



# Unit 6

## “News you can Use”



May 14, 2010

### Quick Notes

- **Money Unit News...** Our final market will take place on Wednesday, May 26th. Anyone wishing to sell at this market must purchase a license on May 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Just a reminder that all items must be to school by 7:55 AM on the morning of the market.
- WOW! What a great job with the aluminum can collection. It was awesome that we got so many cans considering it was raining outside and our dumpster did not arrive on time. We had so many bags that the recycling company had to make an extra trip because we filled the dumpster and still had cans left over. Again, great job!
- Students must be eligible to go on the final trip by next week Friday, May 21st. Students who are receiving an “F” in their academic grade, a “U” (Unsatisfactory) in their class conduct and effort grade, or have a cumulative GPA (Grade Point Average) for the school year that is below a 1.7 will not be allowed to attend the end-of-the-year trip. In addition, all library books and book fines must also be paid for your child to be eligible to attend the end-of-the-year trip.
- Our service project for the quarter is H2O for life. Ask your student about the exciting activity that has been rescheduled for next Wednesday, which will help them gain a better understanding of the challenges others must face in order to obtain water.

### Reading

- Students have been reading their literature circle books and their biographies in reading classes and the quality of work has been remarkable.
- AR goals are still expected to be met, with June 7<sup>th</sup> being the final day to take AR tests.

### Math (Garvey)

- Students in the Transitions Text are working hard to get through some more chapters before the end of the year. We have just finished our test on Chapter 8 that included different situations involving multiplication and algebra.
- We are now studying from Chapter 11 and will be covering lessons 11-5 through 11-8. Topics covered include the surface area and volume of a box, a prism, a cylinder and a sphere.
- Students will definitely need their calculators for this chapter.

### Math (Merow/Bubon/Gallagher)

- Students finished testing on area and perimeter. Our final math unit is called "Ruins of Montarek". This unit explores representing three dimensional building by drawing two-dimensional sketches. It is an excellent unit for strengthening spatial skills

### Science

- Our flight unit is winding down. This next week will be a busy week for sixth grade scientists.
- Their lab-books will be due and they will be taking a test on the flight unit. Students who have Mrs. Garvey, Mr. Bubon, and Mrs. Merow for science will be testing on Tuesday, May 18th. Mrs. Gallagher's science classes will be testing early in the week, so stay tuned to the assignment notebooks for updates.
- Our next unit in science will be a unit on Density that should help us to discover why things sink and/or float.

### Social Studies

- We were fortunate this week to tie in our studies of Eastern and Western Europe with a guest speaker who grew up under Communist rule in Bulgaria. She shared her story about what life was like in Bulgaria under Communist rule, and then after the country changed to a market economy.
- We are also beginning our economic simulation of BOXCARS which is where students form a company, travel to different capital cities in Europe, and buy and sell commodities in order to have a successful business. Along the way, students will write a series of postcards about their experiences in those Western European capital cities.

### Language Arts

- We have completed (or nearly completed) our work in prepositions. Different classes are taking preposition tests at different times this week and next. Students are also in different places with their compare/contrast writing. Check with your student about when this piece of writing will be due.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6 <i>Regatta 1:00—3:00 MHS</i>	7 <i>No School/ Inservice Day</i>	8
9	10	11 <i>Aluminum Can Collection 7:30am-8:00am in IMMS Staff Lot</i>	12	13 <i>School Dance</i>	14 <i>Student Of the Month Market #3</i>	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 <i>4th Quarter Trip Eligibility Cut-off</i>	22
23	24	25 <i>Choir Concert 7:00 Track Meet Library Books Due</i>	26 <i>Final Market</i>	27 <i>Brewers/ Kalahari Trips</i>	28	29
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