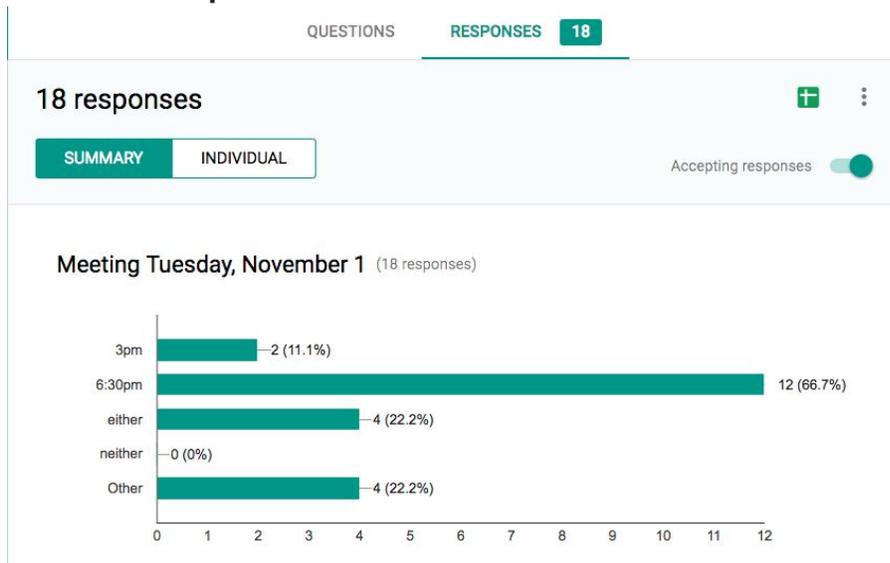


## QHIA Weekly Update: October 21, 2016

Hello QHIA families,

We had quite a momentous week! We had our last bittersweet Improv class with Hunter Wallraff from West Arts in Santa Cruz. The kids definitely want him back, we can discuss if and how we do so at our parent meeting. Yesterday we participated in our district wide earthquake drill and also had picture day. The kids did great with the drill, and our Superintendent, Dr. Bruton, even stuck around for about 10 minutes with a smile on her face watching our kids perform for each other! **Regarding school pictures; all students had their photos taken for school I.D cards. If your student did not bring \$ to school, you can still order pictures online. I will send home the form with that order code on Monday.**

Thank you for answering my survey question regarding a parent meeting time. Below is a screen shot of the results. 18 out of 24 responded! **We will have our meeting on Nov. 1 at 6:30pm in the QHIA classroom.**



\*Reminder, this email does not include the summary of what we did per subject area this week, in order to keep the content a bit shorter. You will find that complete update on our website under the "Weekly Updates" tab at the top.

### [QHIA Website](#)

#### Announcements:

#### Today!

**Our first All Charter Skate Day!** We will skate from 1-3pm at the Santa Cruz Roller Palladium, located on Seabright Ave. near the intersection at Soquel. You will receive a QHIA contact list early this week.

- Cost: FREE for all enrolled students and parents.

- If you would like inline skates, it will be \$3.00 extra.

### **Tonight!**

**PBS airs "Hamilton" Documentary at 9pm.** Click on the link for a trailer. Exciting! We will try and watch as a class at some point when it becomes available.

[PBS "Hamilton" Documentary Trailer](#)

### **IMPORTANT DATES/EVENTS NEXT WEEK:**

- **Wednesday, Oct. 26: Tour of SLV Performing Arts Center/Stage Replica Activity**

\*Students need to be dropped off at 8:50 at the PAC. I will be waiting outside near the black cast iron "corral" to meet them. **\*Pick up is at 2pm in the same location. It is 30 minutes earlier to avoid the traffic mayhem that ensues at 2:20-2:40.**

We will spend the morning with Kylan Thureockes, the PAC manager, and tour the entire facility. After that we will measure out the stage in preparation for building accurate scale models for an ongoing project back in the classroom. Depending on the time frame, we will hopefully spend lunch and/or PE with the CRMS class.

