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Greetings to all parents and students, and welcome to the first official earth science newsletter of the 2017-2018 school year! The first month is now behind us, and I have truly enjoyed getting to know this year's cohort. At this point, all students are familiar with my classroom procedures and academic expectations. I have been very impressed thus far. For the most part, students are on top of their assignments and focusing well during classroom tasks. I have seen a lot of learning happening, and it appears that students are enjoying the process. My hope is that students understand the real world applications of earth science, and that we continue to build upon our current momentum throughout the school year.

Students completed four labs this September. They have visited the lab to test the density of various materials, built a model to analyze time zones, used a map to analyze and describe the Liverpool campus, and drew maps to represent model landforms that they constructed from "play-doh". Students will complete approximately 40 lab activities this year (please recall that students need to have at least 30 labs on file to be eligible for the Regents exam in June).

Expedition request forms have been collected, and students will be informed of which trips they were selected for later this week. Keep in mind that expedition participation is not mandatory for students. These trips are meant to serve as a fun and authentic way to supplement the science being taught in the classroom. Several students were only interested in the May whitewater rafting trip on the Black River. That trip will have a separate permission slip that will be distributed in April to ALL interested students. If you are interested, please keep in mind that you are also welcome to paddle down the river with us. Many

parents have accompanied us in the past, and fun was had by all.

We are wrapping up the mapping/introduction unit, and the unit exam will take place in class at the end of this week. Next up is Rocks and Minerals, which will take us to the end of the month.

### Honors Earth Science Only:

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday evening (6:30-7:30PM) in the Annex cafeteria. We will discuss the rationale behind the earth science symposium, review important dates, and share tips for making the symposium experience a positive one for students and families.

Additionally, honors earth science students will be travelling to Moon Library on the SUNY ESF campus on Wednesday, October 25th. The bus will depart after 1st block, and return before the end of the day. We will discuss more details about this trip at the meeting on Tuesday.

As always, please feel free to contact via email at [jwilliams@liverpool.k12.ny.us](mailto:jwilliams@liverpool.k12.ny.us) should you have any questions or concerns.

Regards,

Mr. Williams

Shout-out to Avery Blowers for her participation with the student council. she did a phenomenal job helping to guide families during "Back to School Night" on 9/28. Thanks Avery, and keep up the great work everyone!