18th Century Days:
A Unique Educational Experience for your Student!

Dear Parents:

Please join your third grader for a trip back in time to the 18th Century. For more than forty years, the Holliston Historical Society has joined with Holliston PTO to train volunteers and present workshops on the following topics: Candle Making, Cross Stitch, Education, Hearth Cooking, Clothing and Weaving, Fun and Games, Herb Gardening, and Stenciling. We are so excited to welcome your children to the Holliston Historical Society!

Third grade and Montessori parent volunteers are needed to work either a first or second shift (or both) during the week of May 4-8, 2026. The first shift runs from 7:45 until 10:30. The second volunteer shift begins at 10:40 and ends at 1:15. Knowledge of history or the workshop topics is not a requirement to volunteer, and you will work with a partner. You can volunteer for the day that your child visits--so sign up soon while times are open! As with all school events, **you must have a current CORI on file** at the school to volunteer. The class schedule is as follows:

Monday, May 4: Beth O'Rielly, Christi Phipps, Lindsay McDermott
Tuesday, May 5: Joe Dooher, Christina DiGioia
Wednesday, May 6: Erin Acker, Megan Nolan
Thursday, May 7: Sandra Dowling, Sarah Nam
Friday, May 8: Sue McGee, Samantha O'Day

Parent volunteers will have homework. Descriptions of each workshop and background information on each topic are available on the Society's website, www.HollistonHistoricalSociety.org under the tab, Programs. Please take the time to read the information for the workshop you choose. It is important that the children not only get the opportunity to make the craft in the workshop but also to understand why they are making it and its relevance to life in Holliston in the 18th Century. Additionally, please read "Orientation". Many of the topics also have videos to further assist you.

As a thank you for volunteering, the Holliston Historical Society is offering a free membership through the end of the year to all volunteers who are interested. A signup sheet will be available on the day you volunteer.

To volunteer, a Sign-Up Genius has been created: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B094DA4AC28A1FB6-62863450-18th. If you would like to volunteer but are unsure of which workshop to sign up for, or if you have any questions, you may contact Jane Berkholtz, Shannon Gratton, or Liz Ahluwalia by either phone or email. Their contact information is below.

If you would like to do additional research, the following websites may be helpful:

18th Century Material Culture Research Center http://materialculture18t.wixsite.com/18thcmcrc
Colonial Williamsburg https://www.colonialwilliamsburg.org
Daily Life in 18th Century Colonial America http://www.localhistories.org/18thcentcolonial.html

Thank you in advance for your participation in this time-traveling trip with your child. This is a fantastic educational adventure that becomes a treasured memory both for the students and for the volunteers who make it possible!

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