


Welcome to the Williams Crew
7th Grade
Sierra Expeditionary Learning School



**If you did not print the forms online they are at the front of the room. Turn in completed forms in the "turn-in" basket tonight if possible.*

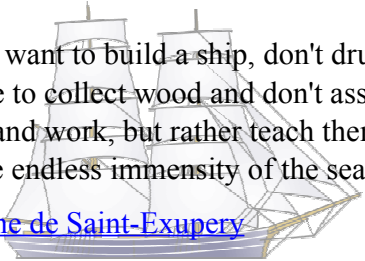
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Morning Meeting

Greeting - Pinkie, High 5, or Hand shake
Reading -
Activity - Thumb War!

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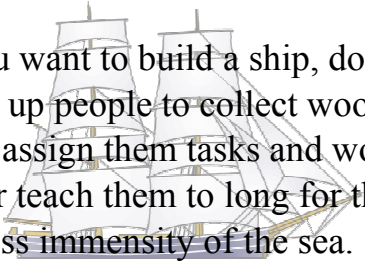
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Learning Targets
for Back to School Night

- I can explain the class procedures.
- I can turn in all of the necessary forms.
- I can list 3 ways of communication with Zach.
- I can have fun at a "Back to School" night.

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Forms
(I will repeat this at the end)

- Please Sign-in with phone and e-mail
- Handbook Form
- Walking field work
- Driver form (with copy of drivers license)
- Parent Chaperone Contract
- Commitment to Excellence
- Update personal information (Please list all people/emails that you would like information sent to, joint custody families)

***Turn forms into the basket when completed!!**

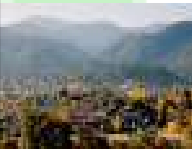


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Zach Williams (Red)
 (In the Classroom, "Mr. Williams")

Grew up in Ashland OR

Went to College at U of O

This will be my 8th year teaching

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Things I do in my free time...

Rafting

Skiing

Camping

Sports

Anything outdoors








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Baby Girl Sage



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New At SELS

- Change of Library Location
- Future turf field
- Grading Program (Aeries)
 - With a parent portal (coming soon)
- New look progress reports




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SELS Handbook

- Most of this information is in the SELS handbook
 - > I have paper copies (for those who need them)
 - > Everyone needs to sign the last page

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(Last page of the handbook)

FAMILY HANDBOOK AGREEMENT CONTRACT

Please thoroughly read and discuss with your child. Signing this form indicates you understand and will follow the policies outlined herein. Please return signed form to teachers or office no later than September 1.

I have read, understood, and agree to follow to the best of my ability the guidelines set forth in the Sierra Expeditionary Learning School family handbook.

Family name: _____

Date: _____ Teacher signature: _____

Date: _____ Parent/Caroline signature: _____

(if applicable, second parent/guardian)

Date: _____ Parent/Caroline signature: _____

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Commitment to Excellence

SELS Commitment to Excellence.pdf

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Communication

- I will send out a crew email every month (or more often if needed) to check in and let you know what is going on.
 - > It will also be posted on the class website. (<https://sites.google.com/a/truckeecharterschool.org/sels-williams-crew/>)
 - > Email is the best way to get in touch with me.
 - If e-mail doesn't work for you let me know
 - > Or you can stop by the class before or after school
- Schools number is 530-448-8115, David is 530-414-5326
- My cell phone is 541-968-9537 for emergencies.
 - > I won't answer it during school.
 - > Please use e-mail as opposed to text message
- I will try to get back to you as soon as I can (within 24 hours). On the weekend I might not get back to you until Monday.
- Director notes go out every Tuesday
- Please READ all director notes and crew notes.
- Joint Custody - Please let me know
- Students calling home from school phone. (530-448-8115)

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Being a Self Advocate

It is my goal to help the 7th grade crew to be self advocates, meaning **the students** will take the initiative to seek help or solve problems on their own. This will give the students more ownership of their education and help prepare them for higher learning.

