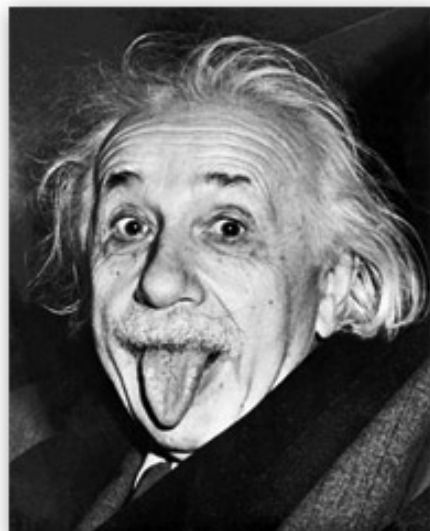


Honors Biology Syllabus

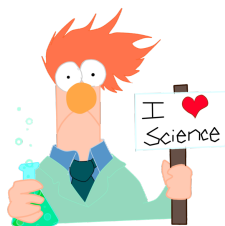
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Welcome! I am pleased to welcome you and your parents to Biology 1A here at Eleanor Roosevelt High School! My name is Ms. Palma and I am looking forward to a great year with you. To make this an enjoyable and successful year, we must work together as a team: student, parents and teacher.



Course Description: During the first semester we will be studying Ecology, Biochemistry, Cell Biology, and Homeostasis. Second semester, we will study Genetics, Physiology, Bacteria, Viruses and Evolution. The class will include oral work, cooperative group work, written work, numerous projects, laboratory exercises, web based activities/assignments, quizzes and tests. Honors will also complete a mandatory research/persuasive essay.

Class expectations:

- RESPECT--Students will be courteous to the teacher, other students and to themselves. Swearing, disrespect, and cyber bullying will not be tolerated.
- Students will do their best to complete **ALL** class work, keep up with all assignments, **including computer based assignments**, and study for tests and quizzes.
- Students will attend class daily, on time, with all materials to complete the work. The school tardy policy will be **strictly** observed. Every tardy passed the 1st is a detention!
- Responsibility, no excuses
- High academic and behavioral expectations

Required Daily Materials



Science Notebook:

All work except homework goes in here!
*100 Page Count



3 Ring Binder with 5 dividers and paper:

Keeps daily log, tests and homework organized.



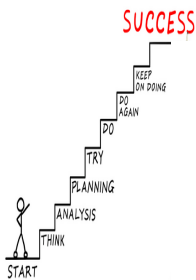
Pens and Pencils:

Two of many helpful ways to express your thoughts and ideas.



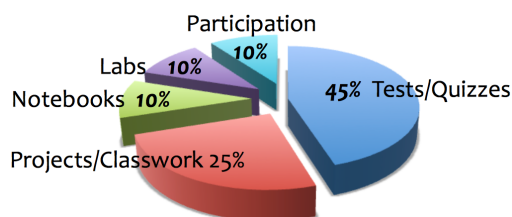
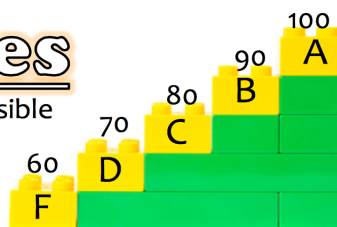
Smart Phone or Tablet:

Phones and tablets will be helpful in class and at home tools for completing assignments and increasing knowledge and understanding.



Grades

Grades are accessible 24/7 via internet through the Q grading system.



Cell Phone Policy:

Cell phones/tablets/lpods are invaluable tools in this class! Cell phones will be out and used during class time, but for instructional purposes only. Students using cell phones and other devices for personal use will be subject to classroom consequences



Homework Policy

Homework will be assigned everyday. The only exception may be on the night after a test.



Late Work Policy

I expect work to be done on time! However, I know life can get busy and this is only one of six classes being taken. Students may turn in 3 late assignments per quarter with 5% per day penalty for one week. All other late work drops to 50% and must be turned in by the end of the quarter. Zeros are not an option!



Technology Policy

This class is a 21st Century classroom that relies heavily on the use of technology. Students and parents can keep track of our classroom

activities on our class website. The website contains a daily agenda, homework, handouts/worksheets, notes, and other important class information.

