

**Name of Exploration:** Newtown Alive Tour & Performance

**Total Amount Requested:** \$600

**Grade Level for Project:** 4<sup>th</sup>

**Project Start Date:** Tuesday, January 16, 2018

**Project End Date:** Friday, February 2, 2018

**Number of students that will directly benefit from this project:** Please indicate a number between 1-150 (Maximum of 150 including students, chaperones and teachers may attend per day.)

**Name of participating organization/teaching artist:** Embracing Our Differences, Westcoast Black Theatre Troupe, and The Newtown Conservation Historic District Project

**Where is the Exploration?** Out of the classroom

**Why have you chosen this exploration?**

The fourth grade Social Studies curriculum consists of students learning about Florida and studying the important people, places, and events that helped shape Florida's History. During this exploration, fourth grade classrooms will have the opportunity to tour through the historical markers in the Newtown neighborhood, one of Sarasota's oldest communities, considered "the cultural center of the southeastern United States".

**How will this Exploration impact your students?**

In preparation for Black History Month, students will sway to the rhythm, tap into the neighborhood's heartbeat, visit landmarks and meet the courageous trailblazers who built a thriving community in Newtown.

**Briefly describe your Exploration/project. What are the objectives and specific activities?**

Fourth grade classrooms will have the opportunity to follow in the footsteps of Sarasota's African American pioneers on a guided bus tour led by students in Embracing Our Differences' Booker High School Coexistence Club and attend a live performance at the Westcoast Black Theatre Troupe. While on the tour, fifteen large colorful signs with pictures installed through Newtown, will showcase the historic trail around the community where the men and women fought for equal rights, triumphed over Jim Crow segregation, KKK intimidation, and vigilante violence.

**4th Grade Florida Standards/ Benchmarks:**

SS.4.A.6.3 Describe the contributions of significant individuals to Florida.

SS.4.A.7.1 Describe the causes and effects of the 1920's Florida land boom and bust.

SS.4.A.7.2 Summarize challenges Floridians faced during the Great Depression.

SS.4.A.8.1 Identify Florida's role in the Civil Rights Movement.

SS.4.C.2.1 Discuss public issues in Florida that impact the daily lives of its citizens.

SS.4.C.2.2 Identify ways citizens work together to influence government and help solve community and state problems.

**How will you assess student learning that results from this exploration?**

Presented in partnership with the Curriculum and Instruction Department of the Sarasota County School District, teachers are provided lesson plans linked to the Social Studies Florida Standards and a copy of the book *Newtown Alive: Courage, Dignity and Determination* to use in their classroom(s). Students will also participate in completing a field trip activity while on the field trip.