

Dear Parents, Teachers, and PEAKers,

Thank you so much to those who attended our "A PEAK into the Future" final presentations last week. We had a wonderful time showing all the student teams' invention projects to our parent audiences! I hope you enjoyed the presentations. Students entered and averaged their evaluation results in Microsoft Excel, and these results will be available in PowerSchool shortly. We also completed unit-end evaluations. Parents, we would greatly appreciate your feedback as well! The link to our parent survey will be in this week's newsletter email.

Now it's time to embark on an aquatic journey! **Beneath the Surface** will be our next PEAK unit: an Independent Study on any and all topics related to oceans. We'll be working on several activities this week to help the students narrow down to individual ocean-themed project topics to research. In this unit, we'll be learning how to conduct authentic research, how to properly cite our sources, visiting the public library, and eventually giving individual research presentations complete with student-created visual materials. Please stay tuned for details and get ready to unfurl the sails!

This Week's Activities: February 10 - 14

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| Creativity: Fluency I can learn about Fluency and generate many related ideas in a teacher-guided creative project. | Interest Inventory - Students will complete an interest inventory activity to help them think of many possible topics to study in our unit. | | | | |
| Creativity: Elaboration I can learn about Elaboration and expand my own ideas in a teacher-guided creative project. | <u>A Watery Web</u> - Students will learn about idea webs, and will complete webs to broaden their focus within their chosen research topics. | | | | |
| Research: Internet I can navigate the internet and collect relevant research, including citations, with teacher guidance. | <u>Classroom Ocean</u> - Students will be working together to turn our classroom into an ocean! We'll start this week with some research about the ocean floor. | | | | |

Anchors Aweigh!,

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PEAK GT3-5: Winter 2025

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