

**SIXTH GRADE NEWS**  
**February 10, 2006**

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Tuesday, February 14	Valentine Party
Monday, February 20	President's Day (No School)
Friday, March 10	Julius Caesar Book Report Due
March 13 – March 17	Spring Break (No School)
March 20 – April 7	CSAP Testing Window

Dear Parents:

**Cooperation!**

As we all know, modeling our character qualities is always "step one" in teaching children. What we say never makes much impact if it's not what we do. This is especially true with the character quality of *cooperation*. When children see adults accommodating each other's needs in the spirit of cooperation, they develop a world-view that includes taking care of others, and trusting that others will work with them. Together we can accomplish more than any of us could accomplish individually.

With all the large group activities coming up this sixth grade year (*Julius Caesar* practice, *Science Fair* presentations, graduation auditions/rehearsals, etc.) we have a great need for a space that will accommodate our seventy-five sixth grade students. The media center folks (Mrs. Lundeby, Mrs. Wells, Mrs. Yoder, Mrs. Zonnefeld, and the recently relocated Mrs. Crites) always greet us with a smile, but we realize the impact of seventy-five sixth graders upon their other scheduled activities. The "flex" room is misnamed as it really has an inflexible schedule between all the meals and clean up that occur there throughout the day. Tony is glad to accommodate us whenever possible, but it's difficult.

However, we in the sixth grade have an opportunity that will greatly enhance our educational experience thanks to Mrs. Leinhart's willingness to cooperate with us for the benefit of our children and hers. She said she'd be willing to trade rooms with Mr. Parker, enabling the sixth grade to enjoy the benefits of the moveable wall between rooms 220 and 219. We have enjoyed watching the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders put their cooperation skills in action as they have worked at swapping rooms today. We are still working out a few details (such as phone numbers) and appreciate your patience as we finalize the classroom swap.

**Help Wanted:** The 6<sup>th</sup> Grade class is in need of parent volunteers to work with a small group of students during the break time for CSAP testing. The actual dates and times are: March 21, 22, 23, and 28 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:05 p.m. Please contact Leslie ([lwells@psdschools.org](mailto:lwells@psdschools.org) or 419-7571) if you are available to help during this time. Thanks for your partnership!

Sincerely,

The Sixth Grade Team