



In true Arts Integration form, Kenmore 8th graders record their Geo Jingles, student written lyrics addressing environmental issues.

Announcements & APS Opportunities

Geo Bee Season

It's that time of the year when schools across the nation hold their school level Geography Bee. Please be sure to tweet photos of your school Geo Bee with the handle @APSSocstudies so we can promote your students' success and excitement in our upcoming Vision newsletter.

Read&Write Chrome Extension

Read & Write is a Google Chrome Web App that increases the accessibility of the text of documents in your Google Drive account. Here's a link

<https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/oBySl24GaKHVdSWR5R19uSGpCSUo> on how to install Read&Write on desktops and laptops. The iPad app has limited capabilities. After installing the app you will see a Read & Write tab appear at the top of your browser window whenever you have a document open in Google Drive. Clicking that Read & Write tab will open a menu of accessibility options. Here are two tutorials on getting started.

<https://www.texthelp.com/en-us/support/training/getting-started>

<https://www.texthelp.com/en-us/support/training/feature-videos>

Local Guest Speaker & Author Talk on Civil Rights – Nancy Silcox

Nancy Silcox is a retired librarian from Alexandria City Public Schools. She wrote a book about [Samuel Tucker](#), an African American lawyer from Alexandria who organized a sit-in to try to desegregate Alexandria libraries in 1939. The book is written at a 7th grade level and specifically targets the 7th grade SOLs. Her presentation, however, can work for any grade level. If you are interested in having her speak, you can contact her at nancynoyessilcoxbooks@gmail.com

Resources

African American History Month

- <http://www.africanamericanhistorymonth.gov/> and <https://www.archives.gov/research/alic/reference/black-history.html>
- From the National Museum of African American History and Culture at <https://nmaahc.si.edu/>
- African American history sites from the Library of Virginia focus on topics in Virginia history and are available at <http://www.lva.virginia.gov/public/guides/vhr/afam.htm>.
- Virginia's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Commission, <http://mlkcommission.dls.virginia.gov/> includes the following resources:
 - <http://mlkcommission.dls.virginia.gov/lincoln/projects.html>
 - <http://mlkcommission.dls.virginia.gov/mlk/resources.html>
 - <http://mlkcommission.dls.virginia.gov/lincoln/resources.html>
 - http://mlkcommission.dls.virginia.gov/va_school_closings/resources.html

Taking Action Against Fake News

A recent [study from Stanford University](#) revealed that many teenagers have difficulty determining the credibility of what they read online. In California, two separate bills introduced by lawmakers aim to help teach students to think more critically about the news. The critical thinking skills focus of the new Virginia Standards of Learning should help address this issue. However, teachers are encouraged to incorporate analysis of the credibility of sources into classroom instruction. Resources available to help students learn to recognize fake news include: [Newsela](#), [PBS NewsHour](#), [The News Literacy Project](#), [Media Education Lab](#) and [the Center for Media Literacy](#).

Student Opportunities

- National History Day workshop for students at the MLK Library Saturday, February 4 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Your students can get their NHD project in gear in the new year! NHD and the MLK Library are teaming up to offer students all they need to craft an outstanding project. For more information, see this link for the flyer <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/oBySl24GaKHVdSWR5R19uSGpCSUo?usp=sharing>
- VA War Memorial WWI Art Contest
This year's theme is Legacy. Each submission should focus on answer the question: How do you see the legacy of WWI in the world around you today? Details available on this flyer link, <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/oBySl24GaKHVdSWR5R19uSGpCSUo?usp=sharing> direct additional questions to Morgan Guyer, morgan.guyer@dvs.virginia.gov or 804-786-2062.
- Academic WorldQuest Regional Qualifier – World Affairs Council
WorldQuest is a team game that test competitors' knowledge of international affairs, geography, history, and culture. Registration your team by February 1st, for information and study guides visit the [World Affairs Website](#).
- What does it mean to be a U.S. Citizen? – Essay contest by www.ncsc.org/contest
100 words or less, 1st prize is a \$100 Amazon gift card. Deadline: February 24, 2017.
- Essay Contest sponsored by the American Foreign Service Association.
Imagine you are a member of the Foreign Service, provide recommendations to address the refugee crisis facing the country in which you are posted.
www.afsa.org/essaycontest Deadline: March 15, 2017
- Video Contest – up to 60 seconds – about human population growth that highlights one of the following global challenges: Climate Change, Ocean Health, or Rapid Urbanization. www.worldof7billion.org Open or middle and high school students. Deadline: February 23, 2017.
- National Economics Challenge for high school student teams: <http://councilforeconed.org/national-economics-challenge/>
site also includes free resources, lesson plans, and interactive economics literacy quiz.
- Discovery Unsung Heroes in History sponsored by Lowell Milken Center
<https://lowellmilkencenter.org/> Applications due Feb. 1, 2017 entries due June 1, 2017.

