

Dear Fourth Grade Parents,

Mark your calendars for **Fourth Grade's Annual Famous Missourian Living Museum** on **Wednesday, April 21st**, at Creekmoor Elementary. There will be a morning presentation from 9:00-9:40 am for the staff and students. The evening presentation will be from 6:30-7:30 for parents. The following information is a tentative timeline for you to better understand our journey to the final product. We want you to be able to better understand what we are working on in class and how you can support your child at home with this memorable project.

The costume and poster will be the students responsibility at home. The research, paper, and speech will be mostly done in class. As you begin working on costume at home, please remember that if you are using any props, they should be appropriate. *i.e. NO GUNS OR WEAPONS ALLOWED!* When working on poster, please make sure to include a timeline of events from childhood to adult, a photograph, and typed information/interesting facts about your Famous Missourian.

**March 2-5:** Students will be selecting the Famous Missourian of their choice from a pre-approved list on their teacher's website. Please discuss the list with your child and assist them in choosing their top 3 choices. They will assigned be one of their top 3 choices on Friday, April 6.

**March 9-13:** Students will be learning the expectations of the project and will begin researching in class.

March 16-20: Spring Break (This week would be a great opportunity to begin thinking about costume ideas and continuing research at home, if they choose.)

March 23-27: Researching while taking notes on notecards and transferring information to a pre-writing graphic organizer.

March 30-April 3: Students will be working on rough draft of their research paper. We recommend that their papers are a 1-2 page typed document that includes the following information:

- Where and when the Missourian was born
- Where he/she lived
- Their early years
- Their family life
- The major contribution that made them famous
- Several facts about their life
- Later years and death or what they are currently doing

April 6-10: Working on Final Draft, which is due April 9.

April 13-17: Students will take their final draft and convert it into an oral presentation. We recommend that it is a one minute speech, representing key information from their research paper. We will spend some time in class, rehearsing their speech, but students will be rehearsing their speeches for other Fourth graders on April 16 and 17, so please work on this at home, as well to help them prepare. Their poster is due on April 15th!!

April 20-21: We will be hanging our posters around the school on the 20th, in order to be ready for the "BIG DAY" on the 21st. We hope you can join us that evening. It is always such a memorable event for our students!