

Freshmen News

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER- DECEMBER

Important Dates

Dec 12-19- Presentation of Learning

Dec 20 - Winter Break

Dec 21 - Report Cards Mailed out

Jan 13 - Return to School

Jan 20 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day NO SCHOOL

A Note from the Counselors



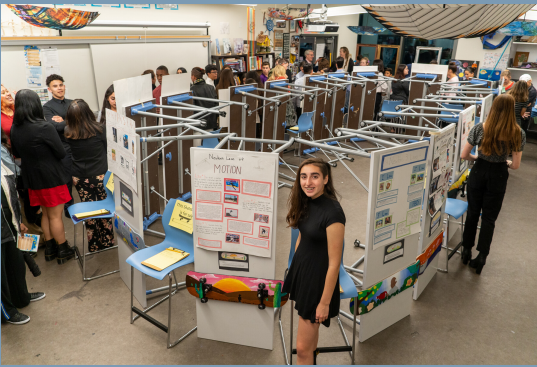
Welcome to your first POL season! This may be your first time presenting in front of teachers and peers- we know this can be stressful! Don't forget to utilize coping strategies such as deep breathing, listening to music, positive self talk, or taking short breaks in between your work times. Utilize your off times to get help from teachers and counselors! Counselors are here to help with any situation that might arise, from practicing a presentation to help calm any anxieties that might arise. Let us know how we can help!



Fall Exhibition

Thank you to all of you who attended our fall Exhibition! Our Exhibition project culminated in students showcase their work last weekend at the DTLA Maker Faire. The public was so impressed with our boards that more were sold at the event. In total, we ended up selling 13 skateboards and raising \$1,570. The money will be donated to Carecen, a Non-profit organization that assist families that have immigrated to the country.

The remaining 21 skateboards will be donated to a group of teens in a shelter for unaccompanied youth who have recently arrived to the country.



TINA HANNOUCHE PHYSICS



For POL's students will have one final chance to prove mastery in the content. They have selected either ESK 3 or 4 to present. Students were given a list of questions to study from and will randomly pick a problem to present during their POL. Next semester students will also have the option of being in honors physics and must complete a winter packet to show that they are serious about taking on the extra work for the class.

CARI MACONOCHE DESIGN FOUNDATIONS

We are wrapping up a successful semester with Design POL's. POL's consist of 2 projects that were assigned to students based on their grade. Students are either creating a Passion Project or a Storytelling work of art. Details and rubrics about both assignments are on my Google Classroom. The Storytelling art is a review of the essential skills we covered this semester. Congratulations on completing your first semester at DVD!



IVAN VILLANUEVA SPANISH 1



This month, students will be preparing for their Spanish POLs. They will review and study the most important content covered this semester: Conjugation/Grammar, Dia de los Muertos, Oral History Interview, and much more. It is an exciting time of the semester here at DVD!



DR. MELINDA LOVE

• INTEGRATED MATH 1

For POLs this semester, students will be revising their individual Exhibition presentations. Students will be asked to compare their fundraising proposal they created to a mock proposal from a competing school. Students have been working all week to prepare for their presentation.

Students who demonstrate high mathematical skill and shows a high level of mathematical perseverance during their POL's may be recommended to enroll in the Summer Bridge program for Int Math 2 so they may accelerate to Int Math 3 as a sophomore. Please read the comments in your child's report card to see if they may qualify!



ENGLISH AND COMPOSITION

December is upon us, and that means POLs! For English, students have been preparing for an extended review of the material this semester by reading and participating in Socratic seminars. All students will have the opportunity to demonstrate their growth in English this semester, both by drafting a written reflection of their work and presenting at POLs.



APRIL STRAWN

JASON WHITE

