

CALLING ALL STUDENTS!

WE NEED YOUR VOICE AND YOUR TALENTS TO HELP US CELEBRATE JUNETEENTH, THE OLDEST NATIONALLY CELEBRATED COMMEMORATION OF THE ENDING OF SLAVERY IN THE UNITED STATES.

ON SATURDAY, JUNE 19TH, FROM 1PM-3PM, THE RIVERTOWNS WILL BE HOSTING A JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION AT DRAPER PARK, AND WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU ATTEND AND CONSIDER PARTICIPATING ON STAGE.



WAYS YOU CAN PARTICIPATE:

- SING / PERFORM A SONG CONNECTED TO THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN TRADITION ("OH FREEDOM!" FOR EXAMPLE)
- SING / PERFORM AN ORIGINAL SONG INSPIRED BY JUNETEENTH
- READ A POEM BY AN AUTHOR CELEBRATING THE BLACK EXPERIENCE / EMANCIPATION IN AMERICA (JUNETEENTH BY ARTHUR KROLL, FOR EXAMPLE)
- READ AN ORIGINAL POEM YOU HAVE WRITTEN IN CELEBRATION OF JUNETEENTH
- PERFORM THE NATIONAL ANTHEM / BLACK NATIONAL ANTHEM
- READ THE TEXT OF THE "EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION" OR AN EXCERPT FROM ANOTHER RELEVANT HISTORICAL DOCUMENT
- PREPARE A BRIEF SPEECH/BACKGROUND ON THE HISTORY BEHIND JUNETEENTH
- PRESENT A BRIEF SPEECH ABOUT WHAT JUNETEENTH MEANS TO YOU / WHY WE CELEBRATE THIS HOLIDAY
- PERFORM A DANCE PIECE IN CELEBRATION OF JUNETEENTH
- HELP MC AND INTRODUCE GUEST PERFORMERS
- SOMETHING ELSE?

Please email Ross Abrams (abramsr@hohschools.org), Jenice Mateo-Toledo (mateotoj@hohschools.org), and Erika Melvin (melvine@hohschools.org) if you or your child is interested in participating and what you/they/she/he would like to contribute, if possible by Friday, June 4th. Thanks so much!