



Acadia Team Newsletter December 8, 2023

On the Horizon:

- 12/13 - Photo Retakes
- 12/14 - Trimester 1 grades mailed home
- 12/21 $\frac{1}{2}$ day for students
- 12/22 - Winter Break
- 1/2 - School resumes

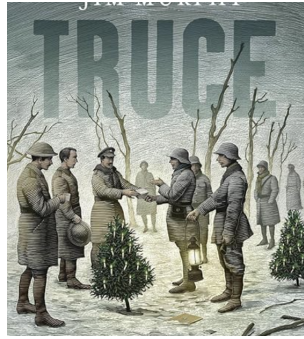
Needs on-team:

Our school news Snow sleds!
Duct tape! Our team goes through a lot.

In our classes:

20th-Century Conflict:

We started with a look at the mix of Nationalism, ego and mistakes that led to the start of WW I. We are examining how smart and responsible people can make terrible decisions. WW I is a study of human bravery and foolishness. Connecting to Roseys Last of Human Freedoms class, we are



reading aloud
Truce By Jim
Murphy. This
book explains the
start of the war
and how some
troops disobeyed
their
commanders to
see their enemies

at fellow humans.

20th-Century Change and Challenge:



We started by learning about America's great experiment, Prohibition. All groups forbid some things, come crimes etc. We looked at why our country decided to change the Constitution to forbid alcohol and what its impact was. Prohibition failed. We are looking at what the desire to change things for the better says about us the US as well as what the failure of prohibition does. The first assignment calls for students to come up with three arguments for and against prohibition.

Never Fail to Protest:

This week we've learned about how remaining neutral in situations often favors one side over the other. Students examined what they would need to have tough conversations about controversial topics. They mentioned the need to remain open-minded, to listen to understand, and to take turns while speaking.



Students also examined the life of Senator John Lewis with a timeline activity and a writing prompt. We discussed whether or not there was ever a "Good Kind of Trouble."

Students are in the process of picking topics that they will present to their classmates. Stay tuned for more information about the project.

The Last of Human Freedoms:

Students examined their First Amendment Rights of Speech,

Religion, Press, Assembly, and Petition. They also read a play about The Christmas Truce of 1914, noting that the Rights to Speech, Assembly, and Religion all played a role in this event.



Students have been asked to respond to a survey to assess their interest in performing a play for our community about The Christmas Truce. Stay tuned to learn what they decided.

