

HISTORY HAPPENINGS

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Congratulations Mr. Sollman:

Each year the U.S. Army War College recognizes teachers and educators from regional public and private schools with the "Excellence in Education" award.

Hosted by the USAWC Commandant and leaders of the War College and Carlisle Barracks, the award recognizes exceptional contributions of educators who aid in making the

smooth transition of Army kids into a new school and environment. The ceremony was held at the Letort View Community Center. This year our very own Mr. Sollman, who teaches world history, was recognized. Congratulations, Mr. Sollman!



From the US Army War College:

We honor dedication to education.

The Excellence in Education Award honors those who have demonstrated special interest in guiding children of our military community and international guests. We salute those dedicated teachers, counselors, coaches, and administrators who make an enduring difference in the lives of military children.

We celebrate the educational community.

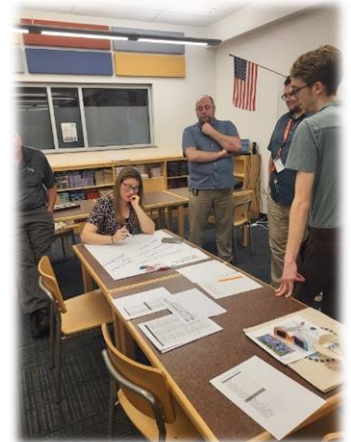
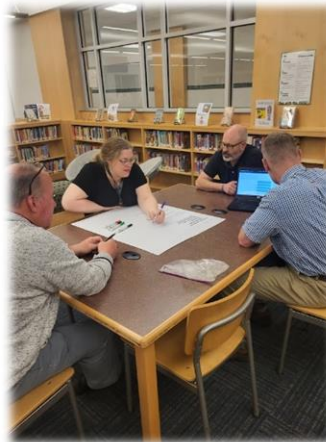
For one short year of graduate education at the Army War college, military families live, work, study and play in the Cumberland Valley. Military children experience the assignment through the educators who touch their lives in myriad ways. Educators who reach beyond expectations enrich a child's experience and strengthen bonds of community.

Department Happenings: What's Going on in Our S.S. Classrooms?

Teachers Focused on Structured Reading & Literacy

Over the past school year, our social studies teachers have used their department meeting times each month to dig a bit deeper into how we use texts and reading within our classrooms. We have spent hours looking at and finding ways to engage students in reading and literacy. Some questions we considered were: 1) what counts as knowledge in our discipline?, 2) What does it mean for students to be literate in our discipline?, 3) What skills do specialists in our field need to read, write, think, communicate, investigate, and solve problems.

Some photos of our department at work:



Civics Day 2024 at CHS

For the third year in a row, CHS played host to “Civics Day.” The goal is to provide students in 11th grade with an opportunity to engage with real-world issues and problems that are part of being within a representative democracy. This year, Civics Day spanned two days, April 22 and 23. We had two special guests work with students to understand the issue of immigration that continues to impact our country.



Mr. John Snoad from the Sphere Education Initiative had students look at how complex the legal process is for immigrants to get a green card. It is **VERY** hard – click [HERE](#) to see the full process students discussed. Students also got to play the new online immigration game to see if they could make it through the process to become a legal immigrant in the United States.



And then students got to hear from Daniel Chang from the Dissident Project. Mr. Chang (not much older than our students) talked to them about how he fled his home country of Venezuela as a teenager and became a political refugee. A special thanks to both presenters!

State History Day Competition



From April 20-21, 19 CASD students participated in the State History Day competition at the University of Scranton. Just making it to this level of competition is not small feat, as our particular region (Dauphin, York, Cumberland, and Franklin

counties) is extremely competitive. Every one of our students represented the district very well, showcasing the new-found historical knowledge in front of a panel of three judges and defending their historical thesis and their topic's importance. In the end, after competing with students from across the state, CASD has no students participating in the national competition in June at the University of Maryland. However, three of our students did make it to the runoff round and into the top six projects in the state. CONGRATULATIONS!!!! They are:

- Bailey Clayville (8th grade LMS)
4th Place in Junior Individual Exhibit
- Reese Campbell (9th grade CHS)
5th Place in Senior Individual Exhibit
- Daria Kazemi (11th grade CHS)
6th Place in Senior Individual Website

