

QHIA Weekly Update: May 7, 2017
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Hello families,

Thank you, Shireen for taking such good care of our students when you subbed for me last Thursday! I got feedback from students that it was a great day :) Again, I am so impressed with student questions, conversations, and respectful participation during our Teen Talk Unit. Every day is a flurry of activity as we race toward the end of the academic year. This past week we created artwork in the style of Hung Liu; the artist featured on our field trip to the Santa Cruz MAH, we studied Westward Expansion, Manifest Destiny, the abolitionist movement, and further causes of the Civil War. Students also worked on their individual historical biographies. **Please, please read through every aspect of this update, as such important info is presented.**
***Take note of minimum independent study days during the final two weeks of school.**

Please pay close attention to the dates and details below.

Teen Talk Unit Extended

This is the first year of implementation of this Sexual Health Unit. There are 12 sessions required, and in a 5 day a week program, it is possible to move through the whole curriculum in 2-2 ½ weeks. As with everything new, this has been a learning experience, and I've discovered that in our 4-day program I really need the full 2 ½ weeks to get through all of this important material. As it is state mandated curriculum, I am not at liberty to pick and choose what is most important, or to leave anything out. Therefore our schedule for this week will be similar to last week, with the exception of Thursday, when we will be on the SLVHS campus. I will be assigning supplemental science for the students who are not attending the Teen Talk Unit.

The week ahead *Please note 2:15 pick up:

Monday, May 8	Tuesday, May 9	Wednesday, May 10	Thursday, May 11	Friday, May 12
8:00am Make Up CAASPP Testing 9:30-11:00 Teen Talk Unit	8:00am Make Up CAASPP Testing 9:30-11:00 Teen Talk Unit	8:00am Make Up CAASPP Testing 9:30-11:00 Teen Talk Unit	10:00am All students dropped off at PAC for "Little Mermaid" performance.	Amber off campus until 12:45 for "Mermaid Performance" 1:00pm Make Up CAASPP Testing (if needed)
12-2:15 Regular QHIA Schedule	12-2:15 Regular QHIA Schedule	12-2:15 Regular QHIA Schedule	12-2:15 students stay at SLVHS campus. *Check details on next page	

The Week Ahead Calendar Details

- Students may get picked up at 2:15 this week. 2:30 is still okay, yet I will be leaving immediately at 2:30 to head to the PAC Mon.-Wed.
- Make Up CAASPP: If you student still has work to complete please send them at 8am. They may not be logged in to the secure server during regular class activity. I am not available any days after school due to the Charter Play that I am directing. There is also the option of coming on Friday from 1-3pm.
- Teen Talk: Students who are participating are fulfilling both Social Studies and Science curriculum. I will assign science and math for students who will be working at home during that time.
- Thursday, May 11: All students will meet in the “corral” area outside the PAC’s back entrance at 10am. ***Please do not drop your students off unattended at the school any earlier! This is VERY important.** If you need your student to be dropped off at Quail Hollow earlier than that, please make arrangements with me or another parent to transport them to SLVHS. ***Please send your student with a lunch.** We will walk to the track for lunch, then students who want to run the mile again for PFT testing will have an opportunity to do so. We will then go to the amphitheater for some Improv until 2:15. ***Please pick up at 2:15 to avoid traffic congestion when SLVHS gets dismissed.**

Other Important Dates for your calendar in May/June:

Thursday and Friday, May 11 and 12 at 6:30pm: The Little Mermaid-A West Side Story. Performances at the PAC for parents and the community. Tickets are \$5.00 at the door.

Friday, May 19: Final Capture the Flag at our school site on the field from 10:30-12:30. All parents and students invited to attend our potluck from 12:30-2:00 afterwards.

Wednesday, May 24: Painting Workshop in our classroom with professional local artist, Yeshe Jackson! Yeshe will provide all canvases and other materials, and spend the day leading our students in a step by step painting that they will keep. Such a wonderful opportunity!

Wednesday, May 24: Charter Talent Show Dress Rehearsal 3-6pm

Thursday, May 25: Charter Talent Show Performance 6:30pm

Monday, May 29: NO SCHOOL Memorial Day

Tuesday and Wednesday, May 30 and 31st: Minimum Day/Independent Study Schedule. Classroom hours are **9am-1pm.**

Thursday, June 1: 8th Grade Advancement and end of year potluck. **We will have our advancement in the multipurpose room here at Quail Hollow at 11:00am, followed by a family potluck and outside play on the field.*

Friday, June 2: end of year conferences

Monday June 5: Minimum Day/Independent Study Schedule. Classroom hours are **9am-1pm.**

Tuesday, June 6: QHIA trip to Great America

Wednesday, June 7: Minimum Day/Independent Study Schedule. Classroom hours are **9am-1pm.**

Thursday, June 8: Independent Study/Homeschool Day. No Classroom hours- end of year conferences

Important! Drivers needed for confirmation of June 6 Field trip to Great America

I only received one response to my request in last week’s update, Rachael Hughes. I MUST confirm drivers for the Great America field trip before I can pay for the tickets. If you stated in the

survey sent out that you can drive on this trip, please respond to this email with the number of seats available in your car. We need 5 more drivers to make this happen!

Important! Please let me know if your student is not available on May 24 or May 25 for Dress Rehearsal or Performance of our Charter Talent Show. This is a wonderful event, and we are performing **AS A CLASS**, presenting "Alexander Hamilton", which we have been rehearsing with Arindam Krishna Das. Students are also encouraged to present an individual or group piece. Please see separate email that was sent for details.

Click on this link to sign up for your end of the year conference with Amber:
[Amber's Spring Conference Schedule](#)

Volunteer Needed!

***Still need a parent volunteer for this!**

We will be building planter boxes and filling them! We need a parent volunteer to lead construction on this project. Please respond if you would like to come and help create our planter box gardens.

Redwood Mountain Faire

Thank you Rachael, Sheryl, and Matthew for filling our spots to work the Redwood Mtn. Faire to raise funds for our program!

Classroom Snack Sign Up:

Having sign ups for the week of the 15th and the 22nd would be awesome! Thank you Leslie Buchanan for signing up for this coming week.

Please use the following link to sign up to bring a snack for the week. Make sure whatever you bring, there is enough for **28** students. [QHIA Snack Sign Up](#)

Potential QHIA students for next year:

The initial application deadline for QHIA has passed, so now open spots will be given on a first come, first served basis. We have about 6 spots available, so spread the word!

WHEW!!! That was a lot. Thanks for reading to the end, and as always...

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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