

QHIA Weekly Update: September 8, 2017
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Hello families,

We successfully finished our first week of the “regular” QHIA schedule, with our online Math and Science program in the morning from 9-11, and our Social Studies, ELA, and VAPA(Visual & Performing Arts) from 12:00-2:30. Some highlights from the week:

- Just about all of the Math Benchmarks have been completed, enabling me to create the students’ math groups via CK12. I sent them an email this morning with info on how to access that.
- Jen Sims, our awesome Charter School Counselor, came and introduced herself.
- I showed the students an amazing Tedx Talk presented by my dear friend, Sophia Vanklootwyk-Forde, who I had the privilege of raising along side my children. It is called, “The Kindness of Strangers” in which she recounts the global connections she made when traveling across 7 impoverished countries in Europe on her bicycle. Here is the link: <https://youtu.be/jEH0JjGg7vk> Sophia will be a guest speak in our classroom on Monday at 12:15!
- Link to **QHIA Parent Contact Sheet 2017**: [Parent Contacts](#)

Next Week~Lots of Special Events:

Monday, Sept. 11

Guest Speaker: Sophia Vanklootwyk Forde will be a guest speaker on Monday, Sept.11 from 12:15-1:15. You are most welcome to join us for her presentation and Q & A!

Tuesday/Thursday, Sept, 12 and 14

Improv with Hunter Wallraff begins for 5 weeks from 12:30-2:00. The students will be in two groups, joined by some students from other charter programs. Half of them will be with Hunter, half with me working on an art project, and then switch on the following Improv day.

Wednesday, Sept. 13

Character Day

<http://www.letitriple.org/character-day/>

Thursday, Sept. 14

Jen Sims’ Workshop on Empathy. Jen will be here at 10am on Thursday. Please make this adjustment to your Thursday schedule, and have students here by **9:50**.

Friday, Sept. 15

Capture the Flag from 10:30-12:30. Here at the QH campus. *Let me know if your student needs to come early.

Ramayana Update

Drivers:

Shireen Doyle	Holly Rustay	Brynn Cobb	Amber	Erika Gasper	Anna Ruwe	Leslie Buchanan
Lucas	Miles	Brandon	Naia	Autumn	Liam	Rowan
Jamey	Abena	Andy	Dallas	Cherise	sibling	Cole (Lili Rose)
Julian	Sylvia	Jake	Julia	Amaya	Darius	Morgan
Mason	Ruby	Elliot	Grace			

Monday, Sep. 18 at 11:30: Ramayana-The Indian Epic at Montalvo Arts Center

If you haven't done so, please turn in \$10.00 per student and attending adult. Checks can be written out to me. ***Drivers please contact Tarah at our Charter Office to make sure your insurance and fingerprinting is current and updated.**

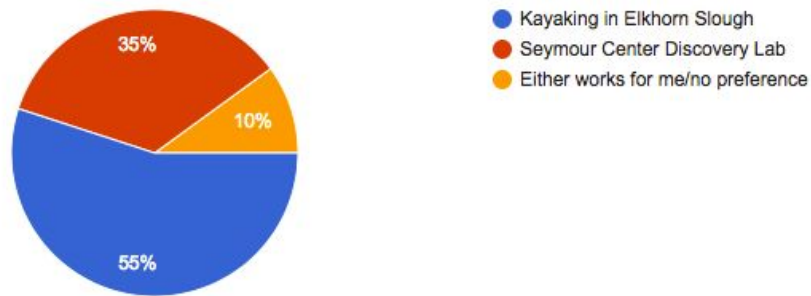
Other Updates:

STOMP! Tickets: Thank you for your response! If you haven't responded, I will include just your student in our count of attendees.

Results of Marine Science Vote: Kayaking on Oct. 11!

I would prefer my student go on the following Marine Science field trip:

20 responses



Weekly Snacks

Thank you to Andy Matessa's family for providing snacks this week. Here is the link to sign up: [QHIA Snack Sign Up](#)

Parent Conferences

New families, please sign up to meet with me to go over some of the nuts and bolts of how our Independent Study program works, including attendance sheets, work samples, etc. New and Returning families, we can meet as needed. Sign up or send me an email and we'll work out a time that works for you. [Amber's Fall 2017 Conferences](#)

Coming Up in September:

Monday, Sep. 18 at 11:30: Ramayana-The Indian Epic at Montalvo Arts Center
Thursday, Sep. 21 at 1pm: Monthly family potluck
Friday, Sep. 22: Month 1 Attendance paperwork due

Thank you for sharing your students with me!
Sincerely,
Amber

All important info, including **All Student Assignments and our calendar of events**, are accessible at any time here. Just click on this link:

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