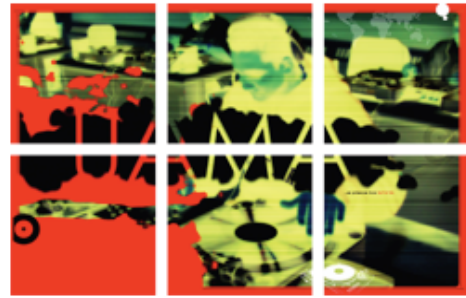


Weekly Parent Newsletter

10/23/2020



Urban Assembly School of Music and Art
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Join Our PTA

Hello UAMA Families!

We encourage you or a family member to make every effort to attend our upcoming PTA meetings. Our next PTA meeting is November 16, 2020. Our PTA President is excited to begin working with you to build a more involved PTA. Please bring your questions and concerns with you, as we will be covering several topics that are important and relevant to the upcoming months. There are endless possibilities in the ways you can help! Whether you have 30 minutes or a couple of hours, your ideas, your time and your talents are truly needed!

Please contact our Parent Coordinator, Ms. Copeland at Copeland1@uamusicandart.org or 718-858-0249 ext. 8073 to confirm your attendance. We look forward to seeing you!

PTA Updates:

Our new PTA President is Ebony Johnson (Picture Below)

Our new Recording Secretary is Julia Brereton

Our new Treasurer is Carmen Laracuenta



Dates to Remember

Upcoming PTA Meetings

- November 16, 2020
- December 14, 2020

Winter Recess- Schools Closed

- December 24, 2020 – January 1, 2021

Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Schools Closed

- January 18, 2021

Professional Development –Schools Closed

- February 1, 2021

School Updates

Student Updates:

I am excited to share the return of WOOSAH WEDNESDAYS! Woosah Wednesday is a student initiative committed to build student engagement, and promote positive school culture. It's a time to connect with our school community, and learn new things all while having fun! To kick-off Woosah Wednesday, we have decided to celebrate Thanksgiving together! What better way to bring folks together than with FOOD! Students were invited to share their most tasty recipes with our school community on our first LIVE Show

Teacher Updates:

In order to meet the instructional challenges before us, a small group of UAMA teachers and admin staff began working collaboratively to prepare for a responsible and adaptable instructional focus for this year. Through remote meetings and Google Classroom we engaged in what we ask our students to do: genuine, relevant, and personalize reading, writing, and discussion. Through this process we developed what we are calling, ID MAP (Interdisciplinary Mastery Project), which is a curricular approach that is flexible to withstand the uncertainty of this school year and can provide a foundation for our staff and students to take a journey together as co-learners that will better help us understand ourselves and each other during these difficult times. This work culminated in the creation of one interdisciplinary project that all students will be engaged in exploring titled,

“What does it mean to be educated?”

Core Essential Question What Does it Mean to be Educated?

What does it mean to be educated? James Baldwin has stated that “The paradox of education is precisely this - that as one begins to become conscious one begins to examine the society in which he is being educated.” Through the current unprecedented times of 2020, the shift in “normalization” holds not one definition. We will construct an answer to this question “What does it mean to be educated?”

Students will **identify** multiple disciplinary areas into constructing a **cohesive essay** in order to articulate and support their definition and examination of **“What it means to be educated.”**



Important Links

[Pupil Path](#)

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