

# LOST CITIES!



## DEAR PARENTS TEACHERS, AND PEAKERS,

Last week at PEAK, students completed some preliminary research on a lost city by answering a series of questions I posed for them. Students took their answers and created a short PowerPoint presentation. Each student/team presented their lost city information to the class and as a result every student had learned some great details about all the lost cities investigated. Then it was decision time. Students chose three lost cities that they would be interested in/want to learn more about and wrote the names on a sticky note. I collected all the stickies and placed students into teams based on common interests. Our new teams of three will be who we work with for our final project on lost cities! To get started on our projects, students began learning about the 18 Areas of Human, a research tool that can be used anytime someone is learning about people/cultures/societies. We didn't get through all the 18 Areas, and we will pick up next week!

Also, next week, the new lost city teams will participate in a team building activity that will require them to communicate their ideas as well as listen to teammates in an attempt to solve a problem. They will be building a free-standing tower using only pasta, tape, string, and a marshmallow! It's the Great Marshmallow Challenge! Late in the day, we will learn about the rules of brainstorming and then apply those rules as teams begin planning their final project for our Lost City unit of study! Another busy week at PEAK!

## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES: (OCT 2 - 6)

<b>Research: 18 Areas of Human</b> - I can use the 18 Areas list to understand different aspects of humanity with step-by-step teacher guidance.	<b>Tool for Exploration</b> – Student teams will continue learning about the 18 Areas of Human and how they can be used in research to learn about a group of people, a society, or a civilization.
<b>Problem Solving: Grouping Dynamics</b> - I can contribute and participate in a group or team to solve a problem.	<b>Great Marshmallow Challenge</b> – Student teams will participate in the Great Marshmallow Challenge. They will work together to build a tower from spaghetti, tape, string...and a marshmallow!
<b>Creativity: Brainstorming</b> - I can learn the 3 rules of brainstorming and generate many related ideas in a teacher-guided creative project.	<b>Rules to Brainstorming?</b> – Student will learn the three rules of brainstorming and then apply these rules to their team brainstorm for their selected lost city final project.

**WORKING TOGETHER FOR SUCCESS!**

**MR. CURRIER**

# PEAK CALENDAR - FALL 2023

OCT 2 Jefferson Rossiter Warren	3 Jim Darcy Kessler Central	4 Four Georgians Hawthorne	5 Broadwater Bryant Smith	6
9 Jefferson Rossiter Warren	10 Jim Darcy Kessler Central	11 Four Georgians Hawthorne	12 Broadwater Bryant Smith	13
16 Jefferson Rossiter Warren	17 Jim Darcy Kessler Central	18 Four Georgians Hawthorne <b>Broadwater Bryant Smith</b>	MEA Teacher Conferences – No School	
23 Jefferson Rossiter Warren	24 Jim Darcy Kessler Central	25 Four Georgians Hawthorne	26 Broadwater Bryant Smith	27
Lost Cities Final Event – Tentative! Smith Elementary - Rm 204 11:30am – 12:30pm More information coming soon!				
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