

# Galileo Academy IS Newsletter

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Parents,

Half of January has already come and gone! We are starting off the second trimester with a strong start, preparing students for assessments which will be upon us before you know it! We would like to thank all the parents for their continued support.

## TUTORING

Parents, the IS staff will be providing tutoring soon from 1:00-1:45pm. Dates TBD. Please see your child's teacher for more information.

## UPCOMING ASSESSMENT DATES

Trimester 2 District Interim Assessments are fast approaching. The testing window will be opened from February 25th to March 20th for grades 1-6. Specific dates and time to be announced shortly.

## UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

If students wish to attend the upcoming field trips, please make sure to sign up with Mrs. Drost or Mr. Piatt. Remember to have permission slips signed, one form from the school and one from the field trip site. If permission slips are not signed or are not present, students will not be able to attend and will need to have parents pick them up. Unfortunately, there are no more spaces available for the In-N-Out field trip. For those who have signed up, please make sure to bring signed permission slips.

## VALENTINE'S DAY CELEBRATION

For Valentine's Day, Two-Day students in grades 2-3 will be celebrating with Mr. Duncan in his classroom area. Students in grades 4-6 will be celebrating in Mr. Chow's area. These celebrations will take place during the last 15 minutes of the school day. If students choose to participate, please make sure students bring enough valentines (approximately 20) to hand out to everyone. Make sure students do not address who the valentines are for, only who they are from.

## CRITERION ONLINE WRITING & CAREERS CURRICULUM / LIT BITS

Students in grades 4-6 who are currently in the Two-Day Program have been introduced to the Criterion Online Writing Evaluation program as well as the Careers Curriculum. Both the program and curriculum utilizes the computer lab on a frequent basis. As such, it is recommended, but not necessary, for these students to purchase a jump drive/flash drive/thumb drive (portable USB storage device) on which to save their work. Students would not require a large size storage device (32MB-64MB), as most of their work will be comprised of Word documents or PowerPoint presentations. For more information on Criterion and the Careers Curriculum, please attend the next Lit Bits meeting on Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>.

## YOUNG AUTHORS

Final drafts of the Young Author's are due on Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm. Please see your child's teacher for more details.

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Petco. Field Trip, Jan. 29, 2008  
Please see Mr. Piatt or Mrs. Drost for more information
- ◆ In-N-Out Field Trip, Jan. 31, 2008 .  
Meet at 13704 Main St., Hesperia, CA
- ◆ Spirit Day, Jan. 31, 2008- Stuffed Animal Day
- ◆ Student Store Opening, Jan. 30-31, 2008, during lunch recess
- ◆ Valentine's Day Celebration, Feb. 13-14, 2008
- ◆ Lit Bits, Feb. 8, 2008- 10:00am-11:00am