

QHIA Weekly Update: October 27, 2016

Hello QHIA families,

What a fun week we had! So many highlights...

*watching the PBS Documentary, "Hamilton's America"

*PAC Tour with Kylan Thureockes and measuring out the stage for our scale model building project. Kylan was a wonderful host, and invited the kids to arrange tech training sessions with him in the sound/lighting booth!

*PE with Coast Redwood Middle School

*Halloween celebration: Thank you to Rochelle Stanley, Taya's mom, for noticing I could use some extra hands and assisting me with our slimey chemistry experiment! Thank you to Sheryl Lane, Aidan and Jake's mom, for surprising all of us with pizza and drinks! Thank you to Carolyn Dewis, Jamey's mom, for her expertly crafted, spooky storytelling! The kids had a great time together, and played an enormous game of banana tag with the younger students when their programming had ended, and also invited them into the classroom for a dance party :)

Congratulations to our Winners!

Our students entered their artwork for the "Give Us a Hand" logo artwork contest through the SC Mountain Arts Center in Ben Lomond. Over 50% of the awards went to our class! All students received participation prizes, and 3 of our students' artwork was chosen to be incorporated into the new logo! (A total of 5 art pieces were chosen.)

The QHIA students whose artwork will be a part of the new logo are:

Julian Hughes

Sylvia Slaven

Julia McCartney

The following QHIA students received honorable mention:

Gabe Mitchell

Cyrus Hurst

Taya Stockton

(Congratulations to QH Homeschool's Ayla Penny, whose artwork was also chosen for the logo.)

*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.

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Announcements:

[Tomorrow! \(October 29\)!](#)

Come support our charter students as we participate in the Global Dance Event, "Thrill the World!" We will perform Michael Jackson's "Thriller" dance at 3pm;

the same time as dancers all over the world, on the lawn at the Louden Nelson Center in Santa Cruz.

Link and Code for School Pictures:

mylifetouch.com

picture day ID: BY016023Q0

IMPORTANT DATES/EVENTS NEXT WEEK:

- **Monday, Oct. 31: Halloween Themed classroom studies and optional Pumpkin Carving**

Shireen Doyle, Lucas' mom, will most likely be subbing for me on Monday. The day will begin with our regular science and math online studies, followed by a study of Dia de Los Muertos, a reading of Edgar Allen Poe's "The Raven", and a crafting time which will include a choice of "Boo Bubbles" science experiment, Pumpkin Carving, watercolor project, or intricate coloring. ***If your child wants to carve a pumpkin, you must provide them with the pumpkin, and send them with proper carving tools. Please make sure they do not come with sharp knives. They must use the proper serrated carving tools that come with most kits.**

- **Tuesday, November 1, 6:30pm: QHIA Parent Meeting in our classroom**

We will catch up on what we've been doing in the classroom, review monthly paperwork procedures, discuss how to use our fundraising \$, and talk about future field trips, contracted specialty teachers, etc. *Please bring the attached signed permission slip and \$5.00 for each person attending our field trip to the San Francisco Symphony on January 25, 2017.

UPDATE:

Math and Physical Science

Students corrected their Math Chapter Checkpoints and received additional instruction on concepts that needed more practice. They also participated in a rewarding hands on math activity; working in teams, critical thinking and collaborative work measuring out important areas of the stage and drawing a mock up for their scale models they will build during class time.

Students also worked in their CK12 Science program and conducted a science experiment; making "Silly Putty" which coincided with their studies of States of Matter. We also learned about the history of this substance, it was a great mistake!

History and English

Hamilton

As a class, we watched the entire PBS documentary, "Hamilton's America". We paused for discussion, drawing on parallels to significant political events today and to Lin Manuel Miranda's life. The students were incredibly moved by many of the performances and broke out into applause many times :)

Causes of the American Revolution

We finished our art and political cartoon analysis on "Who Were the Sons of Liberty"
Classroom Culture

We had a great group discussion around the Dance Team inspiration that some of the girls came up with, emphasizing the need for inclusivity within our small group of students.

Vocabulary and Writing Revisions

Students worked on their vocabulary lists with words from "Hamilton" and turned in their second revisions of their Writing Benchmarks.

Art

Comprehensive Stage Tour of the SLV PAC, theater terminology and discussion on careers in theater performance and tech.
PBS Documentary, "Hamilton's America"

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 11: NO SCHOOL: Veteran's Day Holiday

November 15: Parent Ed Workshop Night with Martha

November 17: Life Touch School Picture Retakes

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

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](#)