Ways your student can be a self advocate:

- Clarification of grades
- Need help in a subject
- Has a problem in crew

*I am always open to talk to parents but my hope is to help the student be more comfortable getting help on their own.

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Personal Steps Consequences

- Free Advice (an optional gift)
- Step 1= Behavior plan
- Step 2 = New behavior plan + phone call home
- Step 3 = New behavior plan + phone call home+ re-teaching time
- Step 4= Office referral

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Student Rewards

<p><u>Bonus Points</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earn bonus points by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > doing extra math > Showing extraordinary character > Anything above and beyond 	<p><u>Individual Rewards</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spend your bonus points on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > "Get out of homework" pass > Music Pass > Bathroom pass
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Artist of the Day

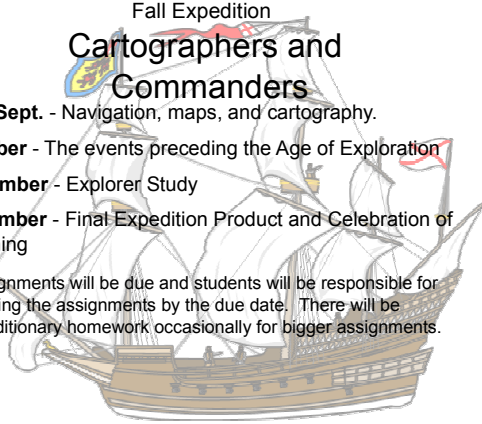
- Every day I play a music artist for the students.
- After lunch the students guess what artist they think it is.
- If they get it right they get 1-5 bonus points.
- The artist can not be after 2002 (the year most of the students were born).
- I try to play every popular genre (from Sinatra to Pearl Jam to Madonna to Pink Floyd to Willie Nelson)
- Occasionally I will bring in my record player to play any artist I can on vinyl.

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Fall Expedition
Cartographers and Commanders

Aug/Sept. - Navigation, maps, and cartography.
October - The events preceding the Age of Exploration
November - Explorer Study
December - Final Expedition Product and Celebration of Learning

*Assignments will be due and students will be responsible for finishing the assignments by the due date. There will be expeditionary homework occasionally for bigger assignments.

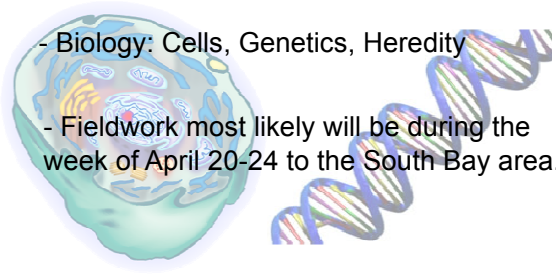


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Spring Expedition
What the Cell?!

- **Biology:** Cells, Genetics, Heredity

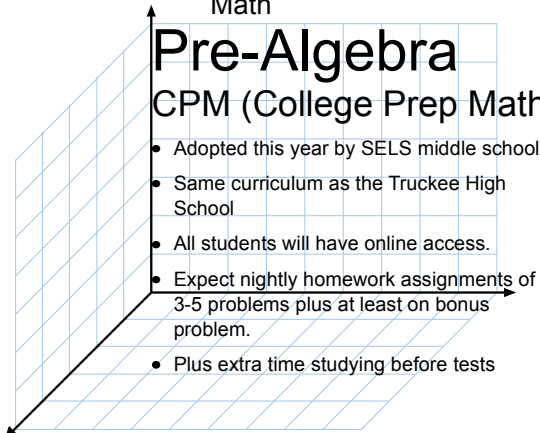
- Fieldwork most likely will be during the week of April 20-24 to the South Bay area.



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Math
Pre-Algebra
CPM (College Prep Math)

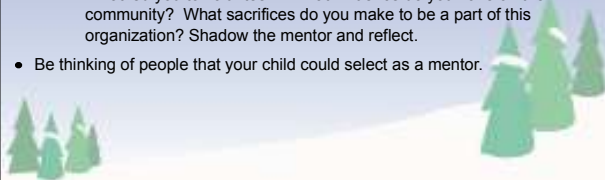
- Adopted this year by SELS middle school
- Same curriculum as the Truckee High School
- All students will have online access.
- Expect nightly homework assignments of 3-5 problems plus at least on bonus problem.
- Plus extra time studying before tests



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All year expedition
Who Am I?

