



Dear Parents, Teachers, and PEAKers,

We had such a fabulous time at MSU in Bozeman! We learned about Earth Sciences (with an emphasis on Oceanography and water chemistry) from MSU staff and students (see picture above as Dr. Cullen teaches a water chemistry lesson), ate delicious food of all kinds at two of MSU's food service facilities, and then each student presented their own Independent Study project to a live audience in MSU science classrooms. They were spectacular! We'll share more with you soon.

This week, students will get to see the evaluations they received from their audiences and will complete self-evaluations of the Independent Study projects. These results will be entered into PowerSchool to share with you! This project is very important, since it is the only large-scale project for this school year where the students each complete the entire project themselves, without partners or teams.

Next up, we'll be converting our two PEAK classrooms into simulated ocean environments, complete with hydrological and geological features, and plants and animals appropriate to these habitats. "Sieminskiville" will become a tropical coral reef and "Sleadville" will turn into the Pelagic Zone (the open ocean). We will be giving guided tours to Rossiter classes of all ages through these simulated seas- stay tuned for pictures of these student-created simulations!

This Week's Activities: May 5 - 9

Crit. Thinking: Eval. (Summative) I can understand and complete a pre-made evaluation for myself and/or others, and analyze the results.	Evaluation Analysis - Students will analyze the evaluations they received for their ocean topic presentations and will complete self-assessments of their work.
Research: Internet I can effectively navigate the internet and collect and cite relevant research with minimal (or no) teacher guidance.	Classroom Oceans - Students will collaborate to transform our PEAK classrooms into two different ocean zones, which will later be shared with our Rossiter neighbors.
Communication: Pres. Skills I can present in front of an audience of parents, peers, and educators.	Tour Guides - Students will each have stations to teach to other students during our ocean zone tours. They will share information and data they have learned throughout our unit as we show off our spaces.

Preparing to Share the Seven Seas,

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May 5 Bryant Hawthorne Jim Darcy	6 Four Georgians Rossiter	7 Jefferson Smith Warren	8 Broadwater Central Kessler	9 PEAK Middle School CRA/HMS
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19	20	21 PEAK Leadership Conference (All PEAK Students)	22	23
26 Memorial Day No School	27 Half-Days: AM only: Four Georgians Rossiter PM Only: Bryant Hawthorne	28 Jefferson Smith Warren	29 Broadwater Central Kessler	30 PEAK Middle School CRA/HMS

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