

## Curriculum Department News

Summer is almost here! While you are sitting poolside with your children, why not soak up some reading with your rays? I've added some websites below that may be of interest to you and your students to help with skill building over the summer. Don't forget to practice those math facts too!

### **SPOTLIGHT ON CURRICULUM:**

If you have an incoming **Transitional Kindergartener**, please check out the following FREE resources for academic support to get started over the summer:

[PBS Kids](#)

[ABCya](#)

[Learning Games for Kids](#)

**Check out these great websites to use over the summer with your students to keep up reading skills and to practice math fact mastery!**

### **[Book Adventure](#)**

Book Adventure is an interactive reading assessment, management and rewards program. This online program encourages, assesses and rewards independent reading. Book Adventure free version allows users to test the program before purchasing.

### **[Khan Academy](#)**

Provides a multitude of free online mathematics and science resources.

### **[Sumdog](#)**

Sumdog has a limited number of free educational games to motivate your students to practice math, reading and writing - while you have full control over what they learn. For even more games, parents can also check out their subscription plans.

### **[Math Playground](#)**

Math Playground is a popular learning site filled with math games, logic puzzles, step-by-step instructional videos, math practice, and a variety of problem solving activities. Math Playground provides a safe place for kids to learn and explore math concepts online at their own pace. Math Playground games are free, no registration is needed.

### **[FreeRice](#)**

Freerice is a non-profit website that has two goals: Provide education to everyone for free and help end world hunger by providing rice to hungry people for free. Your student can practice in 8 subject areas, including foreign language!

### **[XtraMath](#)**

XtraMath is a nonprofit organization dedicated to math achievement for all, offering **free** effective, efficient, adaptive, and intrinsically rewarding supplemental math activities.

It has truly been a pleasure working with so many of you. Please do not hesitate to contact me as you are planning for the upcoming year. I can be reached at 1.800.808.9895 x252 or at [sjohnson@connectingwaters.org](mailto:sjohnson@connectingwaters.org). Have a safe and relaxing summer!

## Guidance Department News

Community College Opportunity for all High School Students with GPA over 2.5.

Starting in Fall 2021 (finalization in process), CWCS schools will be partnering with Columbia College to offer our students a way to experience college courses while still getting support from our teachers and counselors. These courses are referred to as CCAP courses and are completely FREE to CW students, including books. Guidance 18 will be offered in the Fall and Spring and other options for Spring TBD. All courses will be UC/CSU transferable and count for Honors credit.

For more information, please email [guidance1@cwcharter.org](mailto:guidance1@cwcharter.org)

There will be an Orientation/Onboarding meeting the first week of August!

*Hello, May!*

## English Learner Department News

What happens in English Learner Support classes?

You may have noticed that on our class schedule we have a day set aside for our English Learners. Have you ever wondered why? What do they do on that day? Why do we set it aside just for them?

The third day of all of our English classes is our Designated English Language Development day. This time is protected time, just for English Learners, and it's federally mandated. This means that this day isn't something that we should just disregard as non-essential. This is the day that our English Learners get intensive assistance with topics and skills that are proven to help accelerate their English Language development.

One of the areas that we focus on is content area vocabulary. Each subject area has its own set of vocabulary. Math, Science, History, and English all have terms that you may not hear outside of the study of those subjects. It's essential that our students know that vocabulary to be successful in those subjects. We work on this together in class. (You can support your student from home with this vocabulary by using programs like Quizlet.)

Another area of focus is writing. Writing is consistently one of the weakest areas for students. We look at word roots, how words work together in sentences, and how sentences work together in essays. (You can work with your student's writing by using My Access or Quill.)

Another activity that our students do in class, which is essential to their continued success in both school and their life outside of school, is academic conversations. Students talk to one another and their teacher about what they have read or what they are writing. This is one reason why headsets are essential for English Learners. We need our students talking and listening to one another. (For extra listening practice, try working with the free resources on Listenwise.)

If you have any questions about the extra supports built into our Day 3 Classes, please reach out either to your child's English teacher or myself (Jerri Levers @ [jlevers@cwcharter.org](mailto:jlevers@cwcharter.org)). We would be happy to share all of the exciting things happening in our classrooms!



## Social Studies Department News

**Fall Courses for 2021-22.** Here is a list of Social Studies Canvas courses available next fall.

6th Grade History, Tuesdays @ 2:00 p.m. M. Alcorn. CP#3019E  
7th Grade History, Tuesdays @ 1:00 p.m. S. Rickman. CP#3020E  
8th Grade History, Mondays @ 12:00 p.m. A. Ferreira. CP#3007E  
A-G World History A, Tuesdays @ 9:30 a.m. (CP#3003agE) & 10:30 a.m. (CP#3002agE) A. Ferreira.  
A-G US History A, Tuesdays @ 10:00 a.m. (3004agE) & 11:00 a.m. (3005agE) S. Rickman  
A-G American Government, Wednesdays @ 10:30 a.m. J. Orr. CP#3008agE  
A-G Economics, Mondays @ 2:00 p.m. M. Alcorn. CP#3000agE  
A-G Psychology 1A, Wednesdays @ 12:00 p.m. J. Orr. CP#3011agE

The CV and CWEB resource centers also offer 8th grade history classes through the Bridge program.



Have a Great  
Summer!