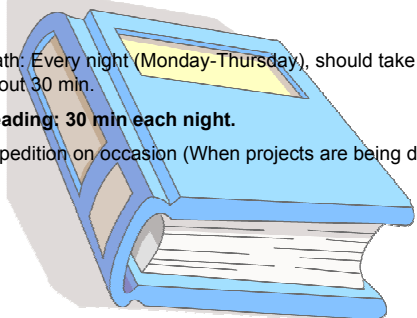
- Use the Sierra Sun to learn about issues in the community
- Find a mentor in the community to learn about what community service means.
 - > Cannot be family or be a part of the SELS staff.
 - > Needs to be someone that can meet with your child 3 or 4 times during the year.
 - What led you to volunteer? What influence do you have on the community? What sacrifices do you make to be a part of this organization? Shadow the mentor and reflect.
- Be thinking of people that your child could select as a mentor.



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Homework

- Math: Every night (Monday-Thursday), should take about 30 min.
- **Reading: 30 min each night.**
- Expedition on occasion (When projects are being done)



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Independent Study

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Field Work

- September 24-26, Navigation, Orienteering, and Cartography, at Grouse Ridge.
 - > Need at least 6 volunteers (with cars that seat 4) for the trip, plus more for preparing food and supplies.
 - > Students will need to bring a sleeping bag/pad, extra clothes, and personal camping supplies.
- The week of October 20, Overnight in San Francisco with a sailing trip in the bay. (Need parent help if we want this to happen)
 - > Will need 6 volunteers and similar student supplies.
- Field work is funded by parent donations.



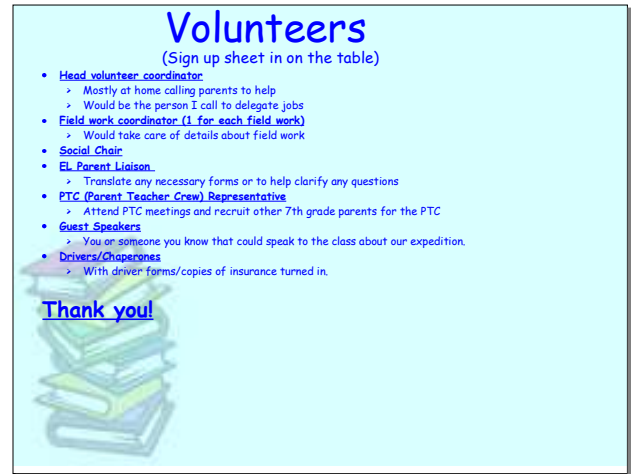
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Volunteers

(Sign up sheet in on the table)

- **Head volunteer coordinator**
 - > Mostly at home calling parents to help
 - > Would be the person I call to delegate jobs
- **Field work coordinator (1 for each field work)**
 - > Would take care of details about field work
- **Social Chair**
- **EL Parent Liaison**
 - > Translate any necessary forms or to help clarify any questions
- **PTC (Parent Teacher Crew) Representative**
 - > Attend PTC meetings and recruit other 7th grade parents for the PTC
- **Guest Speakers**
 - > You or someone you know that could speak to the class about our expedition.
- **Drivers/Chaperones**
 - > With driver forms/copies of insurance turned in.

Thank you!



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Friday Electives

- Will not start until after winter break
- Fridays from 12:45-2:00
- Teach an elective, your chance to become a teacher for 5 weeks

A five week unit about a fun hobby or skill that you would like to teach.

