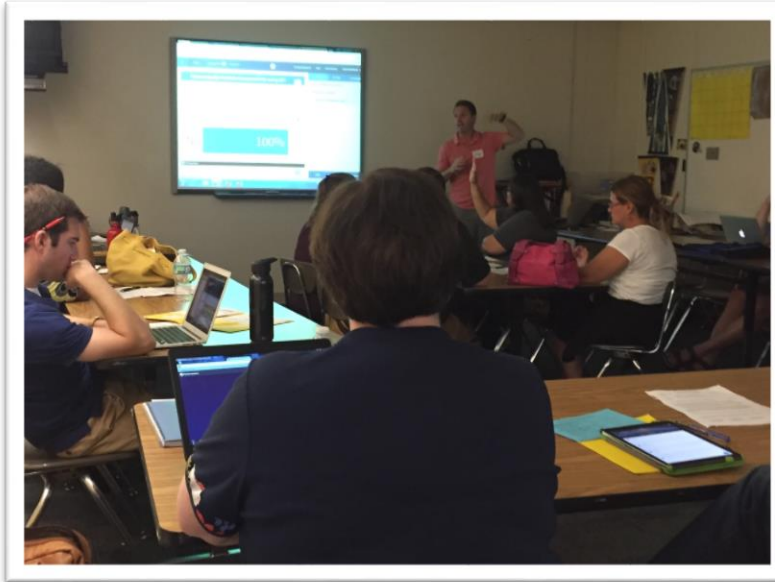




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# Social Studies Snapshots

Friday, September 2, 2016



*Technology was the theme of this year's successful Social Studies In-service meeting as teachers participated in sessions on Google Classroom, Nearpod, Kahoot, Plickers, and Socrative.*

## Social Studies Office Announcements

**Secondary Lead teachers** are reminded of the following items:

- Send suggested date for data meeting to [cathy.hix@apsva.us](mailto:cathy.hix@apsva.us)
- Send names of teachers for SIOP training.
- Upload teacher schedule/periods and school bell schedule to secondary lead teacher meeting folder on Google

**Elementary Lead teachers** are reminded of the following items:

- Upload completed forms to Google Classroom by Sept 30<sup>th</sup>
- Send textbook (Five Ponds Press) request to [diana.jordan@apsva.us](mailto:diana.jordan@apsva.us) by Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>

## APS Resources & Opportunities

### Local History Resources

September is local history month and to support the teaching of our unique history here in Arlington, the Social Studies Office has made available lessons and resources in the local history folder on [tinyurl.com/SocialStudiesonGoogle](http://tinyurl.com/SocialStudiesonGoogle) Be sure you have logged into APS google to access this link.

Another great local history resources is WETA's local history blog. Currently, this link discusses Freedmen's Village. <http://blogs.weta.org/boundarystones/2015/04/07/contraband-camps-northern-virginia>

## APS Historical Markers Video Series

APS is pleased to debut our Historical Markers video series, which highlights just a few of the more than 90 historical markers highlighting important sites in our past.

Each week, we invite you to tune in and watch a brief video about one of these locations. Students will then be invited to do additional research and visit the site to learn more, and respond to questions in the video using a designated hashtag on any social media platform. The video series can be accessed on AETV page on the [APS website](#).

## Waves of Immigration Event

On **Friday, September 23, 2017 from 6:00-9:00 pm** an event will be held at Wakefield High School to honor the diverse narratives that connect Arlington's past to the present and to our common future. The event, titled *We Are All Arlington: Understanding and Celebrating Our 40 Year Legacy of Immigrants*, will be an evening of visual and performing arts, history and dialogue. An event will also be held during the school day for selected secondary students. Details will be sent out about this event in early September.

## Teaching 9/11 Resources

This September will mark the 15<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of 9/11. Here are some resources to support teachers as they plan to commemorate the day with their students.

The **9/11 Memorial and Museum** site is offering four live **webinars** on Sept 12 at 10 am and 1pm and Sept 13 at 10am and 1pm. Participants will be introduced to the Museum, learn about 9/11 and hear from Ada Dolch, the former principal of the Leadership and Public Service High School in lower Manhattan. Dolch was responsible for safely evacuating her students on 9/11 at the same time her sister, Wendy Wakeford, was at work on the 105th floor of the North Tower. In 2005, Dolch helped establish a school in Afghanistan in memory of her sister, who was killed. Registration details are available on the [memorial website](#). The webinar will be recorded and available online for classes that miss the live broadcast.

**Morningside Center for Teaching Social Responsibility** [provides teacher guides and resources](#) for teaching the anniversary of 9/11.

**PBS Newshour** provides [background readings, lessons and resources](#) for teaching about this event.

Michael Palermo, Kevin Phillips and Cathy Hix were interviewed by **WAMU radio** on how 9-11 is taught in Arlington. Details on airing will be shared when available.

## Resources

### Constitution Day Resources

September 17 is [Constitution Day/Citizenship Day](#), commemorating the September 17, 1787, signing of the U.S. Constitution. To assist students and educators in their studies, the [National Archives and Records Administration](#) offers key resources, such as "[The Constitution at Work](#)," a match game connecting primary resources to constitutional articles, and "[Exploring the U.S. Constitution](#)," an eBook that explores the roots of the three branches of government. Likewise, free online resources are available from the [Library of Congress](#), the [National Endowment for the Humanities](#), and the [U.S. Senate](#). This year is also the 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passage of the [Bill of Rights](#) -- the first 10 amendments to the Constitution.

