

## Welcome back to Grass Valley Charter School!

We hope you had a great summer and are excited to come back to school. Your 7th grade teachers are Khara Cormia and Juliette Parks, and our wonderful classroom aide is Brandy Fisher; this is our second year together as the 7th Grade Dream Team 2.0. We have been working hard getting the classrooms ready, creating thought-provoking expeditions, and are looking forward to meeting everyone in August!

We offer year-long expeditions in science and social studies embedded with language arts in addition to math instruction. Through this model, students get to know a variety of 7th grade teachers allowing them to become accustomed to different styles and personalities of teaching, which ultimately helps them in high school and throughout their academic career.

This year, Friday's schedule will include math with their regular math teacher. Students will also switch classes to see both 7th grade teachers. Fridays are also a great time for longer crew meetings, buddy-class time, community meetings and more.

Our science expedition is called *The Human Design*. Students will explore genetics, cells, human body systems, and the relationship between humans and the world. Our social studies expedition is called *Death Brings Rebirth*. Students will examine the Middle Ages and the Renaissance by focusing on the bubonic plague, Florence, Italy, and inventors and inventions during this time period. Relevant articles, novels, websites, a variety of text, experts, and fieldwork will support student learning.

Accompanying this letter is a supply list. You do not need to have everything the first day, but we have included a list of the first day necessities. Math and elective teachers may require additional items, so you will have about a week to gather everything you need.

The classrooms are ready for you to make this a fantastic year! Ms. Cormia's class is Room 21 and Mrs. Parks is Room 23. They are located in the back hallway by the playground, and have a nice view of the courtyard and the climbing wall. We will be in the classrooms on Tuesday, August 13th from 2:00 to 3:00 if you would like to stop in for a sneak peak of the room and a quick "hello". We will be working, so this is a brief visit, and we can chat more once school starts. If you can't make it, we will definitely see you on the first day of school, Wednesday, August 14th at 8:30 am!

Have a terrific summer! We are looking forward to seeing you in August!

Khara Cormia, Juliette Parks, and Brandy Fisher  
Your 7th Grade Dream Team 2.0