

SIXTH GRADE NEWS
April 21, 2006
DATES TO REMEMBER

Visit to Kinard Jr. High (Students will be bussed)	April 28
Graduation Tryouts (speech, poem, story, music)	May 1 (7:45 a.m.)
Human Growth and Development Parent Meeting	May 11 (6:15-6:45 p.m.)
Choir Concert	May 11 (7:00-9:00 p.m.)
Human Growth and Development Unit	May 15-23
Julius Caesar Play	May 24 (7:00 p.m.)
Graduation	May 30 (7:00 p.m.)
Last Day of School (Half Day)	May 31

Dear Parents,

Thank you for sending your students well rested for our levels testing this week. We're done with standardized testing for the year!

We've completed a full walk-through of Julius Caesar, adjusting blocking as we've gone along. This process has required a lot of patience and cooperation on the part of the students, but now that we all basically know our parts we'll be breaking into "special teams" to fine-tune each scene. This is where the students really begin to feel and understand the motivation of the characters. To assist students in achieving this deeper appreciation for the dramatic arts, we had a short course in the "Dynamics of Drama" with Gregg Stonecipher on Wednesday. Ask your child about some of the techniques actors use to convey different emotions and to make a play truly "dramatic." As we work in smaller groups, **we are seeking our parent partners** to assist with several areas. We will need parents to work with students on creating a PowerPoint slide show for our backdrop, putting together posters, a program, inventory for props, and working on lines. If you are available to help during play practice please let Leslie know. **Practice is generally held from 1:50 – 2:50 each day.**

Graduation is just around the corner, and we are in the process of putting the ceremony together. Part of the program includes student presentations. Students who are interested in writing and presenting a speech, a poem, or a short story related to the theme ("On the Shoulders of Giants"), and students who are interested in performing a musical piece (before or during the program) are invited to tryout. **Tryouts are Monday, May 1 at 7:45 a.m. in the music room.**

The 6th grade students are scheduled to visit Kinard Jr. High on Friday, May 28. Our bus will pick us up at 11:45 and we should return to TCKS shortly after 1:00. More information regarding the visit, including permission slips, will be coming home on Monday, April 24. Be on the look out for this information. It is our understanding that all the junior highs are scheduling 6th grade visits on the same day. **If your child is attending a different junior high next year, please contact their school to arrange a visit.**

Thank you for your support! Remember to stop by for our Parent Partners recognition and "Thank You" on Tuesday morning April 25 and Wednesday noon April 26.

Sincerely,

The 6th Grade Team