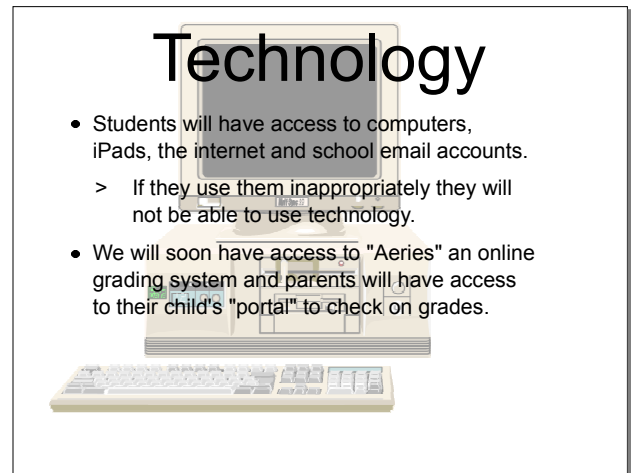
- Fridays from 12:45-2:00
- Examples: Sewing, birdwatching, geocaching, cooking, origami, painting, ... something you enjoy doing and want to share with the SELS students.



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Technology

- Students will have access to computers, iPads, the internet and school email accounts.
 - > If they use them inappropriately they will not be able to use technology.
- We will soon have access to "Aeries" an online grading system and parents will have access to their child's "portal" to check on grades.

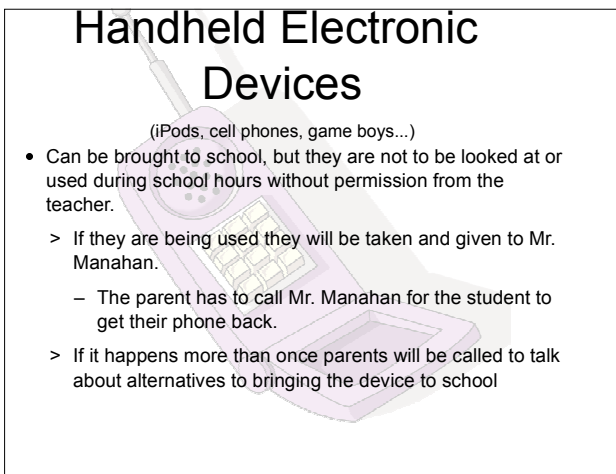


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Handheld Electronic Devices

(iPods, cell phones, game boys...)

- Can be brought to school, but they are not to be looked at or used during school hours without permission from the teacher.
 - > If they are being used they will be taken and given to Mr. Manahan.
 - The parent has to call Mr. Manahan for the student to get their phone back.
 - > If it happens more than once parents will be called to talk about alternatives to bringing the device to school



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Daily Schedule

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:30-8:00	Morning Meeting Pr. Acc.	Morning Meeting Pr. Acc.	Morning Meeting Pr. Acc.	Morning Meeting Pr. Acc.	Morning Meeting Pr. Acc.
8:00-9:25	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math
9:30-10:15	Expedition	Expedition	Expedition	Expedition	Cultural Meeting Swift Creek Exped. w/ Expedition
10:30-11:15	PE	Spanish	PE	Spanish	Break/Lunch
11:00-11:25	Break/Lunch	Break/Lunch	Break/Lunch	Break/Lunch	Break/Lunch
11:05-12:00	Pr. Acc.	Pr. Acc.	Pr. Acc.	Pr. Acc.	Pr. Acc.
12:12-12:45	Expedition	Expedition	Expedition	Expedition	Expedition
12:45-2:00					Pr. Acc./Lunch
2:00-2:30	Dismiss	Dismiss	Dismiss	Dismiss	Dismiss

- Arrival is at 7:30
- Departure is at 2:20
- Students are not supervised before or after school
- PE, Enrichment, Spanish
- Students will pre-order lunch at school. You will pay online line on Aeries once we get it set up.



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Dress Code

- No Flip-Flops(open toed shoes), or Spaghetti straps.
- No clothes with drug or alcohol references.
- Be prepared for cold/snowy/rainy weather.
- When the snow starts falling the students will need class shoes/slippers



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Thank you for
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Questions?????

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