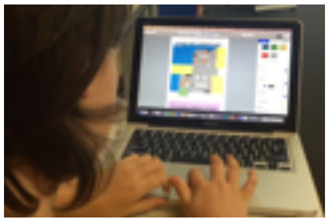
THE CITY OF GLACIER PARK

Dear Parents & Guardians,

During term one the year 6/7 students have embarked on planning for a term-long project based learning program we have named "The City of Glacier Park". The main aims of this program are to foster some 21st century learning skills and increase the level of student engagement and ownership of their learning.



Project based learning doesn't mean just doing projects all of the time. The learning must be authentic and be able to simulate or directly impact what happens in the real world. I have found in the past that this style of learning has greatly improved the levels of achievement and understanding across a wide range of abilities. While many students have commented that this will be a 'fun' term (which I absolutely hope it will be!) everything we do is based in the relevant year 6/7 outcomes of the Australian Curriculum.

The 'other skills' outside of curriculum learning areas that we hope to build upon are working collaboratively (partners and small groups); improving time management skills; working independently; engaging in more student directed learning; and reflecting on learning. We have am amazing learning space and access to 1:1 technology in the form of iPads, Chromebooks and desktop computers all of which will help create a positive environment to attempt such a significant project.

We will continue to work on foundation skills such as mental math skills, spelling, touch typing etc as the term progresses. Student will continue to submit and share work on platforms like Edmodo and their student EduBlogs.

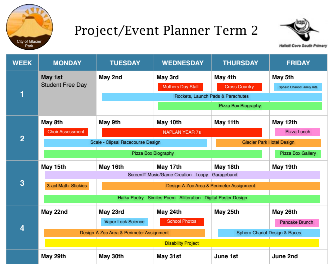
Rather than go into too much more detail in this letter, if families are interested in finding out more about what our project involves, I would direct you to check out our City of Glacier Park and BlogMoore17 websites.

www.glacierpark.edublogs.org   www.blogmoore17.edublogs.org

Attached is a term overview that has been designed by the students which outlines major tasks and events during the term. Copies of this and other info can also be found on the Glacier Park website. We have elected a representative council who will also provide a unit outline early in term two outlining how our city will work.

Finally, we have tried to incorporate some opportunities for families to join our learning. We will be hosting some family based activities for all students at school including:

- A family pop-stick bridge building competition
- A Sphero chariot race day (students will need a family co-driver)
- A BBQ lunch party for Small Class students
- A pancake brunch reward day
- An excursion for Art and HASS activities at Hallett Cove Conservation Park.
- A celebration excursion at the end of term two.



If any Parents, Guardians, Grand-Parents etc are interested in helping during these times we would love to see you. Please feel free email me at abe.moore620@schools.edu.au or call by the classroom if you are available to help, or if you would like to discuss our project in more detail.

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