



One School♦One Book♦One Question 2017

One School, One Book, One Question projects are gaining popularity worldwide. These programs encourage communal reading that enables a community to engage in a shared experience. For our sixth annual One Book project, the Mountain Vista Governor's School community will read ***Hidden Figures*** by Margot Lee Shetterly.

Hidden Figures is a story that defines America at its innovative best. Shetterly's narrative focuses on three brilliant and tenacious mathematicians who shaped history amongst Langley Memorial Aeronautical Laboratory's all-black, female "West Computing group". "Starting in World War II and moving through to the Cold War, the Civil Rights Movement, and the Space Race, *Hidden Figures* follows the interwoven accounts of Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson, and Christine Darden—four African American women who participated in some of NASA's greatest successes." (*Book Jacket Notes, Margot Lee Shetterly, Hidden Figures*)

At MVGS, students are preparing to tackle the innovative and technological challenges of our increasingly complex future. *Hidden Figures* reminds us that no task is too difficult for those who are creative, innovative, intuitive, and determined, and, furthermore, Shetterly's narrative reminds us that each and every one of us has the potential to solve the challenges that face our world.

The MVGS community will address the following *One Question* for the 2017-2018 school year:

How do social barriers restrict scientific, technological, and political progress, and how can individuals overcome these barriers to maximize innovative potential?

MVGS students should complete their reading of the book by **November 26**. The One Book project may include classroom discussions, FLEX Day activities and will culminate with our annual Book Conference, scheduled for November 29, 2017. **Keynote Speaker Dr. Sandra Mitchell**, is an instructor and program administrator for the education leadership preparation program at the University of Virginia. She served Fauquier County Public Schools for 40 years in the roles of teacher, Director of English Instruction, and Associate and Interim Superintendent.

Invitation to Presenters/Facilitators

We are currently seeking presenters for our conference sessions.

The conference will be hosted concurrently at both the Warrenton and Middletown sites. Sessions will be 40-minutes long, with a small group of students and guests (15-20 per session). Each session will consider our One Book and One Question from a unique perspective within fields such as astrophysics, mathematics, research, technology, philosophy, public policy, etc. For more information, or to volunteer to present, please contact Rosanne Williamson at

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