Students Visit a Gurdwara

On Friday, April 26, students in Mr. Busillo's Comparative Study of World Religions class had an amazing opportunity to spend about two hours at the Good Hope Gurdwara Sahib Harrisburg. While there, students learned more about the Sikhism and their practices. Students were even treated to some amazing food! A special thank you to the Good Hope Gurdwara for being such gracious hosts and opening their place of worship to our students. **More photographs at the end of the newsletter!**



Student Opportunities This Summer

Knowledge for Freedom Seminar – Dickinson College

The House Divided Project at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, will be hosting a free two-week summer program for rising high school seniors that focuses on great historical texts about citizenship and democracy. The Knowledge for Freedom seminar will be held from July 14-26, 2024, and offers an exciting curriculum designed to help get participants college-ready and to support them as they enter the college admissions process. Previous participants have been accepted at some of the nation's most highly selective colleges and universities including not only Dickinson, but also George Washington, Johns Hopkins, Williams, and Yale, to name just a few. And everyone who has participated in the program so far testifies to the life-changing impact of this experience, which includes field trips to Gettysburg and Washington, DC as well as the opportunity to earn college credit. **Everything about the experience is free.**



The application process is also easy, but students should begin soon as the deadline is May 31. Get details about how to apply on the seminar website by clicking [HERE](#).

For the Month of May

The month of May was named for the Greek goddess, Maia. She was the daughter of Atlas, a Titan who was responsible for bearing the weight of the heavens on his shoulders, and the mother of Hermes, the messenger of Gods. Maia was considered the goddess of spring and growth. She was considered a nurturer of Earth and growing plants. Her Roman equivalent, Bona Dea, was known as the goddess of fertility and named for the Latin word "maius," meaning large. She is also associated with growth and the springtime.

"The First of May" - Annette Wynne

If I could stay up late no doubt
I'd catch the buds just bursting out;
And up from every hidden root
Would jump a tiny slender shoot;
I wonder how seeds learn the way,
They always know the very day—
The pretty, happy first of May;
If I could stay up then, no doubt
I'd catch the buds just bursting out.

Days in May:

- May 1 – Mother Goose Day
- May 2 – Brothers & Sisters Day
- May 5 – National Hoagie Day
- May 7 – National Teacher's Day
- May 10 – Clean Up Your Room Day
- May 12 – Mother's Day!!!
- May 14 – Dance Like a Chicken Day 😊
- May 18 – Armed Forces Day
- May 27 – Memorial Day
- May 28 – National Hamburger Day

May is also:

- Asian American Month
- Foster Care Month
- National Barbeque Month
- National Bike Month
- National Photograph Month
- National Salad Month
- Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Some Historical Events...

- May 5, 1865 – The first Decoration Day is observed in the U.S. with the tradition of decorating soldiers' graves from the Civil War.
- May 7, 1915 – the Lusitania is torpedoed by a German submarine hastening America's entry into WWI.
- May 10, 1869 – the Union Pacific and Central Pacific railways link at Promontory Point, Utah.
- May 13, 1846 – Congress declares war on Mexico.
- May 14, 1607 – the first permanent English settlement is established at Jamestown, VA.
- May 17, 1954 – the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously rules that segregation of public schools is illegal in Brown v. Board of Education.
- May 20, 1927 – Charles Lindbergh takes off from Long Island in the Spirit of St. Louis.
- May 21, 1881 – American Red Cross is founded by Clara Barton.
- May 24, 1844 – Samuel Morse sends the first official telegraph message.
- May 25, 1787 – the Constitutional Convention begins in Philadelphia with seven states forming a quorum for business.
- May 27, 1937 – the Golden Gate Bridge opens in San Francisco, CA.
- May 30, 1783 – the Pennsylvania Evening Post becomes the first daily newspaper published in America.
- May 31, 1889 – Over 2,300 persons are killed in the Johnstown Flood in Pennsylvania.

MORE PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE STUDENTS' VISIT TO THE GOOD GURDWARA SAHIB HARRISBURG:

