



Wakefield students collaborate in designing end-of-course movies in World History.

Announcements

Kudos to all APS social studies teachers for a great year. We appreciate all you do for the students of Arlington. We hope this biweekly email helps to provide you with access to opportunities and resources for both you and your students. Have a relaxing summer and we will see you in fall!

APS Opportunities

2016 Festival of the Minds, Kenmore Middle School, June 28 - July 1

The FOM professional learning conference provides a diversity of sessions for all PK-12 instructional staff to hone their instructional practice. Further program details are on the FOM website at: <http://apsva.us/Page/28661> Registers in ERO.

Festival of the Mind Social Studies Sessions include:

- DBQ for Elementary Students (See photo & caption above)
- Echoes & Reflections: Tools for Teaching the Holocaust
- Playing with Primary Sources: Game-Based Learning with Resources from The Library of Congress
- Bringing Social Studies Alive!
- Survey of Indigenous Literature and Cultures
- Teaching Economics Through Children's Literature
- You can do THAT in Google Classroom?
- Understanding the New Social Studies Curriculum
- Be The Curator! Organizing a Thematic Exhibition with Inquiry-Based Learning
- Our Global Classrooms: Strategies for Reaching HILT Students in the Secondary Classroom
- A Little Goes a Long Way, Civic Action and Reform!
- 15+ Strategies for Increased Engagement in Social Studies
- Yes, you can talk about "that": Bringing controversial topics to the classroom
- EPIC – digital library
- Authentic Learning through Global Instruction

Blackboard Course on Early Adolescent Development

APS is offering a course on Early Adolescent Development via Blackboard beginning in September of 2016. 30 recertification points are available to teachers upon successful completion of the course. Completion of the course can also be used towards fulfilling the Career Advancement Portfolio Skill Set I requirements. A flyer with additional course information and how to register can be found from this link.

<https://drive.google.com/a/apsva.us/folderview?id=0BySl24GaKHVdSWR5R19uSGpCSUo&usp=sharing>

Student Opportunities

Student Programs at the US Capitol

The US Capitol Visitor Center is pleased to offer three inquiry-based student programs for the 2016-2017 school year. To request a program, please visit www.visitthecapitol.gov/programs or click on this [flyer link](#). Space is limited and requests will be accepted beginning **Monday July 25 through Friday, October 28**.

Program 1 – Art Appreciators: The Art and Architecture of the US Capitol. (Grades 3-6)

Program 2 – Capitol Art: History, Culture or Expression? (Grades 7-12)

Program 3 – Environment Matters: How Does a Bill Become Law? (Grades 6-12)

Inspire Virginia

[Inspire Virginia](#) is a year-long civic learning program for high school seniors. Teachers may nominate students for the program or interested students can apply directly. As part of the fully funded program, student will participate in the following activities:

- Lead official voter registration efforts in school.
- Be trained to work as poll workers on Election Day.
- Meet with lawmakers and community organizations.
- Participate in leadership development conferences with other student leaders.

Teacher Opportunities

First annual teachers conference hosted by Friends of National WWII Memorial

The Friends of the National World War II Memorial is initiating an annual teachers conference to preserve the lessons of WWII for future generations. The teachers conference is open to any middle or high school teacher or college professor at an accredited public, charter, private or parochial school who will be teaching during the 2016–2017 school year are also eligible [to apply for the 2016 conference](#). Applications are due by **June 30th**.

For the inaugural class, Friends will select up to 25 educators to take part in the [3-day conference in July 2016](#). Participants will be exposed to a broad spectrum of WWII history resources and tools aimed at educating current and future generations about the everyday men and women whose character, courage, creativity, determination, and innovation not only led to the winning of the war, but also reshaped America.

Free Online Technology Integration Courses

VDOE is offering to Virginia educators a free 6-week online PD courses that cover various technology integration topics and provide 30 recertification points. [Register](#) today!

North Tier Online Courses– Summer Session 2016

[North Tier courses](#) are instructional technology focused with online sessions. These asynchronous courses, allow participants to complete the coursework at their convenience. An instructor trained and certified by EdTech Leaders Online facilitates each course, using a learning model that combines readings and videos, activities, and facilitated peer-to-peer collaborative discussions. The focal point of the sessions is online discussion and collaboration, where you can share your ideas, reflections, comments, and questions with your classmates. Enrollment begins June 1; summer session begins June 20; stay tuned for more information and course catalog.

Pamplin Historic Park - Teacher Institutes

Come join us at Pamplin Historical Park and the National Museum of the Civil War Soldier for a number of teacher professional development opportunities this summer and fall. These include:

- A three-day Teacher Institute, “The Old South and Slavery: Relevance for Today,” which will be held July 27-29, 2016, and costs \$125.
- An overnight teacher focused Civil War Adventure Camp, which will be offered on October 1-2, 2016, for \$70.
- A “Teacher’s Day Out” field trip, which will be held on November 5, 2016, for \$25.

For more information on these exciting and engaging programs and how to register, go to the [Teacher Institute](#) website page. Space is limited. All teacher programs are eligible for VDOE professional development points for license recertification. Certificates for hours completed will be issued to all participants.

Virginia Historical Society’s Teacher Institutes

The VHS currently offers three teachers institutes. Weinstein Properties Story of Virginia Teachers Institute is a week-long program that is offered twice each summer. The dates and subject of the E. Claiborne Robins, Jr., Teachers Institute and Primarily Virginia, the VHS on-line institute, vary from year to year. All institutes are open to private and public school teachers of any grade level. The VHS also offers teacher workshops using primary resources. Click [here](#) for more information.

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