

# Freshmen News

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER- NOVEMBER

## Important Dates

Nov 11- No School (Veteran's Day)

Nov 15- No School (Professional I Development)

Nov 23- Dec 2 - Thanksgiving Break

Dec 12-19- Presentation of Learning

## Fall Exhibition

Exhibition is a time where students can showcase what they have been learning in their classes. It is an opportunity for them to show the community how their learning connects to issues and situations in the real world.

This semester, we as students to consider the following driving questions:

How we build understanding of and empathy for  
Migrants/Immigrants/Refugees/Asylum seekers?

Join us on Tuesday, November 19 from 6pm to 8 pm to see how the students have grappled with this question and to see how they have created boards across borders. Below are photos of the students field trip to Kids Sk8te and Dwindle to help build thier understanding of some of the Physics and Design concepts for the project.



# All Star



The theme for October's All Star was perseverance. When thinking of this, several students came to mind, but we choose to give the award to Siena. Siena puts in a lot of time an effort in class and outside of class to not only meet, but exceed the expectations we have of all students.

## A Note from the Counselors



November is here and exhibition time is upon us! This sometimes can be a stressful time for 9th graders, as this is their first exhibition. Please make sure your student employs time management skills: use of a planner to document when assignments and projects are due, dividing up the responsibilities of group project deliverables, and having a distraction free workspace at home are useful strategies. Also, take some time for self care! This is just as important! Take a break, draw, listen to music, journal, breathing exercises are helpful! Please see your counselor with any questions!

## Presentation of Learning (POLs)

POLs are a chance for students to defend the skills and knowledge they have acquired over the course of the semester. As such, freshmen students are given a minimum of one week to prepare and practice in class for this presentation. Within this time, students are given work time to collaborate with classmates and teachers to refine skills, knowledge, and presentations.

POLs will be December 12-19 this semester. The expectations is that students attend school in professional attire during this time to emulate a work environment.

Look for the POL schedule and flyer to come home Thursday, December 5 with more details on expectations and students individual presentation times. Parents and family are welcomed to watch their students present in any of the classes. Please contact Mrs. Love to let her know what days you would like to come in to see your student..

## TINA HANNOUCHE PHYSICS

In November we will be completing our Newton's Laws Unit. The students have been working hard on their skateboard designs and using that as a mode to explain the forces in action. Many students are still struggling with some of the concepts and I expect many of them to show up for office hours in these weeks to get help. Our content will conclude with Exhibition and the Makerfaire! Remember that students are expected to attend the Makerfaire just as with Exhibition. The event is held at the DTLA library on Saturday, December 7. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to be able to practice their skills with a real world audience and be able to market themselves in a community of makers and science enthusiasts. Permission slips and more information will be sent out this month.



## CARI MACONOCHE DESIGN FOUNDATIONS

November is full of Exhibition deadlines and groups hard at work. Two students per group are painting their group's design onto a skateboard deck that they cut out and sanded in Physics class. The other two students are documenting the whole project across all 5 subjects. Students had creative freedom to choose between creating a Power Point, Google Slides, Website, or YouTube Video to document their project. The skateboard must be half way painted by Exhibition (the background only) and the finished painting is due by the Maker Faire on Saturday December 7th.



## IVAN VILLANUEVA SPANISH 1

This month students will be revising their Oral History Interviews to make them as best as they can be in time for Exhibition. Students will also return to grammar and conjugation with the combined units of Stem Changing Verbs, and Reflexive Verbs. In addition, in keeping with the upcoming Holiday of Thanksgiving, students will be learning some basic history of this tradition as it relates to Spanish-speaking communities in the United States.





## DR. MELINDA LOVE INTEGRATED MATH 1

This month students have started their second unit, Systems of Equations. They will be graphing systems in slope intercept form and standard form. Students will be using these skills to create sales proposals.

Some of the boards that students have built and design will be up for sale at Exhibition and at the Maker's Fair. Students will create presentations where their will propose how many boards should be sold and for how much.

Consider buying a board to gift this holiday season, or maybe hang it on the wall to add to your art collection. All proceeds will go to organizations that help immigrants, migrants, and refugees.



## ENGLISH AND COMPOSITION

Students are hard at work writing their first literature analysis essays for English class! Over the last several weeks, students have read one of several novel options focusing on the immigrant experience, and are now working on analyzing the stories. Students will also be given the opportunity to revise their mini-museum research and displays from last month, which will be on display at exhibition later this month!



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