

August, 2010

Dear Parent:

The Plano Independent School District is pleased to inform you of a fun and unique opportunity to learn about our community's history. Fall 2010 your third grader will study Plano history and, as a component of the unit, visit the Heritage Farmstead Museum for a specially designed program. This field trip is a direct link to the state standards taught in third grade, the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS). It is an integral part of our curriculum, as it provides practical application of the skills taught in the classroom.

The Heritage Farmstead Museum is a non-profit organization and relies solely on volunteer assistance to continue offering this program to our students. The museum is in need of parents to help support this program by volunteering as docents for the 2010 field trips. As a volunteer docent, you will be given all the training and materials you need to help guide our students through this enriching hands-on learning experience.

Field trips begin September 13, 2010. Each elementary school will have its own day at the Heritage Farmstead Museum. You are welcome to volunteer on the day your child's elementary school visits the museum, or any days you are available to help. You can volunteer for more than one day! Docents are needed for **all** field trip days.

If you are interested in volunteering, please call Kathy Strobel, Director of Education, at the Heritage Farmstead Museum **(972) 881-0140**. Training will be offered throughout the week of September 7. If you are interested in the program but hesitant to commit, please attend one of the training sessions. It will be a great opportunity for you to see what your child will experience next year. You can meet the volunteers and staff who have been involved in previous years with the third grade tour. You need only to be at one training session but are welcome to attend more. Training sessions will be held

- **Tuesday, September 7** **3:30pm - 5:00pm,**
- **Wednesday, September 8** **9:30am - 11:30am,**
- **Thursday, September 9** **6:00pm - 8:00pm, or**
- **Friday September 10** **9:30 am – 11:30am.**

Questions can be directed to the Heritage Farmstead's Education Department at (972) 881-0140, or by email to kstrobel@heritagefarmstead.org Thank you for taking this opportunity to join students in learning more about our community.

Sincerely,

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