School Partnership Program

Asian and Pacific Islander American
Pacific Northwest History, Social Studies, Art and Literacy
Integrated Classroom and Museum Experiences
The rich local histories of Seattle and the Pacific Northwest provided real, authentic learning experiences. Our partnership with the Wing Luke Museum (WLM) helped set the stage for yearlong learning opportunities for all school constituencies.

Yaneth Prentas
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Connect Your Students to a Broader Picture of Pacific Northwest and American History

Teachers and Administrators,

Many of you have worked with our museum over the years; for others this may be your first introduction. We have spent the better part of our nearly 50 years honing, adapting and strengthening how we engage with students, teachers and the general public. It is time to reconnect with us, consult with us and find ways to use the museum as a resource to enhance your own lesson plans and students’ experiences.

Last year we launched a year-long partnership option for schools and districts that couples:

- Professional development training (clock hours);
- Online curriculum resources;
- Historical and neighborhood educational tours for students; and
- A parent engagement program to connect them with their student’s experience

The partnership is a comprehensive program starting with teachers, followed by classroom-museum curriculum integration, student visits to the museum, follow-up lessons and synthesis that culminate in parent engagement.

We recognize that the full package may seem like a large commitment, and even may be outside of some school budgets, however, each component can be selected independently, or best in different configurations to design a partnership that better fits your school’s needs. For example, schools may just want to use our curriculum site and have a few teachers bring their students in for onsite experiences. This is the cost of the field trips and nothing more. Another school may decide to utilize the professional development opportunities and onsite visits without a curriculum subscription. All are valuable options.

We are finding that the effect of this longer term, deeper relationship is creating a much more positive experience for teachers and students, with students arriving more prepared to dialogue, analyze history and to explore. Teachers are expressing their appreciation for how our program has made the connection to Common Core that much easier.

In this 2022-2023 school year, we would be happy to partner with your school, and the greater community that supports your institution. If you want to plan ahead for 2023-2024, we have begun early planning with other schools and districts, so this would be a great time to get ahead for the coming school year.

“Wing Luke and their staff are highly commended for their outstanding presentation and interaction at this grade level. I love arranging tours there for your quality work and outgoing personalities. The students keep on giving me beautiful feedback on how much insight and history they learn.”

Tony Fabian, Christ The King Catholic School
Partnership Options

Student Learning

Students will...
- Gain familiarity with Americans of many ethnic backgrounds and connect with the experiences of communities who changed the face of Washington State and the nation;
- Learn through the multiple touch-points of classroom instruction and coordinated museum experiences including reading comprehension, oral history, historical artifacts;
- Become confident in asking questions of themselves and their peers;
- Understand cultural diversity, human rights, and the universal connections between individuals and communities;
- Increase awareness of the origins and effects of exclusion, prejudice, stereotyping and racial discrimination in American history, while applying these lessons to current events.

$10 per student for the year

Professional Development

Teachers Earn Clock Hours and...
- Learn current content and best practices in teaching Asian and Pacific American history. Learn to apply these to understanding ethnic groups that shaped America.
- Practice hands-on and kinetic activities, arts and crafts, that help students explore historical and cultural experiences and values while meeting Common Core standard and WA State GLEs.
- Understand the power of words, definitions, connotations and implications on immigrant and refugee populations.
- Investigate a 1910 laborers hotel, Family Association Room, a family apartment and historic storefront. understand how the museum connects site specific learning to your classroom.
- Receive coaching in integrating museum curriculum into their classrooms.

$50 per teacher for the year
Partnership Options

Administrators

Choose from any of these options that best integrate with your curriculum and classroom instruction and work with your budget.

- Connect with educational staff as co-participants in workshops.
- Understand the support teachers will need to utilize the museum resources and to support the program’s success.
- Enhance their leadership in supplying the school community with opportunities to grow, challenge and enjoy the complexities of American history and social studies.
- Model the ability for all community members to be informed citizens.

$50 per administrator for the year

Parents

From January through March students in grades K-3 delve into Lunar New Year and other new year traditions in Asian American communities.

- We love when parents can attend as chaperones on field trips, but understand that many cannot due to their work schedules or other responsibilities.
- As part of the program, schools can choose to host parent experiences here at the Museum to give them insight into what their children have been learning and experiencing.
- Parent take-home materials can be provided throughout the school year as a prompt for dinner conversation or during study time. These will connect current events with historical trends, giving parents tools to discuss potentially tough topics with their children.

Optional: For an end of the year culmination event for all parents, the cost is $10 per parent.

“Thanks so much for all of the work you put into organizing such a lovely experience. The kids had a blast and many have said that this has been their favorite field trip ever!

Lina Namkung, Wing Luke Elementary
Partnership Benefits

Curriculum and Interactive Resources

Current and retired teachers and museum educators helped develop our curriculum to challenge and encourage students to analyze and gain personal insight into history. Our online curriculum portal opens lessons plans and other interactive tools directly into the classroom.

This image is a link to a presentation on early immigration and moments in Asian and Pacific American history.

Free (there is a donation link if you feel like sending love our way, but it is definitely not required!)

Who We Are

As a National Park Service Affiliated Area and the first Smithsonian affiliate in the Pacific Northwest, the Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience offers an authentic perspective on unique history as told by the people who lived it. All add layers to our larger American story.

Nationally recognized for our work in creating dynamic, community-driven exhibitions and programs, we put our community at the heart of each exhibition we create. Our Museum is a juxtaposition of modern and historical with rotating exhibits in 11 galleries, and historically preserved spaces including a 1910 storefront, a laborer’s hotel, Chinese family association room and a family apartment. We use these spaces and every exhibition in our modern galleries as classrooms, points of discussion and personal reflection.

Our curriculum and educational programs are written and reviewed by current and retired educators. The Museum began digitizing what used to be offered in a physical curriculum box. The result is a resource

“The kids were really blown away by the tour, and I really do think it helped them to fully see what they’ve been researching. Thanks so much again. [We are] excited to maintain a relationship with Wing Luke so we do more work with you all as our Seattle class continues over the years.”

Bess McKinney, East Side Preparatory