Teamwork for Excellence

PLANO
Independent School District

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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 2009 your third grader will study Plano history and, as a component of the unit, visit the Heritage Farmstead Museum for a specially designed tour 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 2009 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 the second week of September. Each elementary school will have its own day at the Heritage Farmstead Museum (see attached calendar). 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 complete and return the attached information sheet to the Heritage Farmstead Museum. Please be prepared to attend one of the following docent training sessions:

- **Thursday, August 27, 2009** **9:30 AM - 11:30AM**
- **Wednesday, September 2, 2009** **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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