**Classroom Updates!**

**Math:** Eighth graders are wrapping up their geometry unit and will be starting their unit on exponents and scientific notation soon. Math 1 will be moving from linear systems and inequalities to exponential functions. Sixth graders are finishing unit on fraction division and will be starting work with decimals next week. Seventh graders continue applying skills to solve equations with variables and rational numbers.

**Social Studies:** 6th grade has started the trek of Buddhism and its rich history throughout the Indian Sub-Continent. 7th grade is about halfway through their WWI research projects. 8th grade is beginning to compile their country onto a digital presentation medium and are preparing for our trade simulation.

**Language Arts:** All classes will be starting novels and literature circles this week! Students will be working in small groups (of 5 or less students) and will be reading appropriate novels for his or her grade level. Be sure to check with your student about his or her reading calendar, what his or her job is for the week, and ask how you can support your student with his or her reading!

**Science:** 8th grade enjoyed their trip to Tekone last week, ask your student about their experience! 6th grade is looking forward to dissecting eyes this week! 7th will be investigating protists!

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**The Catamount School Newsletter**

**Important Dates and Events:**

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- Feb. 17: No School
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- Feb. 20: Science Olympiad 3:15-4:15pm
- Feb. 20: Staff Mtg/PTA help with car duty
- Feb. 25: Science Olympiad 3:15-4:15pm
- Feb. 26: Library Trips in ELA
- Feb. 27: Science Olympiad 3:15-4:15pm
- Feb. 28: Village Recess

**Enrichment Spotlight:**

Science Olympiad will begin meeting after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout Feb. and March to prepare for their upcoming competition! See the calendar and email Ms. Clapp with any questions.

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**Student Shout Outs**

- 6th: Piper Faust
  - Piper is a diligent and hardworking student. She is nice to her friends and willing to help her peers with their work. She has good sense of humor and the teachers know they can depend on Piper. We’re glad to have you at TCS, Piper!

- 7th: Rose Russell
  - Rose has been a kind friend and she is funny and brings joy to her peers. She is helpful to classmates and a very creative and excels in poetry and drawing. She supports her other peers and she brings a light to TCS. We are so grateful to have her here!

- 8th: Solomon Lavere
  - Everyone is glad to have Solomon back! He is very outgoing and helps all of his peers with a smile on his face. Solomon is a positive person and a friend to all. He is respectful to his teachers and peers. Solomon is diligent with all of his work and always does his best. We’re so glad you’re back!

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**From the Principal’s Desk:**

Parents,

Thank you for being patient and understanding with our early dismissals and school closures. As a reminder, when our schedule is adjusted, you should receive a text message and phone call if you are set receive both. You may also sign up for text alerts from WLOS specifically for TCS. Please let me know if you are not receiving the messages as you expect.

Mr. Cody

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**CO-TEACHING CORNER:**

This week in ELA we used co-teaching to address specific literary elements that the students will need to use during their literature circles. We reviewed setting and conflict to prepare for activities related to the books the students chose.
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March:
March 3: Science Olympiad 3:15-4:15pm
March 5: Science Olympiad 3:15-4:15pm
March 5: 5pm SIT Meeting, 6pm PTA Meeting
March 9-13: Spring Break, No School
March 17: Science Olympiad 3:15-4:15pm
March 18: 8th grade trip payment due
March 19: Science Olympiad 3:15-4:15pm
March 19: Staff Meeting, PTA help with car duty
March 24: Science Olympiad 3:15-4:15pm
March 25: Library Trips in ELA
March 26: Science Olympiad 3:15-4:15pm
March 27: Village Recess
March 28: Science Olympiad Competition

April:
April 2: 5pm SIT Meeting, 6pm PTA Meeting
April 8-10: No School
April 15: Library Trips in ELA
April 16: Staff meeting, PTA help with car duty
April 22-24: 8th Grade Trip to Atlanta, GA
April 23: STEM-E Conference, Cherokee
April 25: Greening Up the Mountains

May:
May 1: Spring Dance
May 7: 5pm SIT Meeting
May 7: 6pm Student Led Conferences
May 9: ARTS Night at UC Theatre
May 20: EOgs Begin
May 21: Staff Meeting, PTA help with car duty
May 25: No School
May 28: 8th Grade Promotion, 6pm, UC Theatre

June 3: Last Day for Students – Family Event @ East La Porte, Cullowhee
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