

**SIXTH GRADE NEWS #4**  
**September 23, 2005**  
**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Levels Testing	September 14 – 26
Biography completed	September 30
ECO Overnight	October 12, 13, & 14
Living History Wax Museum	October 28

Dear Parents,

Level's testing for the most part is complete. We do have students who missed the testing and still need to make up certain portions. All of our tests are due to the administration building by next Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>.

It seems that many students have finished reading their biography for their wax museum character. Some students have even read several books. It might be a good idea to check in with your child to review the time line to make sure there are no surprises.

Hopefully, when people visit our school for the first time they sense something different taking place. That something different should be our Character Qualities being modeled by our total school population which includes students, parents, and teachers. Those of us who have experienced other environments feel very thankful to be in a school environment that actually teaches character within the curriculum.

Although teaching sixth grade can be a delightful experience, it can also be difficult due to the social issues that start confronting students at this age. Puberty is starting to show itself in many different ways. One of those ways includes mood swings, so that one day everyone are friends and the next day they are enemies.

As we begin to gear up for our ECO overnight, we have the arduous task of putting students into groups up to four to six and even eight in some rooms. We hope that the character qualities will serve well among the students as we assign different students to their rooms. We spend very little time in our rooms, and hopefully students can get along well while sleeping! We will encourage students to use empathy, cooperation, self-control and kindness with their roommates. So, we are asking you to support us in the room assignments and encourage your child to put these character qualities into practice. ECO is really intended to be a learning experience, and that is why the District continues to support this event. It is not a sleepover to spend time with our best friend. There will be time throughout the day, and certainly while we are eating, to spend time with special friends. Once the students go to their rooms, it is "lights out" and time to get a good night's rest because we rise early each day. Students will be getting their room assignments once we get to Pingree Park. Experience has taught us that this is the best time to let the students know.

Have a good weekend,  
Your Sixth Grade Team

