STAFF NEWSLETTER

WMS MEDIA CENTER

SPREAD THE WORDS.

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

November is National Native American Heritage Month, a month in which we celebrate the contributions of the first Americans to the establishment and development of our country.

The official website can be found at **nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov** and includes a section called "For Teachers" which has an amazing list of curated resources.

In addition, WMS has many fiction and nonfiction books that feature Native American experiences. You can direct students to the special display of books set up in the media center and also to Destiny (our online catalog) where there is a digital display of books as well as access to many relevant e-books that students can download and read on their Chromebooks.

MEDIA MISCELLANEA

• Toner cartridges for our printers have been restocked in the media center. If your house printer needs more toner, call or email me and I will replace it. (And, good news, we are now recycling the cartridges!) • 8.5"x11" laminating pouches have been restocked. They are in the cabinet above the laminator. · Several of you have asked about making 11"x17" copies. I have requested a few reams of that size and when they come in, we will have some in the mailroom and in the workroom. You will need to use the bupass tray to photocopy on this large paper.

Quarter 1 CIRCULATION STATS ~2400 checkouts/renewals 48% fiction • 47% nonfiction 5% Cb loaners, other tech

USING THE MEDIA CENTER

If we look at square footage, our media center is one of the biggest learning spaces in the building, so let's put that ample room to good use! If your students are working on projects that would benefit from more space to spread out, consider bringing your class in. I'd love to see the media center being used to its full potential! (Just give me a heads up first for scheduling purposes.)



Amblyn Reisetter's Water in Our World class using the media center to analyze changes in a watershed over 100 years.

ED TECH TIP

Is your student's chromebook not turning on even though they are sure it is charged? Try this trick: hold down the refresh & key and the power key at the same time, then release. Close the chromebook, then reopen. More often than not, the chromebook will come on!

FALL BOOK FAIR



Last month's Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success! The students were so happy to see the in-person return of this school year staple, and it was wonderful to see their excitement about the books (and trinkets--can't forget the trinkets!).

With the help of fifteen parents and National Honor Society volunteers, we sold almost \$4,300 in merchandise, which translates into quite a few free books from Scholastic for us! I am excited to use those freebies as prizes for contests and drawings.

Stay tuned for a possible second fair in the spring.