



# AN ISLAND EXPLORATION

## DEAR PARENTS, TEACHERS, AND PEAKERS,

Last week we wrapped up our Independent Study unit by completing several important tasks. Students worked through their rubric data. They took some time to reflect on their presentation(s) and completed a self-assessment. Students then entered all the data into an Excel document. We discussed what the average values meant, and the students shared their results with me. Students also took time to provide feedback about the unit they just completed. They worked on the end-of-unit survey, an opportunity to share their thoughts and ideas about what worked and what they enjoyed. In the afternoon, students wrote formal Thank You notes to the people they interviewed, to parent chaperones, and to guest experts. Many students were able to finish, and I'll be sending those out next week. Some will finish quickly next week.

We did not have any time last week to get started on our new and last unit of the year - **An Island exploration!** Next week we will take off in earnest! We will start with a discussion about what islands are and what they aren't. Students will explore some interesting and unique examples of islands around the world too. Students will be placed in groups of two and after some investigation and conversation, they will eventually choose an island for their project. The class will develop a list of "explorables" or concepts they will be researching (for example: history, geology, music, language, etc.). In the afternoon, students will participate in a fun teamwork activity. Two teams of two will group together and work through a "lost at sea/deserted island" scenario. It is a fun activity and a great opportunity to learn some teamwork and listening skills.

NOTE: The following week will be a change in schedule. All PEAK days will be completed on Monday and Tuesday. We will be having ½ days for each PEAK day. Morning classes will not have lunch, but afternoon classes will. Please see the calendar.

## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES: (APR. 8 - APR. 12)

<p><b>Problem Solving: Teamwork</b> – I can work in a team by listening and providing my input to help solve a problem.</p>	<p><b>Oh No! We're Lost!</b> – Students teams will participate in a "deserted island" teamwork activity. This activity will challenge their logical reasoning, critical thinking, and teamwork skills...and be a lot of fun!</p>
<p><b>Research: Expert-led</b> – I can listen to, learn from, and actively ask questions of an expert in a specific field or from a teacher.</p>	<p><b>What is an Island?</b> – Students will learn about islands and how they are unique and special places on our planet. We'll discuss definitions, look at some famous and not so famous examples and, hopefully, be inspired when choosing an island for their project.</p>
<p><b>Creativity: Brainstorming</b> – I can participate in a brainstorm using the 3 rules of brainstorming.</p>	<p><b>What Do I Want to Learn?</b> – Students will generate a list of possible research topics for their island project. Teammates will compromise and reach consensus on several from the list to focus on for their research.</p>

**ON ISLAND TIME NOW!**

**MR. CURRIER**

# PEAK CALENDAR - SPRING 2024

8 Jefferson Rossiter Warren	9 Jim Darcy Kessler Central	10 Four Georgians Hawthorne	11 Broadwater Bryant Smith	12
15 <b>½ Day Morning</b> Jefferson Rossiter Warren <b>Leave at 11:15am</b> <b>No Lunch at PEAK</b>  <b>½ Day Afternoon</b> <b>YES LUNCH!</b> <b>Four Georgians</b> <b>Hawthorne</b> <b>Leave at 1:45pm</b>	16 <b>½ Day Morning</b> Jim Darcy Kessler Central <b>Leave at 11:15am</b> <b>No Lunch at PEAK</b>  <b>½ Day Afternoon</b> <b>YES LUNCH!</b> <b>Broadwater</b> <b>Bryant</b> <b>Smith</b> <b>Leave at 2pm</b>	17	18	19
Mr. Currier is out of town!				
22 Jefferson Rossiter Warren	23 Jim Darcy Kessler Central	24 Four Georgians Hawthorne	25 Broadwater Bryant Smith	26
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MS PEAK Physics Competition – in Idaho!				

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<p><b>JUN 3</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6</p> <div style="border: 1px solid #808040; background-color: #c0c080; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Last Day of School! Have a great summer!</p> </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">7</p>