

2009-2010

School Year



ROCHESTER HILLS MUSEUM AT VAN HOOSEN FARM

Second Grade Program

Life in a Town

Through the lens of “**The Local Community**”, students will think like a historian by using a timeline of local community events to demonstrate chronological thinking. Students will understand the role of an individual in shaping local history. Students will see changes in downtown Rochester through the use of “then and now” photographs. They will construct a map of Rochester and explore the positive and negative consequences of changing the physical environment. They will identify local architectural features of local businesses that they will visit when they do a walking tour.



Programs

Pre-Visit: One Hour PowerPoint Presentation

This PowerPoint presentation is given at school prior to the Walking Tour of Downtown Rochester. It includes photographs of buildings from the past, showing changes over time, and students will learn about goods and services provided then and now. Students will do a mapping activity while viewing the slides.

Downtown Walking Tour

This is an interactive tour where students will be responsible for locating architectural features that they learned about during the pre-visit.

The tour starts at the site of the Western Knitting Mill where students learn about the importance of the rivers in the early settlement of Rochester. Mills took the raw

materials of the agricultural community and turned them into finished products (producers). Other highlights of the tour include the Rochester Elevator and the Central Depot - including train transportation in providing the service of moving goods and people, the Chapman Pond story, Crissman’s Drugstore, the DUR, Masonic Building, the Old Post Office, Church Row and much more. Students will have the opportunity to visit two-three businesses and ask questions about the goods and/or services that they provide. The tour ends at a location convenient for bus pick-up.



Information:

Cost: \$5.00 per student
Chaperones are free.

Time:

Pre-visit is 1 hour. This is scheduled for the week before the Walking Tour at your school. All second graders in the school attend at one time.

Walking Tour—1 1/2 Hours

The bus should arrive at the Rochester Mills Brewery at Water St. and Fourth.
Pick up is at the parking lot on Walnut Street.

Content Expectations:

- *Concept of local community.*
- *Chronological thinking—years, decades-of community events*
- *How members of a community work together to help meet basic needs.*
- *Land use of a community*
- *Identifying businesses in a local community*
- *Concepts of past, present and future.*
- *Understanding natural, human and capital resources needed for production of a good or service*
- *Teaches how people use and change the environment and the importance of protecting the environment*
- *Demonstrates how the community has changed over time.*
- *Economy of the local community.*

***Goody bags are also available. Please call the Museum to order.
248-656-4663***