Sixth Grade Biography in Action Project

Dear Parent/Guardian,

March 2022

The purpose of this letter is to share important information regarding the upcoming 6th Grade Biography Project that will begin when we return from spring break. This unit is a long-standing tradition at DCG Middle School.

Each student will choose and study a famous person who has made a significant, positive contribution to society. The student will read an entire biography book, take detailed notes, then write and present a speech.

Most of the work for this project is completed at school. **The important tasks to complete at home are to locate a biography or autobiography and to create the costume.** We have some copies of biographies in our school library, as well as our classroom libraries. The public library also has a large selection, or you may purchase your own.

For costume ideas, use the biography book to look at pictures and look at images online. Please do not spend a lot of money on the project. Be resourceful; borrow items, if possible. Goodwill may have some useful costume items. With a little creativity, you can help your child create a wonderful costume.

Your child will bring home a calendar with the project due dates listed. Please notice the checklist on the back. Keep this page and discuss progress with your child.

*Please note that as our school district continues to grow, we have made some changes over the years to our program. Students will be allowed to have a friend record their presentation on the speaker’s personal device (phone, tablet, Chromebook) during their live presentation.*

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Please see the other side for the project checklist.
Biography in Action Project Checklist - 2022

1. Brainstorm a list of people you would be interested in researching.

2. Select person

3. Locate biography book about your individual
   
   **Book must be in class by Tuesday, March 22**

4. Read ENTIRE biography book

5. Take notes on outline provided

6. Write speech draft

7. Revise and proofread speech

8. Plan and create costume and prop

9. Type speech

10. Final proofread for speech

11. Create backdrop on Google Slides

12. Practice oral presentation (work toward memorization)

13. Dress rehearsal

14. Biography presentation

THANKS for your support at home!
Please help your child stay up-to-date with deadlines.

Please sign the attached sheet and return it to your child’s reading teacher so we know you have received this important information.
Dear Parents/Guardians,

Students will select their person for the biography project the week of March 7.

**Criteria for choosing a person:**
1) Must have a biography or autobiography book (150+ pages or 2 books = 150+ pages)
2) Never have researched this person before
3) Positive contribution to society
4) Parent and teacher approval of selected person

**Books need to be in class by Tuesday, March 22.**

Books can be checked out from school or local libraries or purchased after your child has been assigned a person.

Student Name ______________________________________________________

Parent Signature _____________________________________________________

Return this paper to your literacy teacher by **Tuesday, March 8.**

Thank you!
The 6th Grade Reading Teachers