## Colonial Williamsburg Resource Library

We are pleased to announce that starting today, our Resource Library of videos, lesson plans, and web activities will be free and open to all! That includes 27 of our HERO Live! / Electronic Field Trip programs, the archives of the Teacher Gazette, and much more, with new content added every month! Create your free account today at: <http://resourcelibrary.history.org/>

## Student & Teacher Opportunities

### Mount Vernon Programs - Admission Discount for Local Title One Schools

Through the generosity of The Ford Motor Company Fund, we are able to offer a 50% admission discount to local Title One schools for any of these special student programs. Likewise, a \$50 rebate for each bus is offered for those qualifying Title One schools who book the Colonial Days or Road to Yorktown program. [Apply today.](#)

### National Mock Election Opportunities

The Youth Leadership Initiative (YLI) provides opportunities for students to participate in the political process by simulating an election in their school. Teachers can sign up free of charge for YLI at <http://www.youthleadership.net/central/signup>. For further information, contact Meg Heubeck at (434) 982-5726, by e-mail at [mfheubeck@virginia.edu](mailto:mfheubeck@virginia.edu), e-mail YLI at [ylihhelp@virginia.edu](mailto:ylihhelp@virginia.edu), or call (866) 514-8389.

### Ford Theatre's Oratory Festival

The National Lincoln Oratory Festival invites 3rd-8th Grade classrooms to study a history speech by Abraham Lincoln, explore what President Lincoln's words means to them, and to share their ideas with Ford's Theatre via a classroom video performance of the speech.

This is a wonderful opportunity to integrate history, reading, writing and speaking. Ford's Theater sends a teaching artist to work with the class and provides a bus to the festival in February.

**Application due by Friday, September 9, 2016.** [Apply today.](#)

### 2017 United States Senate Youth Program

This scholarship opportunity is for high school Juniors and Seniors. The selected two student delegates will represent Virginia in the United States Senate Youth Program sponsored by the William Randolph Hearst Foundation. [Apply today!](#) Nomination form found on the program website must be postmarked to the Virginia Department of Education no later than **September 23, 2016.**

### Save the Date for Regional History Day Contest!

History Day is for students grades 6 through 12. Students complete an individual or group project that relates to the 2017 theme: Taking a Stand in History. The regional competition will be March 4, 2017, hosted by Mount Vernon High School.

Questions? Contact District Coordinator: Michele Longo at [Michele.Longo@alexandriava.gov](mailto:Michele.Longo@alexandriava.gov), 703.746.4739. More information is available on the [Mount Vernon Website.](#)

## VCEE Economic Education Mini-Grants

[VCEE Mini-Grants](#) are available to expand economic and financial education in the classroom. Apply today, the **deadline is October 21**.

## Trainings & Courses

### LOC Teaching with Primary Sources two-week Webinar

This webinar is a FREE interactive online experience and a chance to earn 24 CEU hours. This opportunity for middle and secondary teachers and librarians combines the Library of Congress political cartoons and the C3 Inquiry Design Model to create ready-to-go visually-based inquiries leading to civic action. The course runs Thursdays, September 29 – November 3 from 5:00pm – 7:00pm ET [REGISTER NOW!](#) No prerequisite required.

### North TIER Fall Course Registration Open

North TIER runs online professional development courses created for Virginia educators by Virginia educators. **Registration for the fall session occurs August 29th through September 23rd.** Fall courses run September 26th-November 13th. Optional graduate credit is offered. Additional information may be found from [North TIER](#).

### Primarily Virginia Online Course

The Virginia Historical Society is pleased to offer this online course designed for teachers to investigate Virginia's past by examining objects and primary sources. These pieces of the past will be used as a lens to learn about different historical eras in Virginia history. [Register today!](#)

Primarily Virginia is limited to 30 students and will launch on September 19, 2016. **Please register by September 12, 2016.** For additional information, please contact Evan Liddiard, 804-342-9689, [eliddiard@vahistorical.org](mailto:eliddiard@vahistorical.org).

### Teacher Training Academy by the Virginia Geographic Alliance

VGA is offering a teacher training academy on Rural Landscapes & Folk Cultures of Southwest Virginia for AP Human Geography, World Geography, Environmental Science and pre-service teachers. The course will be on October 7, 8, and 9. [Click here](#) for more information. **Registration Deadline: September 12, 2016.**

## Conferences

### Special Rates for National Council for the Social Studies in DC

This year's National Council for the Social Studies annual conference is **December 2-4, 2016** in Washington D.C. To encourage local teachers to attend the conference, NCSS is offering a special rate for Virginia residents. Please use this link to access the special "locals" rate - it is not available from the conference website. [http://www.socialstudies.org/conference/local\\_registration/regform](http://www.socialstudies.org/conference/local_registration/regform)

Questions about registration? Email David Bailor at [dbailor@ncss.org](mailto:dbailor@ncss.org).

If you would like to volunteer your time you can also earn another discount on top of the already-discounted local rate. Volunteer opportunities are available to help with registration, tours, facilitating sessions, the hospitality table, and the House of Delegate meetings. We really need your help to make the NCSS conference a success! Please take a minute to respond to this Google form. <https://goo.gl/forms/Bf67OSoJbAXDFuUn1>

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