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Social Studies Snapshots

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Jennifer Burgin and Elizabeth Kuleski, authors of local history book A is for Arlington, stand center with Cathy Hix, Dr. Murphy and school board members to celebrate the book's release.

Announcements & APS Opportunities

Thank you for Giving

As the Thanksgiving holiday approaches, please know how thankful the Social Studies Office staff is for your work on behalf of APS students. We have had the opportunity to visit classrooms this fall and see some great instruction. It is our wish that you have a relaxing holiday next week.

A is for Arlington

This past summer, Oakridge teacher Jennifer Burgin and Discovery teacher Elizabeth Kuleski collaborated with the Social Studies Office to author a book that helps students understand the unique county they live in. Copies have been sent to kindergarten teachers, school librarians and lead teachers. A pdf copy and lesson guide is also available on Social Studies on Google. This new book is dedicated to APS Social Studies teachers for their work in bringing history alive for APS students. Contact the Social Studies Office if you would like to order copies of the book.

Upcoming #APSChats

11/29- Promoting Strong Relationships

The #APSChats team is working on making the chats more accessible to everyone in the county. Hoffman-Boston's Molly Patrician has created a [quick tutorial](#) (5 min) about how to participate in #APSChats both via Twitter.com and via Tweetdeck.

Resource Adoption Process

Dr. Tara Natrass, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction, is coordinating the resource process for ELA, Science, and Social Studies, as well as the adoption of a digital Learning Management System. These efforts will align the vision for personalized learning with resources. Details about the process can be found [here](#), but Social Studies-specific dates to note are below. The Social Studies Office will reach out to teachers for the January Social Studies Resource Fair.

Resource Adoption Fairs for Social Studies	
Event	Date
Digitally Curated Content Resource Fair	November 10
AP/IB Resource Fair	November 15
Elementary Soc Studies Resource Fair	January 17
Secondary Soc Studies Resource Fair	January 19
School Board Recommendation	By April

Resources

Civil War Defense of Washington Program

The National Parks Services is offering programs on the Civil War Defenses of Washington to local classes this new school year. Park Rangers can discuss several different subject matters of the Civil War: Children, Women, African Americans, Native Americans and Spanish Americans in the Civil War. Contact Park Ranger Kenya Finley, Kenya_Finley@nps.gov for more information about holding programs at your school.

Newsela PRO Teacher Resources available free

To help teachers address issues and facilitate discussions post election, Newsela is making [PRO Teacher Resources](#) free to all teachers through Inauguration Day, January 20th. PRO Teacher Resources are a collection of activities, mini-lessons, and content connections, found on the article page below the image. They are designed to help educators bring Newsela's content into the classroom through cross-curricular instruction.

Cultural Responsive Teaching Related to the American Indian

Please note that in the new History and Social Science Standards American Indian is the term being used to describe the native populations that were present in America during exploration and colonization. The new standards also include information to correct the misunderstanding that students often have about the presence of American Indians in our society today, not just during colonial times. As you teach your students about the American Indian population, please be cognizant of presenting accurate instead of stereotypical information.

The attached blog (<http://blog.nmai.si.edu/main/2013/11/do-indians-celebrate-thanksgiving.html>) provides some useful information about the teaching of Thanksgiving, an event that is often taught and celebrated in our schools. Thank you to Kenmore teacher Andy Paparella for sharing this article.

Virginia Tribes

November is recognized as [American Indian Heritage](#) Month. Educators can find resources and learn more about [Virginia Tribes](#) from VDOE.

Virginia WWI and WWII Commemoration Commission -December 8

Dawn of Infamy will feature an honor parade of World War II veterans, remarks by dignitaries, and a keynote address from Pulitzer-Prize winner and military historian Rick Atkinson. The event also marks the beginning of the *Profiles of Honor Tour*, which will highlight Virginia's role in WWI and WWII. This event is free but [registration](#) is required by **November 15th**.

World War I Resources

World War I [resources](#) are available that focus on the design and context of war memorials in Virginia. Resources include downloadable files for a World War I lesson plan that focuses on the design and context of war memorials in Virginia. Since there are only a handful of standards that relate to the first war, the lesson plans incorporate themes and objectives from other standards to highlight geographic, historic, cultural, mortuary, and religious themes.

Student Opportunities

Youth Forum on Syrian Refugee Crisis – World Affairs Council, DC

Join WCA-DC on **Friday, December 2, 2016** for a Youth Forum on the Syrian Refugee Crisis. WAC-DC invites secondary students to be a part of this growing dialogue. Participants will hear from experts in the field to learn about the policies, international response, and personal stories surrounding the global refugee crisis. Participants will then have the chance to take these perspectives and engage in a real-world inspired simulation. RSVP with the names of your students by **Monday, November 28** to rchasse@worldaffairsdc.org.

2016 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Literary and Visual Arts Contest

Dr. King urged all of us to feel passionate about freedom and justice—when we feel strongly; we must speak up and not remain silent. Using this quote from Dr. King, describe in writing or through visual art how speaking up (or being silent) about something can change your personal life, your community or the world. This contest is open to students K-12. Entries are due by 5 p.m. on **Friday, Dec. 9, 2016**. For information on contest rules, eligibility, categories and entry forms, visit the [APS site](#).

The Great Thanksgiving Listen – Story Corps

The Great Thanksgiving Listen is a national education project that empowers high school students to create an oral history of the contemporary United States by recording an interview with an elder over Thanksgiving weekend using the StoryCorps App. Interviews are entered into the StoryCorps archive at the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress and on StoryCorps.me where they become an invaluable resource for future historians and provide families with a priceless piece of personal history. Information on how to participate and a down loadable toolkit are available on [their website](#).

Teacher Opportunities

Summer Residential Programs at Mount Vernon

Open to all teachers, this five-day intensive format allows teachers to focus on one of six content areas most relevant to them and their students. All educators (K-12) are eligible to attend. Full scholarships, that include a transportation stipend, are available. Limited spots are reserved for program alumni. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Transatlantic Outreach Program (TOP) Teacher Summer Study Tours

Transatlantic Outreach Program two-week study tours to Germany for Social Studies teachers (Three offerings for 2017: June 9-24, June 23-July 8 or July 7-22). Teachers can earn 3 graduate credits by submitting a completed lesson through a university. The application deadline is **Feb. 3, 2017**. Click [here](#) for more information and [here](#) for the application.

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 Questions about NCSS registration? Email David Bailor at dbailor@ness.org.

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