Hi All!

Just a few updates:

* Independent research projects were a hit with the students! In a Google survey I conducted last week, the majority of the students want another opportunity to study an area of interest. That being the case, Mrs. Campbell and I have revised our plans for the final research project from the International Festival to the Curiosity Lab Festival. Students will choose an area of interest to research and then present to the school during the festival scheduled for Wednesday, May 11, so lots more info in late March.
* This week we are completing our chemistry study in preparation for our CSI / Mystery Festival. We will begin the CSI unit after the Mardi Gras holiday.
* A major component of the CSI unit is a focus on the legal system. This presents an excellent opportunity for a service-learning project. One that I would like to encourage is: Books Behind Bars, *"The Alabama Prison Arts + Education Project works with 19 different correctional facilities to build their libraries through the Books Behind Bars program."*

<http://www.humsci.auburn.edu/apaep/bbb.php>

Please check out the program and provide feedback.

I have asked for, and received, Mrs. Broughton's and

Kathy Nichol's approval, but want to know how you feel about this as our service - learning project.

Have a wonderful week and a safe, enjoyable Mardi Gras!

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