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Heritage of Turkey Hills

Winter thru the Spring of 2010

Amount requested will be the cost of three buses for the entire third grade to travel to Clarks Hill and back to the Elementary School and have a culminating activity at Clarks Hill. There may be other insignificant costs such as development and processing of film for the tri-fold brochure.

1. The third grade Social Studies curriculum focuses on Colonial America. The student's knowledge of their own town's history during this period and the impact on the daily lives of its residents is what will be explored in the classroom, while they are taking the walking tour and developing the brochure.
2. It is our goal to allow the students to gather information about their town of Lunenburg from its early settlers of Native Americans and colonists. The students will learn about the important landmarks, such as the Town Pound, Town Meeting House, churches, cemeteries and monuments. They will also know of its first settler Samuel Page and the exact location of his homestead.

Students may work with older students in either fifth grade or high school to explore this local history. They will develop a tri- fold brochure which will include a map and brief descriptions with photographs for a walking tour of the historical landmarks close to the center of town. Visits to The Lunenburg Historical Society will jumpstart their Community Service Learning Project. Members of The Lunenburg Historical Society will be asked for their expertise and knowledge. We will also be asking for the History Department of the high school to volunteer students to work in partnership with our third grade students.

3. This project will reach all the third grade students and develop a relationship of service learning with high school students and historical society members. This will be a project that will encourage differentiated and brain based learning. I know that this project will be successful when the students become experts on Lunenburg Town History and are able to work in partnership with their high school colleague to bring a group of parents or other interested members on a walking tour themselves.

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