



Connections Academy National Pop Up Event Descriptions 2020-2021

All descriptions are listed in alphabetical order

To see a calendar of when LiveLesson® sessions occur, [click here](#)

To learn more about Pop Up events, please read the [National Pop Up Event FAQ](#)

To view recordings of past Pop Up events, [click here](#)

Amazing Animal Migrations

For Grades K-12

Did you know that many animal species move across the globe every year? Come learn more about these incredible journeys and discover which species move through your area!

Bring Your Pet to School

For Grades K-12

Have fun sharing your pet with other students and learning about other students' pets! We will also have discussions about the lives of our pets and talk about why these furry, feathery and scaly friends are so important to us.

Cooking with Chef Ashanti

For Grades K-12

Professional chef, Ashanti Young, shares her expertise with students in these hands-on sessions. Explore your domestic side and have fun! Students will have the chance to follow along at home and leave with recipes for everything shared in the session. If you would like to follow along with Chef, be sure to pay attention to the WebMail announcement the week of the session for the list of ingredients and supplies needed.

Clubs & Activities Open House

For Grades K-12

Attend these special sessions to learn about the national clubs, Pop Up events and other extracurricular activities offered to all Connections Academy students. Grab your Caretaker and pop in to this Pop Up event to learn more!

Diversity Series: Celebrating Black Lives

For Grades K-12

Celebrate diversity as it relates to #blackjoy and Black Lives as we discuss advocacy, social justice, and things that you can do as a student to make the world a better place! Plan to leave with key takeaways, resources, and practical ways to practice empathy, understanding, and antiracism. Each session in this diversity series will be directed towards a certain grade band. This is the first installment of many diversity-themed Pop Ups to come!

December-high school; February-middle school; April-elementary

Diversity Series: Celebrating Language and Culture

For Grades K-12

Are you interested in learning additional languages and exploring new cultures? Maybe you're already learning a second language or are even fluent in one! Either way, this series is for you. We will explore languages and culture, such as music, geography, conversational language, word origin, and food!

Diversity Series: Celebrating Self Care

For Grades K-12

These sessions center around the concepts of self-care, self-help, and self-love. Through each Pop Up event, students explore how to create a positive mind space through enriching activities and self-care steps. The goal of this Pop Up series is to develop a toolkit of self-care techniques to better students' mental wellbeing.

Elementary Gaming

For Grades K-5

Are you one of the numerous young people who just can't get enough of video games? If so, you'll want to join this session we've created just for you! We'll explore some fun trivia about video games, enjoy discussions about gaming, and then students will have the opportunity to connect with other students in their favorite multiplayer online games. *Note: Attendees are required to have parent permission to connect with other students in online games. This session does not teach students how to download or play these games.*

Elementary Storytelling Series

For Grades K-5

Do you like reading? Do you like having stories read to you? Do you write your own stories or want to start doing so? Join us as we read each other's stories and learn about good storytelling. We might even have a guest children's author pop in from time to time!

Glow in the Dark Science: All About Bioluminescence

For Grades 6-12

There is no light at the bottom of the ocean. So, how do creatures that live here communicate with each other? Check out this session to learn more about how animals make and use light to help them survive. You will also learn how to talk like a jellyfish!

Gross Science

For Grades 6-12

Science can be fascinating, weird, and even pretty gross! This session delves into all those things you would rather not think about, but just can't seem to turn away from. Join us to be amazed and repulsed at the same time. If you can handle it!

Hour of Code

For Grades K-12

Join this session to participate in Connections Academy's Hour of Code, a global movement hosted by Computer Science Education Week and Code.org. Each year, this initiative reaches millions of students in 180+ countries through a one-hour exploration of computer science and computer programming.

Improv Comedy

For Grades 6-12

In this session, students will learn the basics of improvisational comedy through tips and tricks, participation in exercises, and seeing some live improv! Check out this Pop Up if you want to "yes, and" your way into the improv world!

Makers' Lab

For Grades K-12

A virtual makerspace where attendees explore creative ways to learn, solve problems, and experiment. Students are guided through engaging, thought-provoking activities involving science, engineering, crafting, and coding.

Meet a Blacksmith!

For Grades K-12

Would you like to meet a modern blacksmith? Learn how the art of blacksmithing is kept alive in present day times with Connections Academy parent and blacksmith, Tim Cunningham. Learn how welding and CNC machines help blacksmiths create art that is far beyond the traditional horseshoes, armor, and weapons that blacksmiths were known for in medieval times. Learn how simple the art of blacksmithing can be if you just have access to a garage, fire, and iron!

Money Smarts

For Grades 6-12

Do you know how to make a budget, plan for retirement, or pick the right insurance plan? These sessions will give students valuable information in financial literacy. Plan on attending to learn how to make the most of your money!

Mysteries of Math

For Grades K-12

Many words have been used to describe math, but "mysterious" and "fascinating" aren't usually the main descriptions that come to mind. Join this session to explore a variety of fascinating mathematical concepts and enjoy the wonderment of the mysteries of math in the world around us.

NASA News Flash

For Grades 6-12

NASA always has something new and exciting going on. Check out this session to learn more about exciting new missions as well as all of the amazing things that these missions have taught us about our solar system and beyond!

Science Sleuths: Weird Science & Wild Weather

For Grades K-5

Are you curious about the weirder and wilder side of science? Do you find yourself investigating science in the world around you? Join these sessions to learn more and share your results from some fun experiments. You can also sign up for the Science Sleuths: Weird Science & Wild Weather clubs for even more sleuthing!

Snack & Chats

For Grades K-12

Take some time to enjoy the company of other students in Connections Academy schools around the country! These sessions are offered in a variety of grade levels and are designed to allow students to chat about a variety of student-inspired topics. "See" you there!

STEAM Pop Up

For Grades K-12

Ever notice that certain shapes can look beautiful and scientific? Students will investigate the science behind the form and function of different objects and think about how they can incorporate artistic expression in to exploring a variety of shapes.

Talent Show

For Grades K-12

Do you have a special skill, an entertaining act, or a special talent that you would like to share with other students? Or, do you enjoy being entertained or cheering on others? If so, you won't want to miss this special LiveLesson session where we will have a blast together as we celebrate a variety of talents and exciting acts!

Talk To A Scientist

For Grades 6-12

In these special sessions, scientists will share their work and area of expertise with students. Students will have the opportunity to ask them questions to learn more about what life as a scientist is like. Bring your curiosity and your questions!

Virtual Art Field Trip

For Grades K-12

Do you want to get out of the house and see new sights? Join us monthly as we journey to different museums around the world to view and discuss different art exhibits. Please note that this monthly PopUp won't always be recorded and posted to the Virtual Library, so be there to take part in the field trip!

Yarn Enthusiasts

For Grades K-12

Do you dream in yarn? Enthusiastic crocheters, knitters, weavers and textile artists alike are summoned to meet, share, and work on works-in-progress! Tell us about your favorite yarn, show us something you've completed, and get help for unclear pattern directions! Students, unite in the fluff of wooly stuff.