



2015-2016 Henrico Historical Awareness Project for Randomly Selected Grade 5 Students of Henrico County Public Schools

October 7, 2015

Dear 5th Grade Parents,

As we are continuing to teach the unit on Henrico County history, we have a unique opportunity for one 5th grade student (and one parent/adult chaperone) from our school to learn more about the rich history of Henrico County. These organizations: Henrico Preservation Advisory Committee; Henrico County Recreation and Parks, Historical Preservation; Henrico County Historical Society, the Association for the Preservation of Henrico Antiquities; and Henrico County Public Schools have just recently worked together to provide this unique opportunity for one of our 5th grade students, as part of commemorating Henrico County's history during the month of October.

By using a random selection, we will draw a name of one 5th grade student who will represent our school in the Henrico Historical Awareness Project. This student and one accompanying parent/adult chaperone will have the unique opportunity learn more about Henrico County's history on October 12, 2015, which is a student holiday. (The field trip will occur rain or shine.) After reading the overview, please let me know if you would like to include your child's name in the random selection that will be made the afternoon of October 8, 2015. The student and parent will be notified by the end of that day. If randomly selected, the parent/adult chaperone must complete the HCPS Volunteer/Mentor Application by October 9, 2015, if you have not already done so.

On October 12, 2015 (a student holiday), the randomly selected student and parent/adult chaperone will need to arrive at the Eastern Henrico Recreation Center (1440 N. Laburnum Avenue Henrico, VA) by 9:00 am. Additional 5th grade students from the elementary schools will also be there. After registration, the expectations of the project will be reviewed, then the 5th grade students and the parent/adult chaperones will board a school bus to take a tour of selected historic sites of Henrico County. Members of Recreation and Parks and Henrico County historians will serve as docents as the students are traveling to different historic locations. Lunch is scheduled at the picnic shelter around noon at the Armour House at Meadowview. (Students and parent/adult chaperones must bring their own bag lunch and beverage.)

Field Trip Drive-Bys and/or Stops: Laurel Crossroads, Whichello, Paradise, Springfield School House, Meadow Farm, Walkerton, Virginia Randolph Museum, Armour House at Meadowview, Henrico Theatre, Richmond International Airport/Byrd Airfield, Dorey Park, Gravel Hill, Chatsworth School, and Dabbs House

After the Field Trip: Upon returning to the Eastern Henrico Recreation Center, the students will share their experiences of the field trip. Each 5th grade student will be expected to independently create a Public Service Announcement (using a provided tri-fold) at home that will focus on a person, place, or event of Henrico County of their choice. Each student will need to sign-off on the label that he/she researched and designed the tri-fold. The tri-fold provided must have all artistic and historical artifacts securely attached, so that it does not impede it from folding flat when collected by a designated representative. Dismissal will be at 3:00 pm.



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The completed tri-folds are due in the main office of our elementary school by noon on November 6, 2015. They will be collected and judged by members of the sponsoring organizations using the attached rubric. On November 23, 2015 at 7:00 pm, all tri-folds will be displayed at the Eastern Henrico Recreation Center. Students will stand next to their PSA and explain it to a roving audience. The fifteen winners (1st, 2nd, and 3rd place) representing each of the five magisterial districts will be announced that evening. Very light refreshments will be available for the students and their immediate family members.

For additional information, please contact:

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Judging Criteria/Rubric for the Public Service Announcement (PSA) Tri-fold Project

4 Pts. - Exceeded Criteria

3 Pts. - Met Criteria

2 Pts. - Somewhat Met Criteria

1 Pt. - Criteria Was Not Met

	Where did the actions of this person, place/site, or event occur in Henrico County?
	When did the events of this person, place/site, or event occur in Henrico County?
	Why is this person, place/site, or event significant to Henrico County's history?
	How does the action of this person, place/site, or event impact the citizens of Henrico County today?
	Is the historic topic clearly presented and historically accurate?
	Did the student cite sources of copyrighted materials?
	Is the product vividly portrayed and visually appealing?
	Is the spelling and grammar correct?
	Did student sign-off on the tri-fold label that he/she researched, designed, and created the PSA with little adult assistance? 2 Pts. - Yes 1 Pt. - No
	Total Points

Please return this request to participate to the school by noon on Wednesday, October 8, 2015.



2015-2016 Henrico Historical Awareness Project for Randomly Selected Grade 5 Students of Henrico County Public Schools Request to Participate

I would like to submit my child's name to participate in the 2015 Henrico Historical Awareness Project. I understand that one parent/adult chaperone will need to be with my child during the field trip on October 12, 2015 from 9:00am-3:00pm. I understand that the HCPS Volunteer/Mentor Application must be completed and approved. I also understand that only one 5th grade student will be randomly selected to participate in this unique opportunity from our school. The request to participate is due by noon October 8, 2015. No late requests will be accepted.

Student Name _____ Teacher _____ School: _____
Parent Name _____ Date: _____