- **Thursday, Oct. 27: Halloween Costume Parade and Fall Celebration with QH Homeschool and Fall Creek Homeschool.**

We welcome some parent participation for this event. We will spend part of our day with the QH Homeschool students, and part of our day on our own, engaged in Art/Activities that have a Fall or Halloween theme. *Just a Reminder: All costumes must be in good taste. Gruesome costumes and bloody, fake wounds are not appropriate for a school with young participants. Weapons (including "fakes" made from cardboard, plastic, wood, etc.), skateboards and roller blades/skates are not allowed as part of costumes at school. This is District Policy.*

The students chose some activities they would like to do, including making slime, decorating cookies, and an art project. If you would like to volunteer to help supervise these activities, your help would be appreciated! Some students volunteered to bake cookies to decorate, those families can expect a separate email : )

9:00-9:45 QHIA focus

9:45 gather with QH Homeschool students on the court

10:00 "parade" and pictures

10:30 free time, have some food

11:00 - 1:30 crafting and activities/lunch/\*outside play at the end of the day with the younger students

1:20-2:30 QHIA focus

- **Thursday, October 27: Turn in permission slip and \$5.00 for San Francisco Symphony Field Trip in January.**
- **Saturday, October 29 at 3pm: Thrill the World 2016!**

Come support your charter student funky zombies as we dance collectively with participants from literally all over the globe! We will be on the Loudon Nelson Center lawn dancing with others from all over Santa Cruz county.

### **UPDATE:**

#### **Math and Physical Science**

We reviewed our quizzes on the subject of “Matter”, and students looked through their notes and looked through the chapter to find correct answers to questions they got wrong. They also worked in groups to problem solve and find ways to answer the open ended responses. Students also looked at their “paper to pencil” math chapter checkpoints, and I went around to each student going through concepts that they either needed more practice with, or simply made some slight calculation errors on. They are really progressing well through the content!

**\*See Assignments at the bottom of this page.**

#### **History and English**

##### *Election Process*

Students participated in an online quiz that had them vote strictly on policies that they were in alignment with, without knowing which candidates were running on those particular platforms. It was VERY interesting to see the outcomes. Some students were surprised to see that certain candidates came out on top for them that they wouldn't have otherwise considered. Here is a link to the site. I took it as well, I highly recommend doing so!

<https://www.isidewith.com/>

##### *Causes of the American Revolution*

We analyzed the lyrics to “My Shot” from the musical, “Hamilton” and discussed correlations between the story being told and the unrest between the colonists themselves; an area that we have been studying. We also looked at 4 different pieces of artwork from the Pre-Revolutionary Era depicting acts committed by the Sons of Liberty. We worked in groups and then as a whole group dissecting these images and discussing who the Sons of Liberty were, what their purpose was, and what tactics they used as a form of rebellion.

##### *Writing Benchmark Edits*

All students should be finishing up their first edits in the revision process. We will have some time on Monday, Oct. 24, to complete this. **\*I encourage you to go through this process with your student.**

**\*See Assignments at the bottom of this page.**

## **Art**

Listed above: Analysis of "My Shot" from Hamilton and analyzing artifacts from Pre-Revolutionary Era.

Thank you for sharing your students with me!

~Amber

## **Mark your calendars! Upcoming QHIA and Charter Events in Nov/Dec:**

**November 1:** Parent Meeting in the QHIA classroom at 6:30pm

**November 18:** Capture the Flag at QH Ranch from 10:30-12:30

**Nov. 21-25:** Thanksgiving Break

**December 2:** Winter Holiday Craft Fair on QH campus from 10-2

**December 16:** Skate Day at SC Roller Palladium from 1-3

## **Assignments:**

### **Due Prior to Monday Class, October 24**

**1) CK12 Science: through 2.24**

**2) First revisions to Writing Benchmark according to suggestions made per individual conference with each student.**

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

**[QHIA Website](#)**