

## Middle School

### **DEWA Solar Decathlon:**

We are pleased that some of our scholars will get to attend the DEWA Solar Decathlon at Expo 2020 on Monday, November 21. Permission slips were due on the 17th. We expect our scholars to be fully present, meaning they are engaged participants. Please know that field trips are an extension of the learning environment in school. All Ignite MS rules and expectations apply whether we are in school or we are on a field trip.

There will be more opportunities for Expo 2020 for our entire school.

### ***Ways you can help at home:***

#### ***Attendance:***

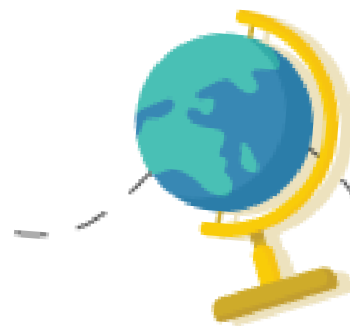
We have been doing our best in making sure scholars are getting to class on time. Parents, at home you can reinforce that our priority is on the learning first. If scholars are in classrooms on time, it increases the likelihood that they will be more prepared, ready to learn and they will learn more. Likewise, scholars come late too often. Homeroom, while not a graded class, is imperative for that community touchpoint each day and to set your child up for success.

#### ***Yellow Planners and Outlook Email***

Other ways you can help your child include ensuring you are asking your child where their planner is and engaging in dialogue to learn what your child did in school that day. We are working on our end on building responsibility with planners, writing journals for classes and writing prompts and giving a bit of time for scholars to check email daily. At home, have them log on to Outlook email and build the practice to check, read, respond as necessary and/or compose an email to teachers if they need extra assistance.

#### ***After School Activities & Targeted Support***

Right now, we offer targeted support in Math from both Mr. Radouane and Miss Elizabeth. Scholars cannot change After School Activities due to safety and limits. However, it is my decision that next time teachers offer after school activities, our core teachers must offer support in their content area. We are noticing even larger gaps, and this is one area in which teachers can provide greater support for your child.



***Differentiation:***

We are working with teachers to help them better differentiate their lessons so that no scholar slips through the cracks. There are many ways to differentiate, and my priority is on giving scholars what they need depending on their progress and performance. Grades 5&6 teachers stay later on Tuesdays to collaborate around your child's success, while Grades 7&8 receive support on Wednesdays after school until 4:00pm. This is extra so they can better help your son or daughter.

***Project Based Learning:***

Teachers in Middle School will be selecting a topic related to the United Nations 17 Sustainable Development Goals. We have an innovation fair coming up in January, so the planning begins now to choose a topic that is engaging and one that can support cross-curricular connections for deeper learning.

