



Wakefield students participate in the Signature Theatre workshop in preparation for the showing of [Smile Lines](#).

APS Opportunities

- History Alive! Level I Summer Institute**
 Scheduled from August 7-9, with an optional August 10th day for lesson planning, this institute provides teachers (K-12) with an in depth look into effective teaching strategies based on the works of Gardner, Cohen, Burner, Marzano, Wiggins and McTighe. Teachers will have support in designing their own lesson, while learning strategies for keeping social studies relevant, engaging, and challenging. Teachers can [register directly in ERO](#); the SRN is 20182509101. Contact the Social Studies Office, with question, x. 6140.
- 2017 Festival of the Minds, Mark your Calendar**
 Held the week of August 21st, the annual Festival of the Minds (FOM) professional learning conference provides a diversity of sessions for all PK-12 instructional staff to hone their instructional practice. At FOM, APS staff share their knowledge, skills, and experiences as presenters and facilitators.

Resources

- 5 Climate Activities for Earth Day 2017**
 In honor of Earth Day (April 22nd), Population Education has designed [these 5 climate change activities](#) to promote environmental literacy, civic engagement, and critical thinking across the curriculum.
- The True Story of Pocahontas**
 Historian Camilla Townsend separates fact from fiction, as a new documentary premieres about the American Indian princess. [Read more.](#)

Teacher Opportunities

- **Town hall Meeting on Global Education for IB and AP students at Mount Vernon: Register to have your class participate Live or via Webcast**
Bring your classroom to **Mount Vernon's Washington Library** as part of the live in-house audience for our 2017 Scholars to Leaders program, ***Through Their Eyes: Narratives That Shape Our World, from May 25 | 11:00am-12:30pm***. Through their eyes is a fast-paced program where students are asked to examine how history is created through the stories of individuals in order to better understand their community, country, and world. In addition to making up the live audience for the program, students will participate in additional activities and tours throughout the day. Lunch will be provided for all participants. To register your class for the on-site program, please contact Lucy Smith using the link: [BE A PART OF THE LIVE AUDIENCE](#) Unable to make it to Mount Vernon on May 25th? You can still participate in the program and virtually connect with panelists through on-line interactive features and debate with other schools around the country. [REGISTER FOR THE WEBCAST](#)

Summer Opportunities

- [Teaching for Civic Engagement: Professional Development – Street Law](#)
On August 2-3, teachers from the Washington, D.C., metropolitan region can participate in an exciting, interactive Seminar designed around strategies to engage students on subjects of law and government. Registration materials available from above link and registration **deadline is May 5th**.
- **K-12 Institutes in Economics, Civics, and Personal Finance**
The VCEE Institutes for teachers are available at no charge. Registration is now open for [late Spring and Summer sessions](#).
- **Virginia Historical Society Summer Teachers Institutes**
Institutes will be held the weeks of July 10-14 and July 24-28 and are open to all teachers. [Participants](#) will explore the collections of the VHS, analyze primary sources and learn about historical thinking skills.
- **2017 RockingEduTech Conference**
This conference, presented by the Rockingham County Public Schools departments of Innovation & Learning and Technology and with support from VSTE, is a 2-day educational technology conference for Virginia PreK-12 teachers, media specialists, instructional technology resource teachers, preservice teachers, administrators, and other instructional technology leaders. For registration and session details, visit <http://17conference.reps.rocks/>
- **American Perspectives on the Holocaust Conference- June 13-15**
The Holocaust Foundation of Central Virginia will be hosting their Second Annual [Summer Conference](#) at Lynchburg College. Sessions will provide educators with strategies to teach about the Holocaust in secondary classrooms including performance based assessment strategies.
- **Virginia Global Alliance – Field Study to Cuba**
Trip dates: July 12-11, 2017. On this 11-day, 10-night field trip we'll get to know Havana and take excursions to other notable sites in Western Cuba. Activities will focus on different aspects of geography, including historical, cultural, urban, economic, and physical geography, the geography of agriculture and food, and US-Cuba relations. Tentative Program Fee: \$2,900 per person (based on double occupancy, does not include airfare). Scholarships: The Virginia Geographic Alliance will graciously support scholarships of \$1,500 for 16 travelers. These scholarships will cover approximately 50% of the program fee. [Application](#) **Deadline: Friday, April 28, 2017**

- **[Teacher Dig Program at Montpelier](#)**

This week long program runs **July 16th – 21st**. Teachers attending the program will have the opportunity to participate in excavations with the Montpelier Archaeology Department staff, while gaining instruction on applying the experiences gained in the field to the classroom. For questions regarding the type of instruction being offered for teachers and the scholarship process, please contact Archaeology in the Community at info@archaeologyincommunity.com

- **Fairfax AP Summer Institute**

June 27-30, 2017, Tues.-Fri. 8:00AM to 4:00PM at Fairfax High School
3501 Rebel Run , Fairfax, Virginia 22030. Includes a continental breakfast each morning and content-specific College Board resources. Find more information on the Fairfax APSI webpage with all sessions at <https://www.fcps.edu/node/33098>. Registration ends June 1st.

Teacher Registration Form

<https://www.fcps.edu/sites/default/files/media/pdf/APSIWorkshopRegistrationForm.pdf>

Conferences

- **2017 Virginia Conference for Social Studies Educators – Call for Proposals**

Mark your calendars for this year's VCSSE conference from November 3-4, 2017 at the Richmond Marriott. The theme of this year's conference is "Uncovering the Past to Empower the Future." The Virginia Council for the Social Studies is seeking proposals that incorporate this theme into engaging and relevant presentations for educators. **Proposals are due by April 28, 2017.** Presenters will be notified of proposal status (accepted or declined) via email by June 1, 2017. [Submit a proposal](#)

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