

***Inter-District Partnership  
Series 2017-18***



**NORTHWEST SUBURBAN  
INTEGRATION SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
*A Global Community Learning and Growing Together*

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***The lattice design shown is a combination of modern geometrics, an ode to intricate patterning of Islamic and Celtic art, and the interrelationships of cultures, people, and programs. Our font selection is a combination of modern outlook on integration techniques and handwritten notes to highlight the active process of the NWSISD programs.***

The Inter-District Partnership (IDP) series is sponsored by NWSISD's Family and Community Empowerment Program and Multicultural Resource Center. IDPs are available to all employees within our seven member districts. One month prior to the event a registration link will be emailed to building principals and district level personnel. Each event has a capacity of 50 attendees unless otherwise noted.

### ***Sacred Sites Tour and Curriculum Presentation***

**Date:** Wednesday, October 4, 2017

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

**Location:** NWSISD District Office departure and TBD lunch location

**Description:** "We are living, learning, and working in a particular place with a long, fascinating, troubling, and frequently unknown story." We will be visiting several Dakota sacred sites located in an area that would later be called the Twin Cities.

One goal for this tour is that participants begin to experience the place we live in as Mnisota Makoce, the Dakota homelands. How has colonization impacted Dakota use and access to these places? How have Dakota people asserted a continuing relationship with these places? What happens when this history is unknown by Minnesotans. How can educators work to address this gap in knowledge and understanding?

This tour will provide participants with a more nuanced and complicated understanding of the place the Dakota people call home.

### ***Penumbra Theatre's Wedding Band Field Trip***

**Date:** Wednesday, November 1, 2017

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

**Location:** NWSISD District Office departure; Penumbra Theatre; and TBD lunch location

**Description:** *Wedding Band*

By Alice Childress ~ Directed by Lou Bellamy

"In a small South Carolina town by the sea, Julia keeps to herself. Her love, Herman, arrives after dark with a wedding cake—a symbol of their decade long commitment and secret vows to one another. Unable to legally marry, these star-crossed lovers—one black, one white—live in constant fear of arrest or worse. The rules that govern society don't govern the heart, and Julia and Herman risk safety and security for love. Will the price be more than they can bear? Written in 1972, this passionate classic stirs the heart and proves searingly relevant as race takes center stage in American politics." [www.penumbra theatre.org](http://www.penumbra theatre.org)

### ***Islam Basics 101***

**Date:** Wednesday, January 10, 2018

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

**Location:** NWSISD District Office

**Description:** Join us in the Mississippi Room at NWSISD for this presentation on Islam Basics 101. This session will provide educators an opportunity to learn about Islam and Muslim cultures from American Muslims. Islam Resource Group offers trained and certified speakers for all types of educational and non-educational settings in the Twin Cities and surrounding areas. Our speakers make these presentations in a manner that is respectful of the First Amendment freedoms.

### ***I Am Not My Hair***

**Date:** Wednesday, February 7, 2018

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

**Location:** NWSISD District Office

**Description:** Dreads, twists, braided extensions, weaves. What exactly are we talking about? Join us at our upcoming Inter-District Partnership meeting as we explore the history of African-American hair and hairstyles. Share feelings and experiences around Black hair and the role we can all play in the self-esteem of young women and men of African descent.

- Experience the diversity of black hair care;
- Recognize the difference between perms and relaxers;
- Learn the significance and stereotypes about hair!

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**World Cafe**

**Date:** Wednesday, March 7, 2018

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

**Location:** NWSISD District Office

**Description:** Dangers of a Single Story based off the TED Talk By Chimamanda Adichie, a young Nigerian Author, will set the tone of our World Cafe engagement, including the power of story telling and sharing our own stories.

**St. Paul Cultural Tour**

**Date:** Wednesday, May 2, 2018

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

**Location:** NWSISD District Office departure and TBD lunch location

**Description:** Take a tour of the historical Westside of St. Paul including the Neighborhood House. Neighborhood House is one of the most important institutions in the history of St. Paul’s West Side. Neighborhood House has been a welcoming presence for thousands of refugees and immigrants since its founding in 1897 by the women of Mount Zion Temple, who worked to help Eastern European Jewish families settle in the St. Paul area.

# Do you need a Meeting Room?



The NWSISD district office has two meeting rooms available free of charge. If you are interested in reserving space, please call our main office line at 763-450-1300.

The **Mississippi Room** is equipped with a large screen, projector, sound system, and two whiteboards. Capacity of 50.

The **Minnesota Room** is equipped with large screen, projector and whiteboard. Capacity of 10.

Available weekdays 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. excluding July and winter break.

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