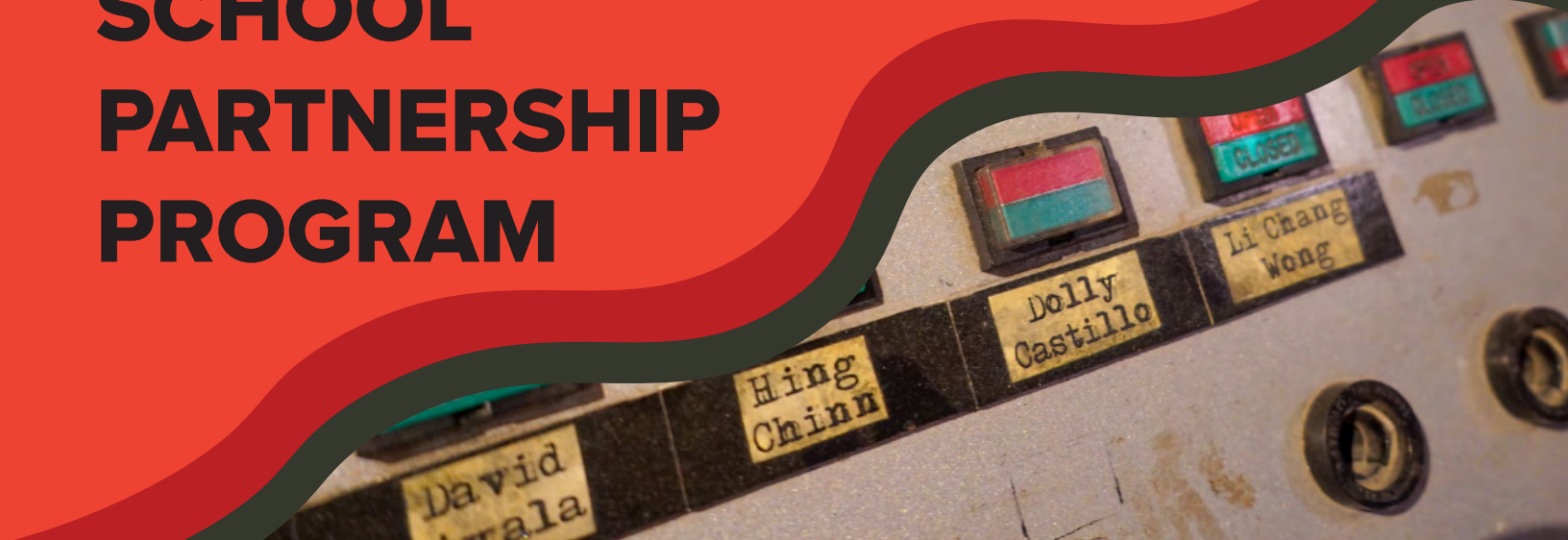


# WING LUKE MUSEUM SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM



Asian and Pacific Islander  
American  
Pacific Northwest History,  
Social Studies,  
Art and Literacy

Integrated Classroom and  
Museum Experiences

We connect students to the deep and rich histories of Asian American and Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander American communities across the Pacific Northwest through artifacts, place-based learning, and immersive storytelling.



“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  
Director of Equity and Inclusion  
The Meridian School, Seattle*



Students have the opportunity to explore historically preserved spaces throughout the Chinatown-International District, including the Freeman Hotel, originally opened in 1910.

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

Teachers and Administrators,

Our school partnerships can range from year-long district-wide programs to multi-session intensives for specific classrooms or grade bands. These connect teacher professional development and coaching, museum-to-classroom curriculum integration, student visits, and direct parent engagement. Our partnerships are all designed to create opportunities for place-based learning that leads to lifelong connections to the Chinatown-International District, Washington State and the nation, and fosters the tools and skills necessary to understand themes of Race, Identity, Arts, and History.

We work directly with administrators and educators to provide programming that will best fit the needs of an individual school or district and are equipped with staff and educators that are familiar with state guidelines and curriculum standards.

Longer term, deeper relationships create a much more positive experience for teachers and students, with students arriving more prepared to dialogue, analyze history and to explore. Teachers have expressed their appreciation for how our program has made the connection to Common Core that much easier.

In this 2023-2024 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 2024-2025, 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.

Want to begin or deepen your school or classroom's relationship with The Wing Luke Museum? Email [rgupta@wingluke.org](mailto:rgupta@wingluke.org) to get started!

# OUR OFFERINGS

While we aim to create a partnership that best suits your individual needs, here are a few options that we have successfully provided for districts and schools across the region:

## District-Wide Learning



We have worked with districts to create year-long programs that include multiple professional development sessions with individual sessions geared toward teachers and administrators. We provide one-on-one guidance with educators throughout the year. These personalized sessions aim to aid educators as they integrate new stories, content, and curriculum into their classrooms as they prepare to bring their students into our spaces. Finally, the program culminates in a museum visit for entire grade bands, connecting the classroom content and curriculum teachers implement to real-world spaces and experiences.

## Student Learning Intensives

We have worked with individual schools to provide multi-session intensives. Ranging from 3 to 10 sessions, these can be performed onsite at our museum or in the classrooms themselves. These sessions connect English Language Arts (ELA) and Social Studies curriculum to the art and literature that can be found in and about our neighborhood, the Chinatown-International District. These sessions introduce students to concepts around Race, Ethnicity, Identity, and Civic Engagement all while being rooted in the invaluable stories and resources that can be found within our museum.



# OUR OFFERINGS

## Direct Classroom Engagement

We have worked with individual teachers and classrooms to help provide well-rounded and holistic resources that can connect classroom content to upcoming field trip experiences. We provide curriculum consultations as well as connect educators and their classrooms to our wide-ranging network of speakers who can speak to an array of Asian American and Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander histories, experiences, and identities.



Let's Learn About Lao New Year

Meet Jintana

Learn about Lao New Year from Jintana Uthayoung. Jintana is a second-generation Lao American who grew up in Seattle's Rainier Beach neighborhood. Today, she continues to live and celebrate in the Seattle area. Learn how Jintana has adapted Lao New Year traditions to fit her life in the Pacific Northwest while maintaining the spirit, meanings, and even the yummy treats that have defined the holiday for herself and her family.

Jintana's parents were born and raised in Laos. In the 1980s, they came to the United States as refugees. Once in the Pacific Northwest, Jintana's family found that "it's a little hard to transfer the exact same traditions and activities from Laos to here." In spite of this, Jintana and her family have found ways to celebrate the holiday while here in Seattle, even in the face of challenges such as the COVID-19 pandemic.



"When my brothers and I were young, my parents used to take us to the Laos temple nearby. Now that we're all adults, my parents still make sure to visit the temple for a day or two and invite us, but never want to force us. What is most important to them is us just visiting them at home (their house) and taking part in the traditions. During the pandemic, my parents didn't want me coming over and instead told me what to do in my own home while FaceTiming me."

## Learning Resources

We provide a number of learning resources for educators and students alike. From student reading lists to curriculum and teacher-made lesson plans, we have a wide variety of resources available for free. Visit <https://www.wingluke.org/educators> to learn more and explore our collection of resources.

Still not sure what's the best fit? Reach out to Rahul Gupta at [rgupta@wingluke.org](mailto:rgupta@wingluke.org) with more information about your school or classroom goals and interests and we can help guide you towards a partnership that best fits your individual school or classroom.

# WHO ARE WE?

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 that can connect students and teachers from across the country with unique, place-based storytelling and learning centered around Seattle's Chinatown-International District.



Smithsonian Affiliations

