

Inter-District Partnership Series 2019 - 20

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. Click on the title of each IDP to register.

Sacred Sites Tour and Curriculum Presentation

Date: Wednesday, October 2, 2019

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Location: Bus Tour (Start at NWSISD)

Description: We are living, learning, and working in a particular place with a long, fascinating, troubling, and frequently unknown story. One goal for this tour is that participants begin to experience the place we live in as Mnisota Makoce, the Dakota homelands. We will be visiting several Dakota sacred sites located in an area that would later be called the Twin Cities. 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 detailed understanding of the place we call home.

Somali Culture 101 Field Trip

Date: Wednesday, November 6, 2019

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Location: NWSISD District Office departure; Somali Museum; and TBD lunch location

Description: Somali Culture 101

Immigrant populations in Minnesota must explore and craft the ways they will carry their culture forward as they build their community in the United States. The Somali Museum is your resource for educating yourself and training your colleagues about the rich heritage of Minnesota's Somali community. Participants will be exposed to the local Somali culture and community by touring the Somali Museum and a presentation of Somali Culture 101. An authentic Somali lunch will follow after the tour and presentation.

Hmong Culture 101 presented by the Hmong Cultural Center

Date: Wednesday, December 4, 2019

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Location: NWSISD District Office

Description: Participants will learn about Hmong culture and history including the Hmong role in the Vietnam War, the Hmong Diaspora around the World, the Hmong clan system, the history of the Hmong written language, the Hmong religion, milestones in the growth of the Hmong community in Minnesota and diversity in the Hmong Minnesota community

Network for the Development of Children of African Descent Field Trip

Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2020

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Location: NWSISD District Office departure; NdCAD; tour and hosted soul food lunch

Description: Take a tour of the Network for the Development of Children of African Descent center. NdCAD envisions a place where the African spirit is nurtured and renewed through their mission of strengthening cultural connections within communities of African descent that promote, sustain and enhance the healthy development of our children. A soul food lunch will be provided and hosted by NWSISD.

Engaging People in Public Dialogue and Problem Solving

Date: Wednesday, March 4, 2020

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

Location: NWSISD District Office

Description: Tension among different racial and ethnic groups is a real problem in communities across the country. It affects whether we can get along, in school or out in the community. It can affect our daily lives in many ways - from whether we respect each other, to how we treat each other, to how we deal with conflict. The purpose of this session is to help us talk about racial and ethnic tensions and what we can do to ensure a welcoming environment for all students. A World Cafe will be used to guide the conversations as well as resources from, "Youth Issues, Youth Voices: A Guide for Engaging Youth and Adults in Public Dialogue and Problem-Solving".

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Black History Beyond February

Date: Wednesday, May 6, 2020

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

Location: NWSISD District Office

Description: Ayenna Davis and Karen McKinney will explore the opportunities in bringing black history alive in the classroom. Participants will engage with resources from the Multicultural Resource Center.

TransAtlantic Slave Trade (Maafa - African Holocaust)

Date: TBD Date June 2020

Time: TBD

Location: TBD

Description: "Maafa" means dark period. It symbolizes the time when native Africans were stolen from their continent, and marched 1500 miles to the coast where they became enslaved persons. This simulation will emulate that experience including the middle passage crossing the Pacific Ocean. This is an opportunity to recognize the history of black people before they came to this continent and acknowledge the experience of the ancestors.



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. Room capacity is 50.

The **Minnesota Room** is equipped with large screen, projector and whiteboard. Room capacity is 12.

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

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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.