

MANJ Adolescent Program

Biweekly Update 13



We are excited to embark on our field study of water ecosystems. Thank you so much to those who lent us tents. A couple of reminders: We are leaving school at 7:30 am tomorrow. Students should leave electronics and cell phones at home. Ms Erika and I will carry cell phones at all times. If there is an emergency and we need to be reached, you may contact Doris Roman at 856.313.3157 . We will give the MANJ office updates to pass along as we progress in our trip. We anticipate being back at school at 12 noon on Friday. Students are free to go home if they have a ride or otherwise wait at the main building until transport arrives. We promise to bring them home tired but happy!

We finished our Humanities unit with a UN conference on water. The students did a remarkable job researching and proposing solutions to complex problems. They looked for common interests, negotiated deals through compromise, and even merged resolutions. Their engagement and decorum during formal debate was commendable. The group really stood tall on this unit; it was a pleasure to work with them on it.

This week students continued to learn and practiced statistics measurements. They were introduced to statistical data quartiles, percentiles and the box-and-whisker plot; Box and whisker plots are very effective and easy to read, providing an effective decision-making. Students' critical-thinking and research skills were demonstrated during the presentation of their project findings, which consisted of a 7-day observation period, interpretation and representation of the collected data.

In Spanish, students learned about “el verano y el invierno” (summer and winter), as well as, sports and activities that take place during these season. This term students will learn how to properly use the various past tenses in Spanish, which can be very tricky. This week they learned how to conjugate “el pretérito” which will allow them to express past events accurately. Once this concept has been learned, we will proceed to explore “el imperfecto” (the imperfect tenses)

We look forward to seeing you on Friday after a great trip. We promise to bring them home tired but happy! Have a great week.

Will and Erika