

3/31/08

Dear Parents of Eighth Graders,

Your student will soon begin work on a joint project which will count as part of 4th quarter grades for 3 subject areas. They will be graded using appropriate criteria for English, Social Studies, and Library Skills. This letter is to inform you of some of our expectations regarding this project, as well as some of the resources your students will need to use. Your child will receive an outline explaining this project in detail, a copy of which is attached to this letter.

Each student will be assigned a U.S. President that they will be expected to research and report on in the form of a 3-5 page paper. Students have been introduced to several online sources that must be used in the research process. All of these online sources can be accessed from home provided your child has the necessary information, which is attached to this letter. Our school subscribes to 3 databases and 1 online encyclopedia, and your children have been instructed in the use of these online sources in the library's computer lab.

Since print resources are also required, we strongly encourage you to be sure your child has a valid public library card which will widen the variety of sources available to them. We've included a registration card for the Tuxedo Park Public Library in this mailing for your convenience. If you are not sure whether you or your student have a valid library card with no blocks or overdue fines, please contact the library at 351-2207 and the staff will be happy to help. There is no cost to initially obtain a public library card since you are Tuxedo residents. The cost for a replacement card is \$3.00.

The project will begin on Monday, 3/31/08, and the due date is Friday, 4/18/08. A breakdown of the grade values for this project in each of the 3 subject areas is as follows.

English = 200 points
Social Studies = 200 points
Library Skills = 300 points

If you have questions regarding this project, please feel free to e-mail any of us at the following addresses:

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Sincerely,

Ms. Micklos

Mr. King

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