

## APS Social Studies Fair

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Preparations for the 2016-2017 Social Studies Fair are underway. Your child has received information outlining the requirements, format, and due dates for various components of the Social Studies project. The final project which includes all components (research paper, display board, visuals) is due on \_\_\_\_\_. The local school fair will be held \_\_\_\_\_. The top five winners from each school in grades 5-12 will progress to the district fair on January 10, 2017. However all students in grades K-12 are encouraged to participate in the local school fair.

Please review the requirements for a successful project with your child, just as we have done in class. Your child will need help and support in choosing an appropriate topic and locating information throughout the research process. A successful project for the student should include a research paper, display board, and visuals. The project should represent the work of the student, not the work of a parent or an expert.

Students should prepare a 4-5 pages typed, double spaced paper. The paper should include the following: Times New Roman font, at least 3 sources. During the research process, students will take notes, make an outline, write a research paper, organize a bibliography and prepare a visual display.

During the process of creating this project, students will experience a variety educational experiences which will help them develop many of the skills necessary for college and career. During the research process, students will learn how to locate factual information, compile notes, write a well-planned and documented research paper, create a visual display and develop organizational skills. Classroom teachers are also working with students to help develop these skills. One class period per week will be spent monitoring student progress with the project. Needless to say, the majority of the project should be completed at home with support.

Please be aware of and adhere to the **project timeline** created by the teacher. Help your child plan assignments according to the due dates for each component of the project. Work with your child to break the assigned tasks of the project into smaller tasks to avoid last minute attempts which cause unnecessary stress for all involved. **The project should be completed over several weeks, not several nights.** A pocket folder is recommended for organizing all information. Large index cards (3x5 or 4x6) are also recommend for note taking. Prior to submitting the rough draft an adult should assist in proof reading the paper for grammar and spelling.

Your support and cooperation are appreciated and needed during this valuable learning experience. Additional information is available on the Georgia Council for the Social Studies website: [www.gcass.net](http://www.gcass.net). After reviewing this information with your child, please sign the bottom and return.

Sincerely,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Social Studies Teacher

I acknowledge that I have reviewed the Social Studies Fair Information with my child and understand the requirements for successful completion of the project.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_