School Partnerships

Integrating Classrooms and Museum Experiences

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

The WING
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 in different configurations to design a partnership that better fits your school's needs. For example, schools may just want to subscribe to our curriculum site and have a few teachers bring their students in for onsite experiences. 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 the coming 2016-2017 school year, we would be happy to partner with your school, and the greater community that supports your institution.

“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
Our Approach to Museum Education


Through the eyes of hundreds of thousands of immigrants and refugees our museum peels back the layers of history for students and invite them to experience the fine line separating the past and the present. We retell the stories of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans and immerse your students in those experiences that transformed the Pacific Northwest—in the very places they built.

Our partnership with teachers, schools and districts combine several of our services in one comprehensive partnership program that utilizes curriculum, developed here at Wing Luke Museum, professional development trainings, one-on-one coaching with educators, student engagement, through teachers, in the classroom. Additionally, Wing Luke Museum includes in the program a wide variety of museum-based and neighborhood tours for all grades (K-Graduate) Tuesday thru Friday except during major national holidays.

When combined over the course of an academic year, your students will engage with history through fine art, craft, oral history, museum exhibitions, the written word and historic locations.

Scaling up or down our content and delivery, we engage students in age-appropriate dialogue on topics including identity and self-representation, civic participation, labor history, cultural celebrations, and transformation of the region. The Education Team believes that all students should:

- Understand cultural diversity, human rights, and the universal connections between individuals and communities.
- Become more aware of the origins and effects of exclusion, prejudice, stereotyping and racial discrimination.
- Understand backgrounds and journeys of immigrants, including the experiences of refugees.
- Engage in issues associated with settlement in the U.S. and the impact this might have on immigrants and refugees.
- Acknowledge positive contributions made by immigrants and refugees to this country.

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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.
- 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, while meeting Common Core standard and WA State GLEs.

Each of our 11 galleries is a new classroom. Exhibitions change several times a year, giving the museum and your students opportunities to engage in new perspectives on history, art, community and pop culture.

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.

I want to thank you so much for all of your support and the wonderful work you did to create a meaningful curriculum and trip for our students. Over the last three weeks I have heard some great things come out of the work they did.”

Monica Bracelen
Highline Public Schools
Through gallery tours, historic immersions, character-play and object triggers our education team helps to facilitate dialogue, design arts and crafts, lead kinetic play and making noise (when prompted).

"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
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.

Choosing the Right Program Partnership

We understand that each school has a different set of needs; connect with the Wing Luke Museum to design a partnership that works for you and your school community.

Program Option Pricing

- $50/participant Fall Teacher and Administrator Training (6 hour session, clock hours plus breakfast and lunch)
- $25/per student includes two tours within the museum and the neighborhood. Discounts applied based on Free and Reduced Lunch rates.
- $450 12-month online subscription to our entire curriculum with downloadable and online content (almost 60% reduction off the monthly rate)
- $150 for full day in-school consultation and support for teachers. Grade Levels K-5
- $10/participant for a Parent Night at the Museum

“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
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 a unique version of the American story. Additionally, The Wing is a participant in the International Sites of Conscience dialogues on immigration.

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 you and your colleagues can bring directly into the classroom.

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