



Classroom WithOut Walls

2013-14

From the Social Studies Departments of

Kenai Central High School
Skyview High School

Overview – The **Classroom WithOut Walls** is a series of lessons taught by local social studies teachers, which is delivered to students simultaneously in both high schools. The schools share PolyCom technology--which delivers live sound and video feed between the schools--as well as linked Smart Boards that display text and images. Students are using the latest technology available to collaborate with peers from their own and other schools. Students and parents will also have the opportunity to participate in multiple special events throughout the year.

Additional events and or small alterations may occur throughout the semester.

Syllabus – 1st Semester

- August 21 Introduction to **CWOW!** - Mr. Sparks, Mr. Zorbas.
- August 22 “Thinking Historically” - Mr. Sparks, Mr. Zorbas.
- August 26, 27 Key terms and cultural video assignment – Mr. Sparks, Mr. Zorbas.
- August 28, Special Event Video Conferencing Etiquette – Elaine Shuck Polycom.
- August 29, Special Event “All Things History” - Mr. Gregory Weissenberg Former Soldotna High Teacher.
- September 3 Website Validity – Mrs. Barkman KPBSD Librarian
- September 4, 5 Library tools/research options (Mrs. Barkman KPBSD Librarian and Librarians from Skyview and KCHS).
- September 9, 10 Cause and Effect Relationships- Mr. Sparks
- September 11, “9/11: A Day to Remember” Presentation and Power point Basics- Mr. Zorbas.
- September 16 –October 11 Unit 1 Prehistory and Early Civilizations
- September TBA Manhattan School of Music. Early musical traditions
- TBA, “From Constantinople to Kenai” - Mr. Gregory Weissenberg Former Soldotna High Teacher.
- October 14 – November 8 Unit 2 Medieval
- Nov 11 – December 6 Unit 3 Renaissance and Reformation
- Nov TBA Manhattan School of Music – The Baroque
- December 9 – 19 Collaborative Formal presentations (by students).

Curriculum– This is a collaborative process that emphasizes a cross-curricular approach. We will meet or exceed established standards in World History, U.S. History, Russian language, Alaska Studies, Government and English Literature students throughout the year.

Parents

We would like to invite parents to participate in our lessons this year. Parent(s)/guardian(s) are encouraged to join their child’s class and participate in the **Classroom WithOut Walls** Program. Many of the special events will be streamed live. Notices will be sent via e-mail with instructions and additional information posted on my web page.

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