



2019 COMMEMORATION SCHOOLS

Virginia educators and students in grades K-12 are invited to participate in the 2019 Commemoration Schools campaign, a collaborative education program between the 2019 Commemoration and the Virginia Department of Education. The program is a yearlong challenge for school communities in Virginia to demonstrate their 2019 spirit through participation in contests, projects, and activities that are either sponsored by the 2019 Commemoration and partners or are unique to school communities. Virginia is home to an intriguing history and a bright future, and we believe that every member of our school communities can be inspired by Virginia's past challenges and successes.

The program is designed to generate pride for local communities and state history, and to positively and creatively immerse students in Virginia history! Participating schools will be recognized as an official "2019 Commemoration School" by the Commonwealth of Virginia and will receive a letter of recognition from the Governor. Educators and school communities can choose from project ideas listed in the program's online toolkit or create their own. Get started with our sample projects, like celebrating Constitution Day on September 17th, bringing the year 1619 to life in your classroom with the 2019 digital curriculum and planning "giving back" opportunities and art projects for your school community during "A Week of Thanks" in November. Whether you are a principal, classroom teacher, media specialist, or division leader, there are numerous ways for you and your students to get involved!

PARTICIPATION IS OPEN STARTING SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2018 TO ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS AND HOMESCHOOL COMMUNITIES IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA!

The **2019 Commemoration**, AMERICAN EVOLUTION honors the 400th anniversary of key historical events that occurred in Virginia in 1619 that continue to influence America today. The year 1619 was a pivotal year in the establishment of the first permanent English Colony in North America. It was the year of the first representative legislative assembly in the New World, the arrival of the first recorded Africans to English North America, the recruitment of English women in significant numbers, the first official English Thanksgiving in North America, and the entrepreneurial and innovative spirit of the Virginia colony.

WHY BECOME A 2019 COMMEMORATION SCHOOL?

Receive an official recognition by the Commonwealth of Virginia (including a letter of recognition from the Virginia Secretary of Education), a 2019 Commemoration School banner mailed to your school upon registration, and free resources for your media center or classroom!

And most importantly, increase understanding and pride among students in Virginia's history and future!

Sign up for the e-newsletter for updates and to signal that your school is in for this exciting challenge!
Visit the commemoration's website for more information about the program and project options.

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