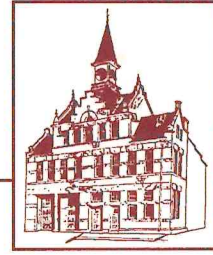


Pipestone County Historical Society



October 17, 2024

The Pipestone County Museum provides extra curriculum services to Pipestone Area School through the use of the Museum's research archive as well as Museum staff time through presentations to individual classes upon the request of teachers. These presentations can be developed to fit a specific topic upon teacher request. These presentations can be delivered in-person by our staff, or they can be delivered digitally based on teacher preference. We offer guided tours of the Museum with content designed to encourage hands-on learning and cross-curricular content. We have History Kits available for check out by teachers for classroom use, and we provide tours of the District #3 one-room schoolhouse that include hands-on activities in the space. These services are provided to all students, pre-K through 12th grade, in all subject areas as they relate to history.

*New for 2025, we plan to begin digitizing the Museum's newspaper collection, making it available and searchable by PAS students and staff. This will be a great resource for local research projects.

We look forward to growing the collaboration between Pipestone Area Schools and the Pipestone County Museum for the 2024-2025 school year. Our Museum Educator, Trava Olivier, holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education and has a working understanding of curriculum standards which ensures all services provided will assist teachers to meet the high standards set forth by Pipestone Area Schools and the State of Minnesota.

During the 2023-2024 school year, the Museum provided the following services:

- **4th Grade Map Curriculum for Social Studies: Mrs. Winter and Ms. Nangle**

Museum staff brought several historic maps into the classroom for students to explore in a guided format that included the use of map TOADALS and encouraged critical thinking skills by comparing maps from the past to maps of today.

- **Pre-K/Kindergarten/1st Grade: Mrs. Speer, Mrs. VanHoecke, Mrs. Samuelson, Mrs. Terry, Ms. Behr, Mr. Sterud, Mrs. Amundson**

Staff brought in animal furs and allowed hands-on exploration while discussing how families from long ago prepared for winter by using furs for warm clothing.

- **Local Native American History: Mrs. Bauman, Mrs. Hess, Mrs. Wallace**

Staff researched and prepared a slide show presentation on local Native American history as tied to the Minnesota history curriculum standards for 6th grade. English teachers used it to help students understand Indian Boarding Schools in relation to required reading content in their curriculums.

- **1st Grade:**

Presentation and hands-on activities at the District #3 schoolhouse designed to show children what a day in a rural schoolhouse might have been like.

- **PreK: Mrs. Amundson, Ms. Behr**

Tour of the Museum for preschool classes from PAS.

- **K/1st Summer School:**

Staff and volunteers provided guided tours of the Museum galleries as well as a program about rural schools held in the District #3 Schoolhouse.

In addition to these services, PCHS hosted a table at the Elementary Literacy/Family Night last spring where an additional 218 students and their families stopped by our booth to touch the furs and ask questions. Our organization also partnered with Middle School/High School librarian and Meinders Community Library to write a grant that enabled us to bring Minnesota Historian, Arn Kind, to the auditorium for a presentation on Minnesota's early fur trade industry. About 350 PAS students from multiple grade levels attended this event. In all, we were able to make over 1,000 student connections through approximately 20 of the Pipestone Area School staff, providing the students with a richer understanding of their home community.

We look forward to continuing our relationship with Pipestone Area Schools. We ask that you share the availability services with all staff and encourage them to reach out to the Museum with questions and ideas of how we might partner to serve them in their classrooms. Together our students and families will benefit from a deeper understanding of their community by developing a sense of their connection to the place where they live. We are also available to come to the school and give a short presentation to staff about the services we can provide. Please contact us if that is something you would like to schedule.

Sincerely,



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