



King Middle School Humanities Corner

The Humanities & Communication Center Program

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Dear Humanities & Communications Center families,

How are you? All is well here and we are happy to share the latest of engaging learning opportunities in our program. With innovative academic activities, our fourth quarter has certainly been productive.

The 6th grade interdisciplinary unit, *The Ancient Greeks*, has enriched the academic course of study and invigorated our students as they prepared for our Ancient Greek Fest 2021. Introduced with the ancient Greek core value, Arete, students prepared for an exciting day that hosts city-state team competitions in English with a rap battle, poetry slam, or encomiums. World Studies hosted an escape room, while Media classes enjoyed the recorded student performances in theater arts. In bringing this unit to a close, we share with you with this quote from Aristotle. "*Excellence is never an accident. It is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, and intelligent execution; it represents the wise choice of many alternatives – choice, not chance.*" May the second half of our last quarter together in 6th grade be equally exciting.

While students are busy polishing final drafts of their IDRPs in English, they are also working on their Creative Arts Project in humanities classes. That encompasses a creative display of what students have learned through their academic research of their topic as it relates to the theme, miscommunications or misinformation. Students are learning valuable research, writing, and presenting skills. Humanities 7 is fast approaching our culminating celebration of the IDRPs! The results of our students' academic inquiry will be showcased with presentations that include a Creative Arts Project (CAP). This symposium takes place on Wednesday June 9th at 2:15pm. Hope that you can join us over zoom.

Our Humanities 8 team is all about the Hamilton Education Program Online! The goal is to help students in middle grades and high school see the relevance of the Founding Era by using primary sources to create a performance piece (e.g., a song, rap, poem, or scene) following the model used by Lin-Manuel Miranda to create the musical, *Hamilton*. The program consists of classroom activities and digital resources that have been incorporated into our interdisciplinary Humanities 8 curriculum. The projects are shaping up nicely and are really wonderful.

In closing, we look forward to the upcoming events, including our Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., 8th grade promotion ceremony. Once again, we thank you for your continued support as we bring this 2020-21 school year to an wonderful close with engaging academics and events .

Sincerely,
Humanities Team

Upcoming Events to Look Forward to!

- Humanities 7: The IDRPs Creative Arts Project Symposium
Wednesday 6/9 at 2:15pm over Zoom
- 8th grade promotion zoom ceremony : June 15th

