**Grant**

The purpose of this field trip is to take the Black Student Union Club to Centralia, Washington. Centralia was founded by George Washington, the leading African American pioneer of the Pacific Northwest. Black History month will serve as the time where students will gain knowledge about this relatively unknown, but influential person, and what he did in this state. Also, Centralia houses the oldest continuously operating two-year public college in the State of Washington. This will be an opportunity for students to explore historical places in Centralia, not just limited to those of George Washington. Most of these students are on the free or reduced lunch program, therefore transportation is a big obstacle for the trip. It is important to keep in mind that these students, regardless of their life circumstances, are involved in sports and in leadership classes. It would be amazing to provide them with the opportunity to get a deeper understanding of their heritage and how influential it has been, even if not recognized by everyone.

**Describe how students will benefit from your project. (What are your goals and objectives? How will it enhance excellence and creativity? Does it connect with other classrooms?)**

A very important goal is for students to have a deeper understanding of their heritage and how influential it has been on the United States. It is also an opportunity for students to interact with each other outside of Mariner High School. This will be the first time that the Black Student Union does something as a group. By going on this field trip, students will see and truly experience the place where Black History culminated in the State of Washington.

 The objectives that have been set up for the field trip also connect with enhancing excellence, creativity, and the classroom. The first objective is:

* Upon their return, students will have their Black History celebration where they will bring and share artifacts, opinions, and ideas from the field trip. The idea is that they also share some of these learnings with the US history and the Washington state history teachers.
* The second objective of this trip is for the leaders of the club to plan a lesson for different history classes and deliver it to students. The curriculum would be based on historical events and people in Black History, including George Washington. The students will engage on research prior to the field trip and will use the trip to ask questions and confirm information regarding this Pacific Northwest pioneer. Even though this is something that needs to be approved by history teachers, they have the hope to share what they learned with all students and add the Black History curriculum to classes at Mariner.
* The third objective to going to Centralia is to have different staff members attend the trip to not only serve as chaperones, but also to be involved in this educational experience. There are many staff members already wishing to attend, including history teachers and counselors. This experience will enrich everyone who goes to the trip.

**What is the timeline for your project?**

The trip to Centralia will take place the 3rd week of February 2014. The leaders of the club planned this trip during winter break with the intention of not having students miss a whole day of class.

**Provide an itemized list of what your project will cost. Are you seeking additional funding elsewhere?**

Two school buses for transportation:

Total mileage estimate: $298.80

Hourly rate: $64.87

1 hour added for pre tripping/post tripping/bus: $64.87

Total hourly estimate: $70.74

**Total estimate: $499.28**

 The club desperately hopes this grant can be used to pay for transportation to Centralia. There are 100 kids that are going.