



# Arundel High School

*Home of the Wildcats!*

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP SIGNATURE- FEBRUARY 2010

## Arundel High School Global Cohort Awarded Target Grant

Arundel was recently awarded a Target Field Trip Grant for an ongoing student Training program at the United States Institute of Peace (USIP). As part of the developing signature at Arundel, a group of 36 students are participating in three field trips to USIP where they are learning about why international conflicts occur and what methods can be used to resolve them and prevent them in the future. The first trip, which took place on December 8<sup>th</sup>, allowed students to learn from conflict analysts about the stages of conflict. One student was surprised to learn that "Conflict isn't the thing that causes problems; it's the way we handle them." By analyzing the Rwanda genocide, students began to understand the complexities of conflict and identify solutions. This caused one student to realize, "The desire for peace isn't enough to procure it." The Target grant will allow students to visit USIP twice more; this will give them the opportunity to select an international conflict, analyze it, and be provided with feedback from experts in the field. They will also participate in a conflict simulation in which they take on the roles of the actors and stakeholders in the conflict.

This is all part of the effort at Arundel to make our students both locally engaged and globally connected, communicative, and compassionate, creating learning opportunities that not only SIMULATE real world experiences, but actually ENABLE real world engagement beyond the classroom walls. Receiving training from the United States Institute of Peace provides students with a real world opportunity to practice 21st century skills. The trip is supported by and will enhance both curricular and extracurricular programming in the school. It will also allow students to bring back and apply newly acquired skills in the student body and community at large.



## Scheduling Globally Relevant Courses

In our globalized society, students must be able to communicate, compete, and connect with a diversity of people around the world while at the same time realizing that within their immediate community, there are local resources and pathways of participation that will allow them to gain these skills. In other words, they must become **glocal**: locally connected and globally competent. In this vein, Arundel is emphasizing the courses offered at the school which have an explicit multicultural or international focus and will help students cultivate skills of critical thinking, teamwork, and community engagement. These include but are not limited to:

- Student Leadership
- International Relations
- E-Commerce and the Global Market
- AP Environmental Science
- Contemporary Voices
- AP Human Geography
- Current Perspectives in Music



By signing up for classes such as these, students will have increased opportunity to participate in assemblies, conferences, field trips, and other authentic forms of learning beyond the classroom.