**PARENT CONFERENCES SCHEDULED FOR  OCT  9-10**  
Drop in or Schedule a conference, your choice!  Thursday, Oct. 9 you can drop in  and talk to a teacher in the afternoon from 1:30-4pm.  All middle school teachers will be in the gym for convenient access.  If you prefer, you can schedule a 15 minute conference from 8:30 -11:30 and from 1pm until 3.  To schedule a conference on Friday, Oct. 10 use the Sign-up genius link below.  
The link is: [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0D49AFA62CA5FE3-7thgrade](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D49AFA62CA5FE3-7thgrade)   
  
**E-LEARNING DAY  FRIDAY-- OCTOBER 10**  
The 2nd eLearning Day of the year will take place this Friday (10/10/14).  The eLearning Day website has been updated with current assignments.  Please visit the site as soon as possible, with your child, to review assignments and budget time for completion of tasks by the posted due dates.  <http://blraelearningday.weebly.com/>  
  
**LIBRARY PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
We are in need of parent volunteers for the library. The main things that we need help with are helping students find books during their scheduled library time and also getting books filed. Times available are 9:30 to 10:45 daily or 2:40 to 3:30 daily.  
  
**STUDENT COUNCIL—YANKEE CANDLE FUNDRAISER**  
This sale started on October 1st  and students were given a packet of information in their homerooms.  The last day to collect orders is 10/14. Money raised helps support the BLRA Writing Festival, Comma Con, in the spring.  
  
Here’s what your students are doing this week:  
  
Math:   Mr. Como  
Is your student in first block? Right now in enrichment we are building self-propelled cars with foamboard. We are using specialized architectural tools. And it would be a great time for **parent volunteers** who enjoy this sort of thing to come lend a hand. Just ask your student for times and days. Blocks 2 and 3 will also be doing this project later in Quarter 2. Thanks.  
  
Paragon:   Mr. Larson   
This week in paragon students will be introduced to ancient China and the Silk Road. In class Monday students looked at nine different documents to preview ancient China to make some inferences on the Chinese culture. They will be working in small groups this week and next to complete our first Document Based Question (DBQ) of the year. And as a summary of the mini-unit, students will create a Silk Road map and write a journal imagining they are a traveler on the road from Chnag’an to Antioch.                                                                                                                  
Science:  Mrs. Hill  
This week we will continue working on Plate tectonics.  The students are working on a web quest in class, if they don’t finish it in class it will become homework.  This assignment will be do this Thursday Oct, 9.  Students should continue working on their science fair projects at home.  The E-learning assignment has been posted on my website, under E-learning 10-10-14.   
**Donations needed: Fun size Milky way bars (lab next Monday, hopefully)**  
  
Language Arts:   Mrs. Montel               
 In the 2nd quarter we’ll take on Verbs, Prepositions, Sentences and Greek and Roman mythology.  In addition, students began 2nd quarter Reading Requirements and received their FIRSTweekly reading log of the quarter.  This Reading Log is due on **Tuesday, Oct. 14** due to the Monday holiday.  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.   This week’s E-learning assignment involves the online literature textbook.  Students will receive their usernames and passwords in class.