

SANTA CLARA COUNTY  OFFICE OF EDUCATION

March 11, 2010

TO: Elementary School Principals

FROM: David Walters, History Social Science Coordinator

SUBJECT: Fantastic All-Expense Paid Opportunity for 5th Grade Teachers

Would you like to see your 5th grade teachers armed with more creativity and multi-curricular, standards-based lessons?

Colonial Williamsburg's famed Teacher Institute has produced just that for the past 20 years. We'd love to see *your* teachers – and their students – enjoy the benefits that happen after a week in Virginia's historical district.

Thanks to numerous benefactors across California, selected Santa Clara County teachers will leave Tuesday, June 29, 2010 for an all-expense paid week in Colonial Williamsburg, Jamestown, and Yorktown. The round-trip airfare, room and board in authentic colonial homes, and tuition are all covered. Teachers are on-the-go everyday from 8 a.m. to almost 10 p.m., attending workshops, visiting historic sites, receiving classroom-tested units, visiting with re-enactors, having an experience the usual visitor to Colonial Williamsburg never dreams of!

Historical events are presented and discussed within the context of reading, language arts, writing, science, math, and physical education. The entire experience is multi-curricular and standards-based! Teachers will learn about:

- Jamestown, Native Americans, indentured servants, and what current archaeology is revealing
- Slavery: Rural, Urban, the lives of slaves, their survival techniques, and their strength despite hardship
- Social classes: gentry, middling sort, lesser sort, slaves, and how this affected life and the formation of the United States Constitution.
- Family Life
- Government: the foundation of the American Republic, the Founding Fathers (and mothers), and the colonial judicial system
- American Revolution: its causes, and how it affected lives of the colonists
- Economic system
- Education: school and the trades/apprenticeship system

Attending teachers are obligated to develop new materials for classroom use and to share with other teachers in their districts and the county. We ask that you give them one day of released-time during the school year to bring the selected teachers together to create these additional resources.

Please share this flyer and application with interested 5th grade teachers. They may apply as a team but will need to prepare separate applications. I look forward to hearing from teachers at your site. **Applications are due by April 23, 2010 to the Santa Clara County Office of Education.**

**21st Annual Colonial Williamsburg Teacher Institute
for
Early American History
for 5th Grade Teachers
Teaching in Santa Clara County**

June 29- July 6, 2010



A Group of Santa Clara County 5th Grade Teachers
will be selected to spend an all-expense paid week in Colonial Williamsburg
experiencing and exploring colonial life.

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Application Form

Colonial Williamsburg Teacher Institute for Santa Clara County Fifth Grade Teachers
June 29- July 6, 2010

Completed applications must be received by April 23, 2010

(This form may be duplicated for use by other applicants)

PLEASE PRINT

Name _____

Mailing
Address _____

Email Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Telephone H () _____ W () _____

Sex (Circle) M F SS # _____

Full name and Address of School Where Now Teaching

School _____ District _____

School Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Grade now teaching _____

If selected, and if I accept, I agree to fulfill the requirements of the Teacher Institute as stated in this announcement. I also understand that my application will not be returned. (Please be aware that this is a strenuous week of activity with long days and lots of walking under varying weather conditions of heat and humidity. Applicants must be in good health and in good physical condition.) My administrator is aware of the released time requirements of one day during the 2010 – 2011 school year.

Signature _____

Administrator's
Signature _____

Mail all material requested and this form to arrive no later than April 23, 2010 to:

Santa Clara County Office of Education
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San Jose, CA 95131-2398
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**21st Annual Colonial Williamsburg Teacher Institute
for Early American History
Santa Clara County 5th Grade Teachers
June 29- July 6, 2010**

The Colonial Williamsburg Teacher Institute is designed to help teachers become better equipped to teach the American history goals and objectives, with California History-Social Science Standards in mind. The teachers selected will begin working together as a team in Williamsburg, Virginia. Returning to their home schools in the fall, they will teach their students units on early American history using the experiences, skills, and instructional materials obtained at the Teachers Institute. These classroom-tested units and materials will then be shared with fellow teachers through the annual county-wide convocation held in the spring.

Williamsburg, the restored 18th-century capital of the colony of Virginia, has a unique power to spark in teachers an enthusiasm for and understanding of the events, personalities, ideas, and values that shaped and continue to guide the life of the republic. During the Institute, participating teachers will think, talk about, and prepare teaching units about early American history in a setting where so much history actually happened. It is a unique opportunity for teachers to deal with vital historical topics such as the formation of a multi-racial society and the winning and securing of independence as a democratic republic.

Expenses:

Successful applicants will be furnished with round-trip transportation, all course materials, and room and board. Colonial Williamsburg's operating and general funds and additional funding from outside sources are used to offset the costs of the workshop for teachers' travel, room and board costs, and materials sent home with each participant.

Selection:

The selection of participants will be made by a committee to determine evidence of:

- The applicant's demonstrated success as a teacher.
- How the seminar will relate to the teaching skills and needs of the applicant.
- The teacher's high-quality curriculum development skills and effective presentation skills.
- The teacher's well-rounded personality and ability to work with other people.
- A commitment to, and capabilities for, the concentrated study of the seminar program.

Requirements:

- Institute participants will develop and create multi-curricular, standards-based instructional units and teaching materials to be shared with other teachers during the

follow-up workshops offered through the Santa Clara County Office of Education and other school districts in the spring of 2010-2011.

Please note: This is a physically demanding trip with long hours and a great deal of walking. Applicants must be in good physical condition.

Application:

An application must include:

- The completed form.
- Resume (limit to two pages).
- Statement of personal and professional reasons for wanting to participate (limit of 500 words).
- Any other evidence of teaching success, academic capabilities, a well-rounded personality, and the ability to work with other people.
- Letters of recommendation from:

- 1) your immediate supervisor or principal, and
- 2) one other person competent to judge your character and teaching skills.

At least one of these letters must be from someone with whom you have worked within the past two years. Letters will be completely confidential.

These letters may be submitted with the application or mailed separately.

District Commitment:

- District approval of 1 release day during the 2010-2011 school year to work on curriculum projects to be shared throughout the county.

All applicants will be notified of their status by the second week in May.

For additional information, please contact David Walters at

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Judy Hill (Santa Clara County Colonial Williamsburg Liaison) at

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