

**SIXTH GRADE NEWS #4**  
**September 30, 2005**  
**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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| Biography completed       | September 30         |
| Starry Night              | October 7            |
| ECO Overnight             | October 12, 13, & 14 |
| Living History Wax Museum | October 28           |

***Starry Night (8:30-10:00 p.m., Friday, October 7th)*** is our annual astronomy evening event at the Observatory Village telescope led by FRCC astronomer Mike Smith. Mike provides wonderful background knowledge and commentary while allowing us to view many celestial objects such as: binary stars, galaxies, star clusters, nebulae, and planets. Join us with your sixth grader and other children if you can for this evening. It's a fun and fascinating way to tie together much of our astronomy unit content. See our website link if you need directions to Observatory Village.

***The Sixth Grade ECO Trip (Wednesday-Friday, October 12th-14th)*** is coming right up! On Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, please bring your child to school at the regular time with all the supplies listed below. This is the same list sent out before, but we've added a flashlight to the list. Please also make sure that your child has good, sturdy, mountain-worthy shoes or boots that have been tested for comfort ahead of time to avoid blisters and other discomfort on the hike. We've seen excellent shoes and other mountain clothing at the thrift stores around town, so you don't have to spend a fortune on these useful supplies.

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This is the *THINGS TO BRING ON THE ECO TRIP* note distributed two weeks ago with the addition of one new item: A FLASHLIGHT!!

***Pack all overnight items in a small overnight bag or duffel bag.***

***ECO packet (to be supplied at school)***

***Pens (only 2)***

***Closed toe shoes or boots (good, sturdy, comfortable)***

***Layered clothing including long pants (No shorts!)***

***Sack lunch for Wednesday, Oct. 12***

***Daypack (comfortable, not a roller type) with 2 full water bottles, sunscreen, rain gear, jacket, large plastic bag, and healthy snacks to cover 3 days***

***Pillowcase***

***Toiletries, towel, washcloth***

***Sleeping bag***

***Flashlight***

***Also---If your child has them, bring small binoculars and a standard orienteering compass***

Have a good weekend,  
Your Sixth Grade Team