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Subject : Coached Paideia/ Bree Newsome talking points

The 8th grade at AMS has undertaken an ambitious project to begin the 2017-18 school year. Our students are engaged in a Coached Paideia project surrounding the theme of active citizenship. We have partnered with the Americans Who Tell The Truth project.

Our students have researched issues that they are passionate about and the people who are on the front lines combating these issues, they are writing investigative journalism pieces, and determining their roles as citizens of our micro-community as well as our macro-community.

The Americans Who Tell The Truth project have afforded us the opportunity to learn from an Citizen Activism, Bree Newsome.

Â Bree Newsome who was shaken to her core after the Charlestonâ€™s Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church Massacre on June 17, 2015. Bree was shaken to the core of her being, unable to sleep, feeling that all the ghosts of the past seemed to be rising. She knew it was time for true courage. On June 27, 2015 Bree attracted national attention when she scaled the flag pole next to the SC Statehouse to remove the confederate flag. When police told her to get down, Bree said, "In the name of Jesus, this flag has to come down. You come against me with hatred and oppression and violence. I come against you in the name of God. This flag comes down today." Bree and fellow activist James Tyson were promptly arrested. The flag was raised again 45 minutes later. The SC House of Representative voted to remove the flag on July 9, 2015. Newsome speaks nationally about race-related issues.

Bree Newsome will join the 8th grade at Asheville Middle School on Friday, September 29 at 2:00pm.

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Sincerely,
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Mission

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