On **Thursday, May 1st**, your child will be participating in the OVCA History Fair. The History Fair is a living museum where characters from history are brought to life right before your eyes! The 5th graders will each prepare a presentation about a country. Apart from making a presentation board and speaking they will do one of the following:

* Dress as a person from that country and be able to explain the clothing
* Build a scale model that represents something from that country
* Bring in food to share from that country

**This project will count toward a test grade in History**. This will be an exciting evening for you and your child. You will not want to miss out on the fun!

**Four Steps for History Fair Project Success:**

1. Use the research paper you wrote in English class as your guide (I will be giving this back to you, graded, on Tuesday, April 22nd). Make a list of 2-3 important facts about for *each* subtopic of Culture, History, Economy, Government, and Geography. **This list is due Friday, April 25th. This list will count as a quiz grade in History.**
2. Take your list of facts and write/plan a 1 minute presentation about your country including those important facts. We will work on this a little bit in class, but you are ultimately responsible for it. Oral presentations will begin on **Monday, April 28th. This oral presentation will count as a quiz grade in History, and we will use the same rubric as for the oral book reports, so hang on to them.**
3. **Your Tri-fold Board** is due in class **Wednesday, April 30th**. **The board will count as a test grade in History.** Things to include on your board: title, pictures, important facts, etc…Please make sure it is either typed or neatly written (I would suggest typed). Posters should be colorful and neat, but also should have a good amount of information on them.
4. **On the night of the History Fair,** come dressed as a person from your country OR bring your scale model OR your food to share with you. If you are not dressing as someone from the country, please make sure to wear your “Sunday Best.” No jeans or t-shirts should be worn, and all outfits should be within dress code.

**Students with last names A-M will present 6:00-6:30. Please arrive at 5:50.**

**Students with last names N-Z will present 6:30-7:00. Please arrive by 6:20.**

We will set aside only a small amount class time to work on these projects. Most of this project will need to be completed at home. More details will follow regarding the evening of the History Fair, so please watch your newsletter for information. When students are not performing, you and your child may walk around and see the fabulous historical displays being presented by other classes. This is a history lesson in itself!

Please mark your calendars for this exciting event!

Thank you,

*Mr. McAllister*