

Civilizations of the World Research Project

Dear Parents / Guardians:

January 2017

We are writing to inform you about the “Civilizations of the World” project and Faire that our seventh grade students will participate in this year. Your student will choose a topic of interest from any of the civilizations of the Middle Ages (approximately 500 A.C.E. to 1500 A.C.E.) that we study in 7th grade: Eastern (Byzantium); Roman; Islamic; African; Chinese; Japanese; Europe (from Middle Ages to Renaissance); or the Americas, including Maya, Aztec and Inca. Enclosed in this folder is a list of possible topics and other related information.

Students will write a research paper, create a visual display/project related to their papers, and present the project in costume at the Faire. The 17th annual “Civilizations of the World Faire” will be held in Bancroft’s gymnasium on Thursday, May 25, from 6:00 – 7:30 P.M.

The Civilizations of the World Faire is one of Bancroft’s most popular public events. We need your support to make this Faire a powerful learning experience for all students. Here are some things you can do:

- reserve the date of the Faire on the family calendar,
- provide time for the project research at the San Leandro Public Library,
- assist with internet searches,
- monitor your student’s progress by reviewing notes/writing progress on a weekly basis,
- and, of course, bring the family to the Faire.

Bancroft’s PTA has generously supported this event each year with dozens of volunteers pitching in to make this a memorable experience for our students. We need parent volunteers to assist in costume check-out and check-in, internet research, publicity, set-up and clean up the day of the Faire.

Please sign this letter acknowledging that you have read the letter, and have your student return it to his or her History teacher.

Sincerely,
Your 7th Grade History and English teachers

Staff Contact: Thomas Morse, 510-618-4380, ext. 3609; or tmorse@slusd.us

Student Name _____

Parent / Guardian name _____ signature _____

_____ Yes, I can volunteer. Please have PTA leadership contact me.

Contact by phone: _____ e-mail _____