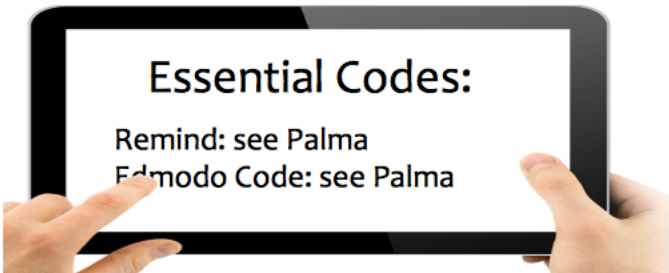
*The website is used daily and all students should have access to it. The web address is:

www.palmaspage.weebly.com

Additionally, students will be expected to use technology such as Edmodo, QR codes, Google Docs, Prezi, Popplet, NearPod, Padlet, EdPuzzle, YouTube, Quizlet and much, much more.



Scan the QR code above for instant access to the class website



Teacher Contact information:


Digital Business Card




Classroom Rules

- Respect others and property
- Do your best-Be in class on time, ready and willing to work
- Follow directions the first time they are given
- Keep the room clean
- Stay in your assigned seat/ with your team unless you have permission to do otherwise

Rewards:

- *Praise 
- *Free Time
- *Positive notes or calls home
- *Student of the week
- *Surprise rewards

If you choose to break a rule (consequences):

1. Name on board. Warning
 2. One check. Seat moved and last to leave for the week.
 3. Two checks. One hour detention and parents called.
 4. Three checks. Referral and parent conference- phone or in person
- ***Severe Disruption- Student sent immediately to the office

Apps to Download

Please download the following free apps



QR Reader

QR Codes will be found on projects, homework, in class assignments and much more. This app will be needed to complete those assignments.



The **edmodo** app will be used with the edmodo website to turn in projects, complete assignments, watch videos and communicate with teachers and peers.



PicCollage

This app will help students create visual representations of their thoughts, questions and answers.



Nearpod

This tool will allow students fully engage in lectures.

Honors means distinguished academic excellence! In honors, students are expected to give and do more to earn the distinction of honors, and their grades should demonstrate student dedication and willingness to participate in an honors class. Therefore, students who receive grades lower than a 79% C on tests will be required to attend a tutoring session/intervention about the topic and/or write a 1 page report. This will help get students back on track so they do not fall behind. Failure to comply will result in a detention. Projects are also expected to demonstrate high effort and may be subject to resubmission.

1) Please complete the following checklist in order

Technology to do list (please check tasks once they are completed):

- Created a student account at www.edmodo.com by using the following group code **uhxtqx** (*parent account optional)
- Worked together to complete the “Parent and Student Information Survey” by clicking on the survey link posted in your edmodo account (it should be one of the first posts to your account. It can also be found on the class website)
- Downloaded the following free apps: QR reader, edmodo, PicCollage, Edpuzzle, Nearpod (if you do not have a smartphone or tablet check anyway)
- Visited the class website (see technology section of this syllabus for the web address) and completed the “Exploring our class website” handout (On the back of this handout page. Complete independent or with parents)
- Watched the YouTube video on how to complete my personal collage by clicking on the link posted in my edmodo account **or** by going to the class website and clicking on the Honors Biology YouTube Lessons tab

2) PLEASE READ AND SIGN BELOW AND RETURN

I have read the syllabus and completed the parent and student information survey online, as well as the other items on the technology to do list. I understand my responsibilities and expectations for this class (including the mandatory essay in which failure to complete will result in a drop in class grade by one whole letter) and that technology will play a large role in my success in this class. I also understand and support that the district rules, policies, classroom discipline and strategies will be strictly observed.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Name: _____

Period: _____ Seat: _____

Exploring Our Class Website

Directions: All responses should be in your own words. Please go to the following website to answer the questions below: <http://palmaspage.weebly.com>

1. What kind of information will you find on the welcome page?
2. How long has Ms. Palma been in education?
3. Which tab would you click on to find information for notebook table of contents?
4. Which tab would you click on to find out what we did in class for any given day?
5. Which tab would you click on to find out what the homework was and what is due next class?
6. If you are absent and miss a handout or if you lose a handout, which tab would you click on to print out a handout?
7. What supplies do you need for this class? Why do you need a separate biology binder?
8. How many pages should the composition notebook you purchase be?

FAQ's

9. If you do not have the internet or a printer at home, or if they are broken, where can you go?
10. Is late work accepted? Explain.
11. When is extra credit available?
12. When can you come in for help if you need it?
13. Can tests be retaken if a low score is earned?
14. What will you need to do if you receive a grade lower than a 79% C on a test or project?
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15. What other useful things did you find on our class website?
16. Do you have any questions or concerns you would like to voice? They can be about anything.