

## Earth Science Newsletter – February, 2018

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January ended with a blue moon (when there are two full moons in one month). Full moons occur once every 29.5 days and since February only has 28 days, there will be no full moon this month (and we will have another blue moon in March!). That has not happened since 1999 (when I was still in high school)!

January also thawed out during some warm spells this year, but February is expected to be cold and wintry. The timing of this change in weather is appropriate because students will begin the meteorology unit during the week before February break, and this unit will take us well into March and the spring season. Prior to the meteorology unit, we will wrap up the earth's history unit (exam on 2/9 or 2/12 depending on the class).

Shout out to Sarah Connell for her exceptional performance on the Earth Science Midterm Exam!

### Honors Earth Science Only:

The final draft for students' symposium article must be submitted on Google Classroom by Tuesday, 2/13. This is so we can compile the articles and send them out before the publication deadline. Prior to submission, students should have someone at home read their article out loud to them so that they can change any sections of the article that are unclear or seem plagiarized (i.e. not written in the typical language of a 9<sup>th</sup> grade honors student). Even though the students used citations, they still need to be sure to PARAPHRASE.

Mark your calendars for the day of the Earth Science Symposium: Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> (8:30-1:30). Student presentations (Google Slides) and posters (PDF) are due on Google Classroom on March 8<sup>th</sup>. For students choosing to print their own posters at Staples, the printed poster is due on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Keep up the hard work, and avoid the procrastination temptation!

Regards,

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