

QHIA Weekly Update: January 20, 2017

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Hello families,

We had such a great week back together. I would like to welcome Genevieve O'Morris and her mom, Jocelyn, to our QHIA family. Genevieve already knew many of the students from her years at SLVUSD and with LPRT. We are so happy to have your family with us!

First things first: I need your support in helping your students stay on task with their Research Outlines.

Please refer to the email I sent yesterday with outline details. They are doing a great job. I want them to feel successful as we complete the next step; the Rough Draft, on Tuesday. Remember, please send students between 9-11 for support with this. *Coming closer to 9:00 is best so they have plenty of time.

Classroom Snack Sign Up:

Please use the following link to sign up to bring a snack for the week. Make sure whatever you bring, there is enough for 24 students. **Thank you Mandy for providing snacks last week! No one else has signed up yet. Please do!**

[QHIA Snack Sign Up](#)

MiniFridge:)

The students were proactive in getting info on purchasing a mini fridge (Alycia Schertz got quite involved with them :) Here is a link to their heart's desire. Amaya and Sorcha figured out that if each student donated \$4.50, we could purchase one **(they want the purple one)**.

https://www.amazon.com/dp/B016XUGQAS/ref=twister_B01512GL6I?_encoding=UTF8&th=1

It has been so nice to chat with each of you and your students at our conferences. Please sign up to meet with me if you haven't yet.

[Amber's Winter Family Conference Schedule](#)

Coming Up in Jan/Feb. Look below for details after this short list of dates:

Wednesday, Jan. 25: San Francisco Symphony meet at the school at 8:15am

Wednesday, Jan. 25: Parent Advisory Committee 3-4pm at the Fall Creek Office

Friday, Jan. 27: No School for students/Professional Dev. Day for teachers

Tuesday, Jan. 31: ALL CHARTER PLAY INFO MTG. at 3pm

Thursday, Feb. 2: Screenagers for students at the PAC at 10am. (I am hoping to spend the day on the tricampus. Stay tuned for details.

Friday, Feb. 3: Charter Science Fair 9-11am. Please refer to Katie's email for details.

Wednesday, Feb. 8: Screenagers for parents and community at 7pm

Thursday, Feb. 9: Field Trip to see Zoe and Molly perform in High School Musical

Friday, Feb. 10: QHIA Performance Showcase Rehearsal during the day/Performance in the evening.

Tuesday, March 14: Charter Info Night. SLVMS Library 6-7:30pm

Update for Jan. 16-20

Math and Science

Students got back into the swing with our Math Lab using CK12 and other supplemental sources. We spent Tuesday and Thursday morning refining our topics and creating an outline.

History and English/Language Arts

This week our focus was "ChangeMakers". We listened to the audioversion of Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech at the March on Washington in 1963. We analyzed the text of the speech, using highlighters to find all of the beautiful metaphors and imagery he used in his writing. We talked about how his speech was more like today's Spoken Word Poetry. We then used a technique called "Found Poetry" and created original poems based on his words. We watched a powerful video from Royce Mann, an 8th grader who was invited to speak in honor of the MLK holiday on Monday. The kids spontaneously stood up and applauded! Here is a link to that powerful video:

[Royce Mann "Rise Up"](#)

The kids took part in an activity where they each played the part of a changemaker in history, reading a brief biography about themselves then walking around the room interviewing each other on a fact finding mission. They really enjoyed it, and were stunned at so many people who were so brave in bringing about social change that they had never heard of. This allowed students to "meet" people from throughout U.S. history who have who used a range of social change strategies. The lesson featured activists from the 1800s-present:

Richard Allen	Joe Angelo	Dave Archambault II	Ella Baker	Rev. William Barber
Judy Bonds	Anne Braden	Septima Clark	Shirley Chisholm	CP Ellis
Elizabeth Gurley Flynn	Fannie Lou Hamer	Rafael Hernandez	Barbara Rose Johns	
Mother Jones	Henry Highland Garnet	Colin Kaepernick	Helen Keller	
Yuri Kochiyama	Fred Korematsu	Audre Lorde	Winona LaDuke	
Xiuhtezcatl Martinez	Bob Moses	John O'Riley	Paul Robeson	
Jo Ann Robinson	Favianna Rodriguez	Bayard Rustin	Linda Sarsour	
Margaret C. Smith	Ida Tarbell	Emma Tenayuca	Mary Beth Tinker	
Destiny Watford	Ida B. Wells			

VAPA

We spent some time playing Improv Games together and wrote poetry as mentioned above. Some students sketched, created with clay, and worked on original choreography. Zoe and Molly performed a duet for us from the musical, "Wicked"! They sang "For Good."

