

August 28, 2017

Dear parents,

In an effort to enhance curriculum throughout the year I plan to show the following movies.

- *Glory* starring Denzel Washington and Matthew Broderick. In its original version it is rated R. I have an educationally edited version which I approximate to be PG-13 for violence and some language. The movie follows a Black regiment fighting for the union during the Civil War. This movie should enhance students' knowledge and feelings of some Civil War issues.
- *Holocaust* starring James Woods and Meryl Streep. This movie has always been included in our Holocaust Unit and will be shown in all classes except math some time next year in the winter or spring. It is not rated, but I feel it would be rated PG-13 for violence and some modest nudity (This occurs as Jews are being shot and processed into concentration camps). This movie follows a Jewish family from before the Holocaust until the end of World War II.
- *Stand and Deliver* starring James Edward Olmos and Lou Diamond Phillips. It is rated PG for language. I show this video in Spanish at the end of the year. It is the true story of a math teacher working with Hispanic students in East L.A. It will help students understand Hispanic Americans and some of their current issues. It also teaches them as students that one should follow dreams and students who work hard can achieve anything. It is very inspirational.
- *The Angry Eye* is a documentary about prejudice. It is also known as *The Bluest Eye*. There is some language and it is emotionally intense. I present it in conjunction with the Holocaust Unit.
- *War Horse* exemplifies WWI and the contest between traditional forms of warfare and modernity. It is rated PG-13.

If you have any questions about any of the movies please stop by or call. If your student has permission to watch these movies with the class, sign the bottom of this sheet and return it to me.

Student name _____

Parent signature _____