September 22, 2017

**SCIENCE ACADEMY STEM MAGNET**

\*Skateland tonight- thank you for donations and volunteering!

1. **PEETS** donating coffee to STEM meetings – we will have coupons too!

               a. Say hello to Jason the manager at **PEETS** and thank him for the donations

**2. School trips –**

               a. 8th grade is after school is out in June due to legal obligations around over nights

               b. spring break for math academy if they participate in the trip and go late it will count as an absence.

**3. High school teachers are being interviewed and classes identified.**

               a. no e-choices needed for transition to high school for our students.

4. **When does the accreditation happen for the High School? It is part of the process and will happen appropriately**.

               a. Universities will be made aware of the Science Academy STEM magnet

               b. Local universities know about us, and MIT knows about us. Mr. Lauchu gets letters from them.

**5. Tracking of where Sci Fi students end up going to University.**

               a. Ms. Huff is working on creating a Student Council and Student Government Board which will have **Historian**which responsibility could include tracking our students and keeping them in                contact via a newsletter.

               b. Could be a great start for a foundation for the STEM program and future sponsorship support.

               c. Formalize a database program so STEM students can be in touch with current students and ALUM of the universities they are going to attend.

               d. special counselor to navigate applying to college with applications, essays, grants, scholarships. May be part of the STEM program.

**6. Kate has a contact that is an Interviewer at MIT**

a. could hold a session with questions for interviewing

**7. Middle School graduation – Kim Douglas is our counselor hours are 11:30-3:30**

a. Ms. Douglas is speaking to the individual classes to discuss graduation. You can make an appointment for personal time.

**8. We will host Speech/leadership sessions to help children be strong speakers and thought leaders**

**9. The students will get a link to the college board website.**

**a**. PSAT, SAT, etc. and other resources. Student will make their own account at the school.

**10. Magnet conferences. September 24th at Millikan 1:30-4:00 pm.**

               a. meet your teacher Magnet conference.

               b. Set up in Burrill Hall.

**11. Next year make sure the community is educated on the reason that the school year can’t start after labor day. It affects the AP schedule and taking**

               a. Our students will be “Designated AP scholars”

               b. College tests will be affected by losing weeks of lessons

**c. NEED TO START EARLY – Mid August is ideal**

d. one week for Thanksgiving because people took it off anyway.

               e. When we start late, then finals are after Christmas so ruins the holiday.

**12. Riding the bus is a lesson in independence, social skills, down time for the students.**

               a. At East Valley the bus route will be updated.

               b. If you ride the bus, please have the kids ready to get on the bus before the bus arrives. Not sitting and waiting in the in the cars.

13. East Valley questions

               a. There will be a private entrance for Sci Fi STEM students, especially for the younger kids.

**14. Morning drop-offs and afternoon pick-up – Safety committee and parent volunteers**

               a. A site issue with Millikan- **A VALET** lane would help with cones and Valet person/volunteers to help move the lane along and get children out.

               b. each parent could volunteer 2 days a school year.

**15. Sandra Gephardt of Fontana confirmed that in the spring we will go through the name changing process to The Science Academy STEM MAGNET, which will be Official July 1st, 2018 and ready for the Fall of 2018 when we begin at the new location at East Valley.**

               a. Ms. Gephardt confirmed that there will be a letter going out to explain that the "Science Academy STEM Magnet" name will officially drop “Millikan” in the prefix as of July, 2018                             aligning with the move to the new location.

               B. The letter can also be used for any funding or corporate sponsorship formalizing the new name.