

Summary - REFUGEE ONE follow up....

Every year it seems as though we settle into some specific direction regarding Issues of the World. Every year our goal is to be open to the world as it turns. I think it makes sense for our primary directive in 2015/16 to be the Refugee Crisis in Syria, and refugees and immigrants around the world in general. Considering the success of our Chicago trip - I think it makes sense that we move in a Refugee Direction.

After going through your papers, and considering our class discussion regarding a next step for this project, I have compiled highlights below. Before this is finalized, please take a look and make any comments - so that we can get moving in a effective direction...

GOALS for 2015/16 Concentration

- **GOAL #1** - A Thank You Letter is absolutely in order. Casey Ibarra - I fully agree with you!
- **Classroom Issue** - We need to learn more about the Syrian Refugee Issue specifically and Immigrants and Refugees all over the world. These needs to be an SCI course concentration.

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- **Continue the Refugee ONE** experience through the SCI Class so as to enlighten future Oakridge students to the Refugee ONE experience.
- **Personal Summary** - of our own individual experiences. This can be used to support other involvement, however should probably be a required assignment. This needs to happen now while the experience is fresh. I think it probably could be written and could also be through audacity as a audio podcast.
- **Online Presence** - we need to explore some kind of online communication with Refugee ONE. This will only be possible if they correspondingly agree. We can explore that situation.
- **Community Awareness** - Newspaper, School Board, Facebook, Community Awareness - if we are going to do anything, we need to awaken the community to the issue.
- **Pen Pals** - several of you suggested this as an option. I think it is a good one.
- **Holidays** - too late for Thanksgiving. And they told me that they are covered for Christmas. Easter is interesting...one of you mentioned Easter Eggs and such....maybe an Easter Egg Hunt? In the Spring?
- **Going over Christmas Break** - A possibility. I'm not sure if they meet over Christmas Break - but we certainly would have more freedom without school to get in the way.
- **School Supplies** - Many of you mentioned this. This a natural. And so necessary. Included with this were ideas for educational posters, solar systems, human body, maps of the world. All good ideas.

- **Advertising** - Flyers, Posters, all of this is necessary for anything that we choose to do.
- **Video of our lives** - of our neighborhoods, or our jobs, of our school - good idea Yonatan....
- **Blog or Facebook site for organizational purposes** - Good idea
- **Fundraisers** - All sorts of ideas here
 - Winter clothing drive
 - Crafts or food sales
 - Church or community dinner
 - T-shirts
 - 24 hour fast - in solidarity with refugees
 - cash donations from the community
 - combine some kind of donation with the National Honors Society
 - pop can drives
 - car washes in the Spring...
- **Adopt a Family** - or dig in deeper to the family - see if we could volunteer there.
- **Does Grand Rapids or Kalamazoo** have a similar organization we might be able to volunteer at, if the Chicago thing is not workable.
- **Return Trip** - This would be great; it is however dependent on the success of goals listed above, our Course Study as well as the effectiveness of our individual reflections of the event.



Please review this list...consider our options. Lets continue to talk. And for sure we'll get moving on our Study as well as our individual reflections of the event. So - roll up your sleeves and lets get moving.