

Dear Parents,

We come to the end of our unit and we are about to start the next one on Folktales, Myths, and Legends. Please find the fridge poster for our new unit in your student's backpack and please, review our central idea and lines of inquiry if you have some time during the weekend. Send us back the last fridge poster on Heroes with a few words on how your student showed learning or displayed action. We reward those students and we look forward to see if they want to apply their knowledge to take further into our school, our community, or our country.

There is a correction about the dates for IB night/curriculum night: Tuesday, October 4th, 2016. Please join us to find out great information about our IB program and how we teach our units. In addition, for Wednesday, October 5th 2016 is balloon day and some of our houses will be hosting and fundraising with burritos, muffins and other great goodies before watching the mass ascension. That day we will also have balloon-related activities from 8-9am in our classrooms, which you are welcome to attend.

International day will be happening soon and we want to let you know that for 3rd grade will be the country of study, and for 2nd grade will be Japan. We will be interchanging activities that tie-in with the other country to provide contrast and depth to our study, but 3rd grade will be formally representing Ukraine during International day, and 2nd grade will be representing Japan. We welcome resources from Ukraine and Japan to display in our classrooms if you wish to do so. We appreciate your help and support in this important date for our school. For 2nd grade's Japan-inspired performance, our costume-making volunteers are hoping families can donate \$5 per child to help cover the cost of the costume materials. Students can bring donations to Maestra Brewer's class.

With Maestra Brewer, 2nd and 3rd graders will be starting an art project for international day with origami and if you would like to chip in with this project, we need origami paper (different colors) fishing line, and toilet paper tubes. Visit the link to see a video of the project and how we hope for it to look at the end.

There are another couple of sites attached for the 3rd graders to learn their multiplication tables. Next week, look for 2nd graders backpacks as they might have English spelling words to study. With Maestra Brewer, both classes are going through the /k/ sound represented by the letters c and k, and the diagraph qu.

We also want to remind you about our safety policy when dropping off or picking up your student. If you enter the building, you need a visitor's pass from the front office. We want to encourage our students to follow procedures and we ask for your support on this matter as your example is the best teaching model.

We will have a lock down drill Tuesday October 18th and for that, we need to pass a power point on how to follow procedures. If you wish for your student not to participate, let us know. The power point is available in the CIS website if you rather take a look at it beforehand to ensure it is appropriate for your student.

