

QHIA Weekly Update: January 27, 2017

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**Hello families,**

We had a productive, art filled week with a visit from my friend, Arindam Krishna Das, who worked on vocal harmonies with our students, and our big trip to the SF Symphony. Along the way, the kids worked very hard on their Research Papers. Some students need more support at this point than others, please check in with your student and have them show you what they are working on. **Please see details throughout this update, as there are some changes to our location on the following two Thursdays and Friday, Feb. 10!**

### **Homework:**

I will spend time editing student research papers between now and Monday evening. Please have them make corrections so they can print out final drafts on Tuesday. If they need to print out their papers in color, please have them print at home. Some students brought presentation boards home, others left theirs in the classroom. It is time to select images, etc. to design and create their boards. This needs to be completed by Thursday, as the Science Fair is on Friday. Students will present their Research to parent and peer interviewers between 9:30-11:30am on Friday. \*If you can volunteer to interview students (easy peasy and a lot of fun with pre-scripted questions : ) please email Katie Parmenter [kparmenter@slvusd.org](mailto:kparmenter@slvusd.org). We need more volunteers!

**A big thank you to Sheryl Lane for bringing snacks for the kids AND Alycia Schertz for purchasing a mini fridge AND Rachael Hughes for getting us a FEIN (Federal Employer Identification number) so that we can have a bank account for our own QHIA Booster Club!**

### **The next two Thursdays: Screenagers at the PAC and High School Musical!**

**Thursday, Feb. 2: Screenagers for students at the PAC at 10am.**

Please drop students off outside the High School PAC at 9:30am. We will watch the documentary with other charter students, then head back to our QH campus at around noon. \*I need 4 or 5 drivers who would be willing to shuttle students from SLVHS to the QH campus at noon. Please respond to this email if you can help out.

**Thursday, Feb. 9:** We will have class between 9-11 for Math and Science. **At 11am, we will drive to the Loudon Nelson Center in Santa Cruz to see Zoe and Molly perform in High School Musical!** I need to know who is driving and who would like to attend the show so I can order and pay ahead for the right amount of adult tickets. **Please respond to this email if you would like to attend the show, bring siblings, etc. Thank you so much!**

### **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 Sheryl for providing snacks last week!**

[QHIA Snack Sign Up](#)

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

**Tuesday, Jan. 31: ALL CHARTER PLAY INFO MTG. at 3pm in Rm. 17**

**Thursday, Feb. 2: Screenagers for students at the PAC at 10am. Drop off at 9:30am.**

**Friday, Feb. 3: Charter Science Fair 9-11:30am. 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. Leave school at 11am, show starts at 12:30pm.**

**Friday, Feb. 10: QHIA Performance Showcase Rehearsal during the day (we will spend the day at the PAC)/Performance in the evening.**

**Coming Up in the Spring:**

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

**April 3-7: Spring Break**

**April 24-28: QH site CAASPP State Testing Week**

**May 8-12: Charter Play Performance Week**

**May 24 & 25: Charter Talent Show Dress Rehearsal and Performance**

**Update for Jan. 23-27**

**Math and Science**

We spent Tuesday and Thursday morning turning Research Paper outlines into Rough Drafts. Students worked on their CK12 math and math packets on Monday morning.

**History and English/Language Arts**

Students watched a powerpoint on the Treaty of Paris and took notes using graphic organizers. We played a few songs from "Hamilton" that correlated with events that took place, breaking down the lyrics and discussing those historical events. Students worked very hard on translating outlines to Rough Drafts for their research papers.

**VAPA**

Arindam Krishna Das, charter parent and local musical director/instructor, came in and worked with the students on the physicality of singing, recognizing notes in your body, and creating harmonies to "Alexander Hamilton" for our showcase on Feb.10. We previewed excerpts that we would hear at the SF Symphony, and discussed the various composers and pieces that would be presented. The kids gave great feedback after our field trip (many were enamored with the handsome conductor :) commenting on favorite pieces and expressing appreciation for the preview lesson. These kids have such wonderful suggestions and feedback! Students rehearsed individual and group acts for the showcase, including some Improv performance forms.

**Professional Development**

I went to the best professional development I have ever attended at SLV! It was a training for Middle School and High School teachers to implement an incredibly comprehensive and updated Sexual Education course called Teen Talk through Health Connected (in compliance with the California Healthy Youth Act.) I will discuss details later in the Spring. We will cover this material in April or May.

**Calendar Details:**

**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.**

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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