Teacher Opportunities

- **Just for teachers – National Park Services**

This one-day program for K-12 teachers is designed as a one-stop opportunity for teachers to get information on how the National Park System (NPS) can supplement classroom activities. Explore traveling trunks that can be used in your classroom, learn how to schedule field trips to parks in the DC metropolitan area. Click on this flyer link -

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/oBySl24GaKHVdSWR5R19uSGpCSUo?usp=sharing>

for more information and how to register. Contact: Kathy_Langley@nps.gov, 202-208-1636.

- **2017 Supreme Court Summer Institute – Street Law**

June 15-20 & June 22-27, 2017 in Washington, DC. Registration open until March 13.

The Institute includes sessions led by Supreme Court experts, journalists, authors, and attorneys, who give social studies educators an in-depth understanding of how the Court chooses and decides cases and what it is like to argue before the Court. The Institute covers six recent cases. Additional information and registration accessible through this [Street Law link](#).

- **Library of Congress – Summer Institutes**

The Library of Congress is now accepting applications for its week-long summer institutes for K-12 educators. Held at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., this professional development opportunity provides educators of all disciplines with resources and strategies to effectively integrate primary sources into K-12 classroom teaching. Each session will focus on pedagogy, with an emphasis on supporting student engagement, critical thinking, and construction of knowledge.

General Focus – open to K-12 educators across all content areas:

June 19-23, June 26-30 & July 10-14

WWI Focus – recommended for K-12 educators who teach some aspect of WWI : July 31-August 4

Applications are due March 17 and require a letter of recommendation.

Learn more and apply here: <http://www.loc.gov/teachers/professionaldevelopment/teacherinstitute/>

- **Free Course - Library of Congress**

Open to All Northern Virginia Teachers of all Subjects and Grade levels. Earn 90 Recertification Points /3 Advanced Academic credits.

Wednesdays, February 1 – May 24, 2017 (excluding February 8th and holidays)

4:30- 7:30 at Madison High School; Create lessons and activities for immediate classroom use; develop PBL (Project Based Learning) activities for your students; and much more. Go to

www.TPSNVA.org to register or for more info, call 703-294-6270 or see LOC flyer -

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/oBySl24GaKHVdSWR5R19uSGpCSUo?usp=sharing>

- **National Gallery of Art – Summer Teacher Institute**

This six-day seminar helps K–12 teachers of all subjects strengthen their knowledge of art history and integrate visual art into classroom teaching. The program features lectures, gallery tours, teaching strategies, and hands-on learning experiences. The institute highlights the social and cultural context of Renaissance art and demonstrates interdisciplinary teaching strategies. Fellowship opportunities are also available. For more information, visit the Summer Teacher Institute link -

<http://www.nga.gov/content/ngaweb/education/teachers/teacher-institute.html>

- **Teaching Ellie Wiesel’s *Night* - Echoes and Reflections**

Discover ways to prepare students to read and understand Ellie Wiesel’s *Night* within the larger historical framework of the Holocaust and examine some of the moral and ethical questions raised in the memoir. [This free workshop offered by Echoes and Reflections](#) will be Saturday, March 4, 2017, from 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM at the Syphax Education Center Room 237. Register online

<https://goo.gl/9Ru2gx>

- **Master of Ed with ESL Endorsement Program - Mary Baldwin University**

This online program is designed for practicing teachers who want to add the ESL credential to their current teaching license. Program details on [Mary Baldwin University website](#) on flyer link -

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/oBySl24GaKHVdSWR5R19uSGpCSUo?usp=sharing>

Virginia Council on Economic Education

Mini-Economy: Creating a Classroom Economics Experience: Project based learning at its best! Tap into the endless creativity of young students using a time-tested template that makes setting up your classroom economy simple. Jul 10, 2017 - Jul 12, 2017, 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

The Stock Market Game™: A multidisciplinary real-world learning simulation: Thinking of bringing the Stock Market Game™ to your 4th-12th grade class? This workshop helps make the most out of the experience – learning how to play the game as well as how to integrate this teaching tool into your existing classroom curriculum. Jan 17, 2017, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Middle School Economic and Civics Institute - VCEE will host a FREE 8 week course that will result in teachers being recognized as VCEE Economics Certified Educators. Session topics are as follows –

- Economics is About Making Choices
- Why Do We Need an Economic System?
- How Our Economy Flows; Markets and Prices
- How Does Government Relate to the Economy?
- What is Globalization and How Does It Affect Me?
- Banks and the Federal Reserve System
- How the Economy Affects You Financially?

The class will meet on Wednesdays at a site to be determined from 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM from February 8 to March 29, 2017. Interested teachers should sign up no later than **January 30th** on the [VCEE's website](#).

Social Studies Snapshots is intended for elementary and secondary Social Studies Staff to communicate items of importance and interest in a timely matter. If you have an item you would like to include in *Social Studies Snapshot*, please forward it to Diana Jordan (diana.jordan@apsva.us). *Social Studies Snapshots* is distributed the first and third Friday of the month. The content of this publication comes from a variety of sources. APS is not responsible for any inaccuracies in resources provided outside the district.