



# AN ISLAND EXPLORATION

## DEAR PARENTS, TEACHERS, AND PEAKERS,

Last week at PEAK student teams made some important decisions on how they wanted their island depicted on their 3D map. Teams used several digital mapping apps and different information layers available to determine what they wanted to show on their saltwater dough island. Then we painted! Students did so well with the paint and the computers and each other! I think the islands look amazing too! I will be photographing their work, and these pics will be added to their PowerPoint presentations.

In the afternoon, students completed their focus area research, timed themselves to see if they had enough facts/data, and put finishing touches on their PowerPoint. Many students took their work home to complete before next week. I was impressed with their commitment to work on their own time to complete the assignment! Thank you, students!

Next week is our last full day of PEAK for the school year! Students will be wrapping up any unfinished research and adding images to their digital story. Teams will be starting their audio recordings next week too. Students will practice narrating their research and then record each piece onto their PowerPoint slide. A good part of our day will be spent getting our words recorded onto our slides. Eventually, students will finish their project! The last steps will be to export the PowerPoint file to a video format and then email/share the final product with families!

**Please note: our last week of PEAK will be a modified schedule with each PEAK day coming for a ½ day on either Monday or Tuesday (please see the calendar for details).** I will be providing an end-of-PEAK-year treat for students those days as a celebration for a great year! Thanks!

## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES: (MAY 13 - MAY 17)

<b>Research: Internet</b> – I can navigate the internet and collect relevant research, including citations, with teacher guidance.	<b>My Focus Areas!</b> – Students will finish their focus area research and time themselves to determine they have enough materials for their PowerPoint presentation.
<b>Communication: Writing to an Authentic Audience:</b> I can create my own original written works and incorporate creative elements like style and voice.	<b>Telling Our Story</b> – Students will develop a narration for their story using the information they gathered in their research. They will practice their narration before recording in the PowerPoint.
<b>Technology: Software</b> – I can effectively use various software applications to create content for an activity or project with teacher guidance.	<b>Our Island Presentation!</b> - Students teams will complete their PowerPoint presentation and record their island stories onto the slides they created. Their final project will be exported as a video and emailed to families!

**LOVE OUR ISLANDS!**

**MR. CURRIER**

# PEAK CALENDAR - SPRING 2024

13  Jefferson Rossiter Warren	14  Jim Darcy Kessler Central	15  Four Georgians Hawthorne	16  Broadwater Bryant Smith	17
20 <b>½ Day Morning</b> Jefferson Rossiter Warren <b>Leave at 11:15am</b> <b>No Lunch at PEAK</b>  <b>½ Day Afternoon</b> <b>YES LUNCH!</b> <b>Four Georgians</b> <b>Hawthorne</b> <b>Leave at 1:45pm</b>	21 <b>½ Day Morning</b> Jim Darcy Kessler Central <b>Leave at 11:15am</b> <b>No Lunch at PEAK</b> <b>½ Day Afternoon</b> <b>YES LUNCH!</b> <b>Broadwater</b> <b>Bryant</b> <b>Smith</b> <b>Leave at 2pm</b>	22  <div>MS PEAK Physics Competition – in Idaho!</div>	23	24
27  <div>Memorial Day – No School!</div>	28  <div>All PEAK Leadership Conference! 8:00am – 2:30pm Location: Capital Building</div>	29	30	31
JUN 3	4	5	6  <div>Last Day of School! Have a great summer!</div>	7