

Sheboygan Area School District **HERITAGE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

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Students: Sentiments & Statistics

2011-2012 is the 19th year Heritage School (HS) is providing Sheboygan County grade 4 students from public, private, parochial, and homeschools a living-history experience.

Excerpts from recent thank you notes:

"This is our favorite field trip of the year."

"My students love becoming a part of 1877."

"This is probably the best trip my class has ever had."

"I loved Heritage School!"

"Thank you for the best history lesson ever!"

"I didn't want to leave."

"I wish I could bring my family the next time I go."

"My favorite part was the spell down, even if I didn't win."

"Thank you for being there to teach me about school in 1877."

Volunteer Teachers and Docents make this program possible *and* successful.

All volunteer teachers have been licensed educators, with museum room docents coming from that source as well as from dedicated history/education stalwarts. The dedication of every Heritage School volunteer to this unique program has been a constant and remarkable contribution these 19 years.

- In the 2010-2011 school year 1,338 students from 33 schools were served at Heritage School by 12 Volunteer Teachers and 9 Docents during 64 classroom sessions.
- At the end of November 2011, 18 Volunteer Teachers and 13 Docents will have served 524 students from 22 schools, in 27 classroom sessions.

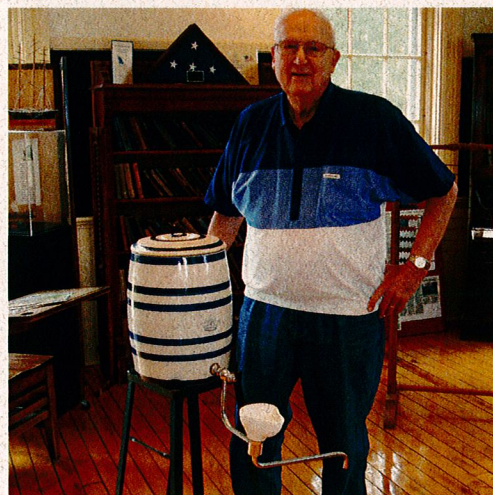
Friends of Heritage School New Membership Year

Friends of Heritage School membership year will be from July 1st thru June 30th starting this 2011-2012 school year. Renewals and new memberships will be solicited in May of each school year. Please note that while the annual membership solicitation will begin in May, current memberships are in place until June 30, 2012. Of course you may renew or join anytime during the school year, for that school year. *Apple Award Tribute gifts, Trust donations, gift memberships, and end-of-year contributions are always welcome and greatly appreciated at anytime!*

Special Tours

In October, special tour arrangements allowed teacher/docent Jean Grade to meet with 27 adults from LTC English as a Second Language program. Predominately parents of Early Learning Center preschoolers, they were introduced to the Heritage School program, its history, and the role of education in our community. Heritage School Council tour arrangements are encouraged. Contact Jill, 459-3512.

The Heritage School Master Calendar melds the Council and Sheboygan Area School District (SASD) school year calendars, realigning schedules for newsletter publications, solicitations for Membership/Advocacy, Apple Award Tributes, Heritage School Endowment Trust Fund/Fundraising, Web Page updates, council appointments, etc.



Dr. Warren Soeteber donated the latest artifact attraction in the HS Museum room. This drinking fountain "Bubbler" once provided students with potable water during school hours. Definitely a step up from the 'ole dipper and water pail', it speaks to the technology of the day. HS Teachers or parents brought water to school when on site wells failed.

Friends of Heritage School Council Structure

Last year the Council leadership was restructured for an administration/citizen co-chairmanship and a citizen member secretary. Todd Reinke, Principal, Longfellow School has been appointed the new Sheboygan Area School District (SASD) Co-Chairman. "With a background in both education and history, I feel blessed that I am getting the chance to work with a program that takes pride in helping students grow while learning about the past. Furthermore, it is my belief that the learning environment is strongest when schools and community members work together as one, for the benefit and enrichment of all children. Heritage School provides the unique opportunity for this to occur," said Todd.

Todd succeeds Seth Harvatine who is now serving SASD as Director of Student and Instructional Services. In that capacity he provides K-12 curriculum programming oversight. In speaking of Heritage School, Seth states, "As an integral part of the Sheboygan Area School District's 4th grade Social Studies curriculum, the experience of visiting Heritage School brings alive and furthers student understanding of critical issues surrounding Sheboygan's post-civil war era of the 1870s."

Continuing as Heritage School citizen Co-Chairman is Nancy Schreiber, and Karen Grace, Council Secretary. The Council meets monthly July thru October and January thru June.

Heritage School Council Members • 2011-2012

*Dave Albright, Kathy Fiegel,
Fran Fintzen, Cheryl Fritsch,
JoAnn Gadickie, Karen Grace,
Jean Grade, Ron Halverson,
Bob Harker, Seth Harvatine,
Paul Hemmer, John Hill, Mark
Holzman, Lynn Pekulik, Todd
Reinke, Nancy Schreiber, Joe
Sheehan, Warren Soeteber.*

Persons interested in serving on the Council may contact Jill in the Superintendent's Office for particulars, 459-3512.

Newsletter and Web Page

The Council plans to publish two newsletters each school year – November and May. To keep information about HS readily accessible Council members JoAnn Gadickie, Karen Grace, and Jean Grade are in the process of developing a SASD Heritage School Web Page.

1870s Summer Activity Days

In past summers HS offered a variety of circa 1870s recreation programs. Last summer's 3 day program was exceptionally successful. Three Longfellow School summer school classes came to experience the recreation activities of children in the 1870s. The program was organized by Council members Fran Fintzen and Jean Grade; 1870s era costumed, talented volunteers assisted with the events. The 3rd grade students experienced using stilts, a rolling hoop, the 'Graces' game, painting a wood and fabric sailboat, and making their own butter.

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