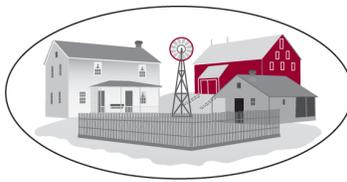


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Swiss Heritage Education Day

Friday, September 8, 2023

Dear Principal & Fourth Grade Teachers:

Once again the Swiss Heritage Society in Berne, Indiana, is sponsoring our popular Berne Swiss Heritage Festival, a hands-on pioneer and Native American event! This is the Village's 38th anniversary, so we are adding activities to the festival. **It will be held on Friday, September 8th.** This will be a special day for area students to visit the Village and participate in a variety of activities to show them life as it was during the 18th and 19th centuries. **Cost for the activities of the day is a nominal \$7.00 per student and chaperones (teachers and bus drivers free).**

Students will have the unique opportunity to experience a one-room schoolhouse, crosscut sawing, black smithing, spinning, weaving and quilting as the pioneer settlers did. They may also participate in activities such as churning butter, playing pioneer games, tin punching, candle dipping, rope making, goat milking, and washing laundry. Students may wander through the wooded area, exploring a Native American village and interacting with Civil War military personnel. The activities on this special day may be used to implement Indiana Academic Standards, especially in the area of Social Studies and Language Arts. It is our goal this year to develop a worksheet or two relating to the festival that you can add to your stash ideas and use as you want. We will email it after the festival to all classes that attend.

In the past, this day has been a very popular educational experience. We encourage you to discuss this opportunity with your fourth grade teachers. We have many students participate in this great learning activity every year, with excellent evaluations from the participating teachers. Your prompt response this spring will ensure that your school can participate. **More details will be mailed in August to schools which return reservation forms.** If you have any questions regarding this event, please call or e-mail us at the address below. Thank you for your consideration and we hope to see you in the fall!

Sincerely,

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