Calendar Details:

Wednesday, Jan. 25: San Francisco Symphony

Below are the details for our San Francisco Symphony trip. **I will be contacting each carpool group in separate emails to make sure all students are covered.**

This email has lots of info, so please look it over carefully.

It has always been a tradition to dress up for this event! We encourage you to have fun and put on some fancy duds! (It's a fancy place :) It takes quite awhile to gather everyone together before going in. Please have snacks on hand for your students so they can eat before we enter.

PLEASE PLAN TO MEET IN THE SCHOOL PARKING LOT AT 8:15 TO GET YOUR CARPOOL'S TICKETS, UNLESS YOU HAVE ALREADY PICKED UP THE TICKETS FOR THE ATTENDEES IN YOUR CAR FROM ME EARLIER. WE NEED TO ARRIVE AT THE HALL AT 10:45am. This is VERY important.

Doors open approximately 45 minutes before the concert. When we arrive, Marcy or Amber or another adult must be at the FRONT of our group. Ushers are given the exact number of people in the group, including all children and adults. The designated chaperone (whichever adult is at the front of the group) carries the tickets for the ENTIRE GROUP.

The above entrance policy is set by Davies Symphony Hall and they stick to it! At this point, Marcy has tickets for CRMS and Amber has tickets for QHIA. We must enter as a group. If you are running late when we need to enter, and if your carpool's tickets have been given to you ahead of time, you can still attend, but you won't be able to sit with the group.

PLEASE CALL AMBER OR MARCY'S CELL PHONE NUMBER IF YOU ARE RUNNING LATE.

AMBER- (831) 420-7171 MARCY-(831) 512-9331.

Where are we meeting?

We will meet in front of the Hall at the corner of Grove and Van Ness at the statue.

Directions:

From the South Bay:

Take Highway 101 North, or, 280 North to 101. Follow exit signs for Golden Gate Bridge and take the 9th Street/Civic Center exit. 9th Street will take you to Civic Center.

Parking:

Davies Symphony Hall is located in the Civic Center area of San Francisco, between Van Ness, Franklin, Hayes, and Grove Streets. It is easily accessible from Muni Metro (Van Ness or Civic Center stations) and BART(Civic Center station).

The concert is 45 minutes long. If you would like to explore some nearby museums afterwards, there are quite a few within walking distance. Plan ahead for some fun in the city! Here is a link to the Asian Art Museum which is just one block away:

<http://www.asianart.org/>

The International Art Museum of America is also only a 15 min. walk from the Davies Symphony Hall:

<http://www.iamasf.org/>

Tuesday, Jan. 31: ALL CHARTER PLAY INFO MTG.

You will get a synopsis of the script, hear about characters and musical numbers, and get detailed info on the rehearsal schedule/requirements. *Rehearsals will be on Mondays and Tuesdays from 3-5. Attendance requirements will depend on casting.

This year, the play will be, "The Little Mermaid: A Westside Story". Once again, it will be an original script written by Janinne Chadwick, which I directed in 2006 with LPRT (Little People's Repertory Theater.) It is the classic tale with a twist, containing mermaids who are Dancing Queen's, working class sharks who sing Bruce Springsteen, a mermaid girl falling for a surfer boy, and so much more! Music ranges from pop, rock n' roll, motown, and funk.

Come to our meeting to find out more details!

Screenagers:

Tickets are \$10 and available **ONLY** at this link:

<https://impactflow.com/event/presented-by-slvusd-charter-school-1315>

"This special screening depicts struggles over social media, video games, academics and internet addiction. Through surprising insights from authors and brain scientists solutions emerge on how we can empower kids to best navigate the digital world."

Wednesday, February 8. 7-9 pm. at the Performing Arts Center on the Tri-campus. 7105 Highway 9, Felton, 95018. **Students will see the film with other charter classes on Feb. 2.**

The film is an hour and 15 minutes long. We will hold a guided discussion afterward for those who would like to stay until 9 pm.

[Screenagers Trailer](#)

QHIA Student Showcase at the PAC

On Friday, Feb. 10 at 7pm, our students will be presenting performances at the PAC. We will spend the month of January refining some spoken word, theater, dance, music, and gathering artwork for a gallery in the Foyer. Performances will range from individual to whole group.

Classroom Wishlist:

The kids have come up with a classroom Wishlist for the parents (most of which revolves around food :)

1. ****Mini-fridge***This is their heart's desire :)
2. Tea

My additions:

1. Each student has their own reusable knife, fork, and spoon
2. Each student has a water bottle that they leave here.
3. Kitchen knives, serving spoons, cutting board

Thank you for sharing your students with me!

Sincerely,

Amber

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

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