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Thunderbird Academy Online Resources Grade 8

PARENTS, GUARDIANS & STUDENTS

Welcome to the Thunderbird Academy 8th Grade informational newsletter. The 8th grade educators would like to extend a warm greeting to you in this trying time our Nation is facing. As you may or may not know classes are set to resume tentatively on April 6, 2020.

During our time away from the classroom, we as a staff have come to realize that parents, guardians, and students need to focus activities that take our mind away from our current reality. For this reason, the staff is asking that students continue their learning process. It is away to continually help not only the students but the parents and guardians as well.

The staff is asking that you and the student, only if you have the means to do so to access content online. Alternative learning opportunities are being identified to help the students that do not have the means to do so.

We are suggesting that the students visit Khan Academy. It is a website that is free and contains all course content that Tuba City Boarding School offers within the Thunderbird Academy. It is a way for students to continue the learning process but in a different way while they are away from the classroom. Along with Khan Academy other teacher suggested sites will be provided.

Please know that we care about you and your family's well being. Please be safe and protect yourselves accordingly. We would like to thank you for your dedication in your students' educational endeavors and again please be safe given our current situation. We look forward to meeting you and the students once again when the time comes.

STUDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Students needing recommendation letters for high school, please contact the teachers via email.

STAFF MESSAGE

This a time for self directed learning and applying skills that you have learned since your time with us. Please take ownership in your learning because you are making the transition into high school soon.

As a starting point the staff is asking the students to access Mr. Troglia's Technology site under the resource tab to get information regarding student learning (usernames and passwords). The link to the website is below.

<https://tcbstechnologyclass.shutterfly.com/>

STAFF CONTACTS

If you need to contact the staff, please do not hesitate to do so. Below is a list of the teachers, course taught and email addresses. We will be available **Monday through Friday** from **7:30AM to 4:00PM** if you have questions or concerns.

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TEACHER SUGGESTIONS

The following information is from the individual teachers. These are suggestions only in which students can access and do to help in their learning from Khan Academy and/or other resources. To access the information click on the links.

Mathematics - Ms. Dale

KHAN ACADEMY

Go to <https://www.khanacademy.org> for your individual username and password to start your educational math journey that I have generated. You are set up by your Math class hour. Your math journey will be updated weekly. Sign in and explore. Enjoy and have fun! Email me at raquel.dale@bie.edu if you have questions.

SUCCESSMAKER AT HOME

Go to <https://youtu.be/S7DDKD3BSAE> to start SuccessMaker at Home. If you do not have internet access to go through the lesson schedule click below for printable educational resources that can be downloaded and taken home.

Science - Mrs. Smith

Here are some ideas for students to review. Also, students should be encouraged to simply explore other areas of science on the site they are interested in.

1. Khan Academy - To align with the curriculum that I have already taught students could review *biology, chemistry and physics*.

<https://www.khanacademy.org/>

2. Scholastic Magazine - Science World has resources, online magazines, videos, etc. Students need to sign in as a student. Our class code is: **ScienceSmith**. This code will enable students to access the online materials, magazine, and supplemental activities.

<https://scienceworld.scholastic.com/home-page-logged-in.html>

3. The Flinn Science website has videos that demonstrate science labs. There are at-home activities and digital learning opportunities.

<https://www.flinnsci.com/athomescience/>

Culture - Mrs. Stevens

Culture is important because it provides us with a sense of identity and where we as Native Americans come from. Here is a site that students can browse to learn about Native American Culture.

1. Indians.org

<http://indians.org/articles/native-american-culture.html>

2. Navajo Indians

<http://www.navajoindian.net/navajo-culture-and-traditions/>

3. Hopi Culture

http://www.native-languages.org/hopi_culture.htm

Social Studies - Mrs. Clark

Here are a couple of websites that students can access for complimentary tools for Social Studies.

1. Khan Academy U.S. Government and Civics - Congress

<https://www.khanacademy.org/>

2. Scholastic classroom magazine

<http://digital.scholastic.com/itiLaunch/app/8>

student access password for Junior Scholastic is **kingmix4**

Technology - Mr. Troglia

Here are a couple of areas in which students can benefit from within Khan Academy. Under the "Courses" drop down, look at "Computing" and "College and Career & More".

<https://www.khanacademy.org/>

1. Under Computing Section look at
 - a. Computer Programming
 - b. Computer Science
2. Under College and Career & More look at
 - a. College Admissions
 - b. Careers
 - c. Personal Finance
 - d. Entrepreneurship
3. Internet4classrooms is an educational portal with free resources for teachers and their classrooms as well as students and parents.

<https://www.internet4classrooms.com/>

ELA - Mrs. Saganitso & Ms. Katenay

In continuing our process of self-reflecting literature please continue reading library books, online book selections, and anything that interests you. Keep a journal, take a video with a narrative, or blog reporting.

Also, try Menu of Options. For example:

1. Another point of view
 - a. Retell a part of the book from a different point of view. You may choose to use first-person point of view or third-person narration to switch to the perspective of a different character.
2. Alternate ending
 - a. Have you ever loved a book, but wished it ended differently? This is a chance to get the resolution you want by rewriting the ending of the book.

PE/Health - Mr. Riese

Never before has public health garnered as much attention as now, with our current ongoing global health crisis. It is very important that we look at our personal health practices and make sure we are doing the necessary things that can keep us healthy. Please take this time to work on developing healthy lifestyle habits. Along with hand washing and social distancing, these things include exercising for 60 minutes each day, eating highly nutritious foods, and getting plenty of sleep each night (8-9 hours).

Provided directly below is a great website that shares a lot of awesome online resources for health and physical education related content.

<https://www.kidshealth.org>

Finally, here is a link to a highly motivational series titled "Believe in You". There are two seasons. These are 8-12 minute short stories focused on highly inspirational people who have overcome adversity to achieve success. Check these out for a little extra motivation. These are great stories! Click below:

<https://www.varsitybrands.com/believe-in-you>

