

Bi-weekly Adolescent Update IV

The past two weeks have been busy, as usual! Nearly two weeks ago, we began our first Humanities unit dealing with Ancient China. We began the unit with a couple introductory lessons, *Why is history important?* and *The Four Stages of Human Development*, and then got into our work looking specifically at Ancient China. The students have begun work on their own individual projects, in addition to some relevant political science lessons (see the photo to the right!). The novel that we are now reading, *A Bridge of Birds*, is a novel set in Ancient China.



The students continue to work on their self-designed statistics experiments, collecting, analyzing, and representing data. They have been getting particular practice with ratios, percentages, and conversion of fractions to decimals and percentages. They will be giving their final presentations next week.



For Creative Expression this week the students were able to carve pumpkins, in preparation for Halloween. In PE, last week, the students began a new type of yoga with Ms. Kim, Yin Yoga, which has roots in Ancient China.

This week, they did dance with Ms. Julia, pulling from various styles and time periods, including Disco (The Hustle), Latin (Meringue), and Swing (The Charleston). Some of the students have also been working on various art projects for humanities, and they continue either Guitar or Music Appreciation on Friday



afternoons.



Nearly all the students have now been able to go to Riverview Estates, the home for the elderly in Riverton, where they help with Bingo and serve ice cream. They have also been doing community service work around the school, taking care of the animals, doing odd jobs to get the Cape Cod ready, and any other projects that come up.

As the weather gets colder, we have been eating inside, and will miss our trips to the park. To celebrate one of our last outdoor lunches, Aidan and Jake did some spontaneous playground physics (see picture to the right).

