



# Communities Connection

Thanksgiving, 2021

## Communities 1 (C1, freshmen & sophomores)

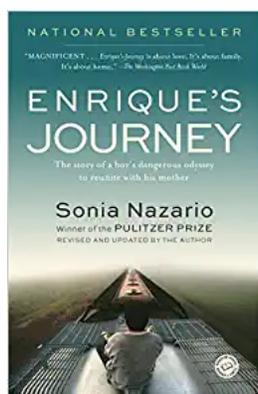
### Global Text Seminar

While our C1 students continue to check on the progress of plastic film collection in their 5th grade classrooms, we have introduced our *Global Text* seminar. This seminar format is similar to what we would think of a book club; a group of people reading a common book and having discussions about it. Within this seminar, teachers are leading the students through the books chapter by chapter and supporting them in analyzing the text in preparation for discussion.

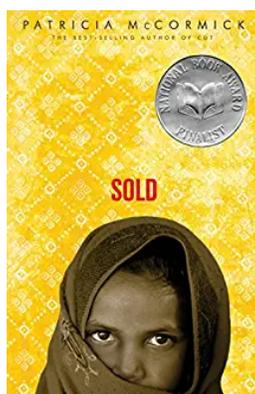
**We encourage you to ask your child which book they are reading and invite them to tell you about the story so far.**



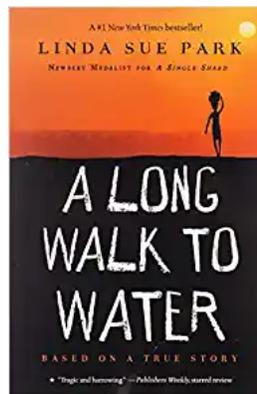
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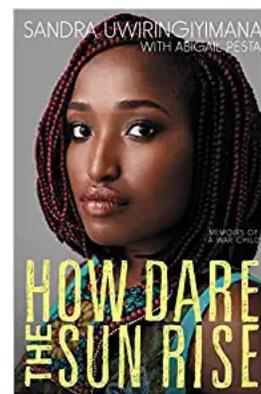
Enrique's Journey



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A Long Walk to Water



How Dare the Sun Rise

### **Friday, December 3rd - 9:00-9:45am, discussion moderators needed**

As noted in the previous newsletter, we are in need of discussion moderators. The date changed from the original plan and will now be Friday, December 3rd. If you are available and would enjoy listening to students discuss their books, please **SIGN UP HERE**. If you are unable to open the document, please email or text me.

## Communities 2 (C2, juniors & seniors)

Our juniors and seniors are currently studying poverty. Before doing any research, the students did a brainstorming session to identify what they felt was important to know. Then we sent them out to do field research. The focus of this research was on organizations and agencies that support families who may be struggling to meet their basic needs. The students are practicing their analytical thinking skills while going through a written reflection process about what they observed during their field research. The end product will be an essay on poverty.

In addition to this work, they are partnering with the Oshkosh Fire Department and helping to promote the Food and Toy Drive. Students will be putting out yard signs, making social media posts, getting on the air, and hanging posters.

**The students worked in groups to create a flyer.**

**On Wednesday, Nov. 17th,  
all 16 entries were part of an online voting contest.  
We had 152 people cast their votes.  
Thank you!!**

**All the entries were great and the voting was close.**

**The winning poster (to the right) will be hung in area  
businesses and organizations.**



### Food & Toy Drive

**Accepted items include: non-perishable food items, new/unwrapped gifts, gift cards,  
wrapping paper/tape, and cash donations.**

**Last year alone, over 700 families and 2,000 children were enrolled in the Salvation Army's program.**

**Information about dates and times can be found on their Facebook page (click link below).**

**[Food & Toy Drive](#)**



## In other news.....

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### **Service Leadership Engagement Opportunities Reminder.....**

All Communities students must complete three service leadership engagement opportunities per semester. You can find the status of these by accessing your child's assignments in Infinite Campus. C1 students will be listed under World Cultures and C2 under Contemporary Issues. There is a document on the agenda with current and ongoing service leadership opportunities (view [HERE](#)) or students can take advantage of other opportunities through school, church, or the community.

**We encourage you to check in with your child to see if they have completed their service opportunities for this semester. Extra credit can be earned for doing more than three.**

### **Snacks.....**

For those that are not aware, we have a snack table in the Communities office. We try to keep items like granola bars, bananas, single serve bags of crackers/pretzels, and breakfast bars available throughout the day for the students. While we serve mainly Communities students, all students are welcome to grab a snack as needed. With over 130 students in Communities, you can imagine how quickly we go through our supplies.

Schiek Sports made a generous donation of \$1000 to our healthy snack fund. This is the second year we have received this donation (2019 was the first year). While this is a very generous amount, it is not enough to provide snacks for the year. To help fill the gaps, we have renewed a partnership with the Oshkosh Area Food Pantry and will be receiving a bin of snacks weekly. In addition, I would love to find a partner that might help provide bananas on a weekly basis. If you know of a specific person/business that might fill this need, please send me their direct contact information.

**Let's not forget the sweet treats in the candy dish:)** While we do provide healthy snack items, the kids love to see bite size chocolates, starbursts, jolly ranchers, and fruit snacks in our candy dish.

**If you have an extra box of snacks or bag of candy lying around,  
please consider donating them to our snack supply.**

**We are thankful for.....**

## **The parents and friends of Communities!**

The support we have received in these first few months has been truly amazing. From coming into our classrooms, meeting students on site, donating items, participating in online voting, having authentic audience members (here and at home), your continued support of their learning through conversations at home, and simply reading the text messages, emails, and newsletters - WE ARE THANKFUL FOR IT ALL!

**Without the support from parents, friends, and the community, we are not able to offer students the engaging and authentic learning experiences we do.**

**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO**

**From our Communities family to yours -**

