

# Lion Pride



LANSING MIDDLE SCHOOL



## COMING TO AN END

### FYI!

Lion Pride students are finished with all of their Kansas State Assessments! Students worked very hard and we are proud of their efforts.

### Thank You!

We want to take the time to thank the parents of our students this year for your efforts in making your child's transition to middle school a successful one. This was a big step, and students who have active support from home make this move much more easily than others. We appreciate the work you do and ask that you continue to remain involved in your child's education.

It's almost here...at times we didn't think it would ever arrive....but a few short weeks and it will be SUMMER! Lion Pride students are still working hard in class however, and those final grades will show the results!

In math, we have been finishing our geometry unit exploring finding the circumference and area of a circle. We will begin our unit on mean, median and mode and using data in a variety of graphs, charts and organized lists. We will be taking the MAP Math test for the second time this year on May 7. Students will take the Vocabulary Final on May 15 and the Performance Final on May 19.

In Literature classes, students are working on novels. Two of

the classes are reading "The Watsons Go to Birmingham-1963",

The other two classes are just finishing up "Time for Andrew" and are starting "The House of Sixty Fathers." AR goals are due May 15th. All library books are due on or before that date as well.

Having just wrapped up our unit on ancient Rome in Social Studies, Lion Pride historians will be examining the rise of the Islamic Civilization and the beliefs and practices of the religion of Islam. Given the world situation, this is a very important subject and adheres to Kansas State Social Standards (6.4.2.6K). We will also review the basic tenets of other



world religions we have studied this year; Judaism, Hinduism, Buddhism and Christianity and do some compare/contrast activities. Students have recently received a new Table of Contents for this unit of study and a map on the distribution of world religions. We will be using a classroom set of books entitled *Medieval Times To Today*. Students will have access to these books in social studies class as well as in their home-room class. Ample time will be provided in class to use these books for homework assignments etc. However, if a student needs to use it outside of class, they can either come in before first hour or make arrangements to stay after school (if after school, please have them check with me ahead of time to make sure of proper supervision). We will also end the year by looking at the Aztec, Inca and Mayan civilizations. An excellent world history site for kids is <http://historyforkids.org>

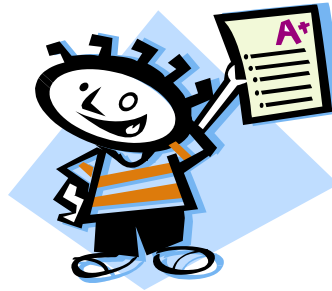


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Language Arts research papers are done! Doesn't it feel good? For the rest of the year, Language Arts classes will be reviewing sentence structure and grammar. We'll be working with words and word games as a way to explore word and sentence structure. We will also have one more writing assignment to finish the year the way we started. The last paper will be a how-to paper on a subject of the author's choosing. This has proven to be a popular assignment in the past as students get to demonstrate how to do something they enjoy.

In Science we are working on our Famous Scientists project. Students will be handing in wanted posters by the end of the month. We will then work on a project using recyclable materials. Students need to bring in recyclable materials for this project. There will be a science final at the end of the year on May 12. We will do an intensive review before the test.

Earth Day was  
April 22, 2009



## Final Schedules and Other Important Dates for the End of 2009 School Year

April 28<sup>th</sup> – Pep Club Field Trip for those eligible

April 29<sup>th</sup> – Reading MAP Testing  
- Limo Ride (1:15 -2:15) – There will be 15 total students that go on this.

May 1<sup>st</sup> – Dance

May 4<sup>th</sup> – BMX Bike Show for those that earned the show (7<sup>th</sup> Period)

May 6<sup>th</sup> – Science Club Field Trip for those eligible

May 7<sup>th</sup> – Lion Pride Math MAP Testing

May 8 - Dodgeball Tour-

nament after school

May 12<sup>th</sup> –Science Final  
- Fine Arts Fair

May 13<sup>th</sup> – Social Studies Final

May 14<sup>th</sup> –Language Arts Final

May 15 – Math Vocabulary Final

- Last Library day- all books due on or before this date.

May 19 – Lion Pride Math Performance Final

- Lion Pride STAR Reading Test

- Be the Change Committee Assembly

May 20<sup>th</sup> – Lion Pride Literature Final

May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Last Day of Classes for Students

