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Social Studies Snapshots

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Drew students explore their community as 2nd graders take a walking tour of historical markers and 3rd graders interview neighbors to capture the community's oral history.

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. 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>

#APSchats begins Sept. 20th and will focus on culturally responsive classrooms

Launched by APS teachers, #APSchats are optional Twitter chats open to all staff. These online chats are held Tuesday evenings from 8-9 p.m. and center around our successes, challenges and collaboration throughout the school division.

- Sept. 20, 8-9 p.m. moderated by **Claremont** 4th grade teacher **Alejandra Rojas**
- Sept. 27, 8-9 p.m. moderated by **Minority Achievement** Teacher Specialist **Jennifer Gross**

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, 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.

Resources

Election 2016: Digital Resources and Primary Sources

From collections that focus specifically on the 2016 campaign, to more general U.S. government lesson plans, a wealth of digital collections are available [at this site](#). These comprehensive resources for the 2016 election come from C-SPAN, iCivics, and the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History.

PBS Election Central

PBS' Election Central is an online destination of election-related resources and content with age-appropriate, thoughtfully curated information to teach K-12 students about the political process. This free media-on-demand service offers more than 100,000 digital resources for classroom use, and PBS NEWSHOUR, the ELECTION CENTRAL hub is available at <http://pbsduelectioncentral.com/> This includes an "Electoral Decoder": <http://www.pbsduelectioncentral.com/electoral-decoder>. You use the Year Icon on the timeline to scroll between electoral maps for each and every election in US history.

NY Times Free Resources for Teaching Election 2016

This [list](#) includes over a dozen instructional strategies and free websites that can help teach students about our nation's most pressing issues and the way our democracy works, as well encourage them to voice their opinions about the issues they care about most.

Colonial Williamsburg Resource Library

Colonial Williamsburg is pleased to announce that their 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 Opportunities

Every Kid in a Park Blitz

As part of the National Park Service Centennial, the 4th grade Presidential initiative, Every Kid in a Park, has been renewed. That means that 4th graders can receive a pass for the student and immediate family to get into national parks and public lands for free during their 4th grade year!

Students would only need the passes is a printout from the website, everykidinapark.gov. Teachers can visit the site to print out a classroom set. The pass is considered government property, so a printed out voucher is needed for each pass the park distributes. Contact Jen Rudnick at jennifer_epstein@nps.gov to set up a time for a park ranger visit.

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.

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, e-mail YLI at ylihhelp@virginia.edu, or call (866) 514-8389.

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, 703.746.4739. More information is available on the [Mount Vernon Website](#).

Teacher Opportunities

Free Educators Night at Belmont-Paul Women's Equality National Monument

Thursday, September 29, 2016, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m at Belmont-Paul Women's Equality National Monument. *144 Constitution Ave NE, Washington, DC 20002 ~ Entrance on 2nd Street NE*. There will be Refreshments ~ Teacher Resources ~ Field Trip Information, and Door Prizes. This **FREE**, casual, social open house invites D.C.-area educators to explore the epicenter of the struggle for women's suffrage and women's rights. Discover the array of hands-on, engaging programs the Civil War Washington Consortium has to offer for students in Kindergarten through Twelfth grade!

RSVP at this link: www.fords.org/evening-educators-rsvp Please direct questions to education@fords.org

Teacher Forum on “Teaching Controversy: The 2016 Presidential Election”

Offered by Street Law, Inc. this teacher forum will be held on **September 27th 4-6pm in Silver Spring, MD** for teachers to share methods and techniques for discussing the current election in the classrooms. Teachers will have the opportunity to: collaborate with peers, share ideas and resources, engage in lively and respectful discussion. We will be serving a light dinner and will provide time for networking. The registration closes September 23rd. [Register now.](#)

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](#).

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 registration? Email David Bailor at 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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