Dear Parents,

 This week we began our American Revolution unit. Students learned about various events that led to the Revolutionary war. Students always have fun with this unit, and are so eager to learn more. Next week, we will continue discussing the American Revolution. Students will have a Causes Quiz on Tuesday over what they have learned.

 I also passed back their tests and posted their grades on skyward. The grades that are currently posted are the grades that will be on their progress report. I also gave the students extra credit this week. I only offer extra credit once each 9 weeks so I hope your child took advantage of that. The extra credit was an activity about the upcoming election. Students had to research various political topics and take a quiz on [www.Isidewith.com](http://www.Isidewith.com) to see which candidate they side more with. This activity also prepared them for the upcoming mock election in late October. This extra credit assignment will replace their lowest daily grade.

I am giving two opportunities next week for test retakes. Tuesday and Wednesday before or after school students may come in and make test corrections and retake their tests. The maximum they can receive for a retake is a 79. **The end of the 9 week grading period is October 19th.**  Next week is the last opportunity for students to stay after to bring up their grades.

Finally, I wanted to inform those of you who are interested in the Washington DC trip that the deadline for the first deposit ($99) is due **October 15**. We had an informational meeting last night, so if anyone is still interested in this great opportunity (offered to you and your child) then please email me at BoundsDCtrip2012@yahoo.com . There are fundraising opportunities through World Strides. I will be out of town this weekend so I will send out a group email on Sunday to the parents of the students who showed an interest and still want to go on the trip.

Have a wonderful weekend!

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