Ice Cream Social

Teacher’s Notes

DAYS: Tuesday to Friday
TIME: 12:30-2:00pm
GRADES: Preschool, Kindergarten & Grade 1

Historic Stewart Farm
13723 Crescent Road, Surrey
604-592-6956 – press 0 for assistance
www.surrey.ca/heritageschool
@StewartFarmBC   @HeritageSurreyBC

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Please note students consume ice cream during this program. Please let us know of any allergies at the time of registration.
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Purpose

Ice Cream Social is a program designed to introduce students to hands-on activities experienced by young children at the turn of the last century. This program focuses on having fun and celebrating the end of the school year.

Content

The program will cover various “big ideas” and learning standards content from Kindergarten – Grade 1 including:

1. Stories and traditions about ourselves and our families reflect who we are and where we are from
2. Rights, roles and responsibilities shape our identity and help us build healthy relationships with others
3. We shape the local environment, and the local environment shapes who we are and how we live
4. Plants and animals have observable features
5. Observable patterns and cycles occur in the local sky and landscape

The program will be presented by a team of volunteers and staff. The program also contains 1 station that requires a parent or teacher helper to lead. Children will be welcomed to the Historic Stewart Farm and proceed through hands-on stations and conclude with the whole class coming together at the Farmhouse Veranda to eat ice cream at the end of the program.

Each child will have an opportunity to crank ice-cream, do old-fashion chores, play fair games, pump water and take part in a barn dance.

One class groups will be split into 3 separate groups. Please create groups prior to arriving and have them line up by the front door together.

Two class groups will be separated into 4 groups. Please create groups prior to arriving and have them line up by the front door together.

There are two versions of this program – an INDOOR version and an OUTDOOR version (dependent on weather). Staff will assess the morning of the program which version will be presented to the class. Both versions of the program have the same teaching outcomes.

Organization

- This program will proceed regardless of weather conditions. Make sure children are dressed appropriately as much of the program is outdoors.
- Please arrive five minutes before the program’s scheduled time and assemble outside the front door of the farmhouse.
- Please have each child wear a “first name” tag in large print.
- Please divide the class into equal groups with a ratio of boys, girls and different learning abilities represented in each group.
- Please advise accompanying adults they are welcome to observe the presentation but they should not answer questions directed to the children or participate unless invited. Our volunteers will be happy to answer questions from the adults at the conclusion of the program.
- Due to the space limitations and time constraints, siblings are unable to participate in the program. Parents with younger siblings will be asked to sit out the program.
- During the program, a parent volunteer may be asked to operate the ice cream churning station.
- Please make farm staff aware of any food allergies (ice cream may contain dairy, casein, lactose & cones may contain wheat, gluten).
• Photos taken with a flash are **NOT permitted** inside the farmhouse.

**Please ensure accompanying parents are aware of these rules and guidelines**

**Please meet in front of the Stewart Farmhouse – your docent will check in with you before the program begins**

There are no onsite animals at Historic Stewart Farm.

**During the Program**

This program requires an adult helper to lead a station. The adult helper will stay at their station through the duration of the program, and can join the class(es) by the farmhouse for ice cream at the conclusion.

Please ensure adult helpers are wearing name tags for the comfort and ease of the children. We ask that the adult helpers wear a watch or have a cellphone on hand to help keep track of time – following the program plan in a timely manner will ensure all the children get equal opportunity to all the activities.

If there are no adults available to lead a station please inform the Stewart Farm staff 2 weeks prior to your visit so we can ensure we have adequate volunteer/staff on site for program delivery. A volunteer may be on hand to assist the parents at the station (dependent on volunteer availability).

**Adult-Led Station**

**Old-Fashioned Fair Games**

The adult in charge of the old-fashioned lawn games will explain the rules of the games (handout will be provided upon arrival) and will be in charge of supervising the station to ensure the safety of the children and play equipment. We encourage all adults to participate with the children and be creative – sometimes the best games are the ones we make up ourselves!

Games that may be included in the program: potato sack race, tug-of-war, bubbles, hoola hoops, skipping ropes, croquet, badminton, bean bag toss, egg and spoon race, horseshoes

**Evaluation**

Your feedback is very important to us. We want to know if this program met the learning objectives identified and if you and the students enjoyed and learned from your museum experience.

Please complete the Program Evaluation Survey that you will receive by email after the program. The information you provide will assist us to make revisions or to improve the presentations to better meet your needs and expectations.
Nature Walk Activity Sheet (included in program)

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Basic site and family history

Historically, the surrounding coastal forest area of the Elgin Heritage Park included tree species such as western red cedar, red alder, Sitka spruce, Douglas-fir, grand fir and broad-leaf maple. The underbrush consisted of Pacific crabapple, Indian plum, red elderberry, cascara, bald hip rose, Oregon grape, black raspberry, and sword fern. The grassland area was covered with wild crabapple, grasses, and bulrushes. Cattail leaves and stems were collected in the late summer and were used by the Coast Salish people for making mats, twine, baskets, capes and hats. Mats were used for covering mat lodges, canoes and for lining walls of plank houses. Wildlife found included swans, geese, ducks, ruffed grouse, raptorial birds, snowshoe hare, raccoon, wolves, martin, mink, skunk, otter, beaver, muskrat, deer and bear.

The Nicomekl River route was an important fishing and communications route. The River supported spawning populations of Coho salmon and steelhead trout. Archaeological studies have determined that occupation of the area dates back to approximately 4,000 years. Shell middens, isolated finds of stone tools and petroglyphs have been found in this area.

Much of the Nicomekl River was dyked between the 1870s and 1890s and concrete dams were constructed on the river in the early 1900s. The coast forest area has been selectively logged in the past.

Elgin was an early way station on the Semiahmoo Trail. In 1865 a telegraph line passed through Mud Bay and crossed the Nicomekl at a point that later became known as Elgin. By 1892 the village consisted of a hotel, country store, post office, livery stable and blacksmith shop.

Approximately 160 acres of land was pre-empted by Samuel Hardy in the 1880s. Shortly after, John Stewart acquired the land and established a haying operation on the north side of the Nicomekl River.

A farmer’s life was one of hard work and economy. John Stewart grew hay, barley and oats which supplied feed for his stock and provided a farm income. The Stewarts crossed the river by rowboat and assisted with the loading of their hay and grain on the steamship S.S. Granier which would travel across the Georgia Strait to Victoria where the grain was sold. In 1903, 200 pounds of hay sold for $10, a sack of oats cost $1.08, butter was 30 cents a pound, and eggs were 20 cents a dozen.

The farm operation was large and successful and employed many farm hands during harvest season. Hay fields, poultry, pigs, and the orchard kept the family and farm hands busy.

Following the death of John in 1926, William and his children continued to operate the farm until 1944, when the property was sold to Earl Ward of North Vancouver. Initially the Wards used the property for recreational purposes and established a small marina in the early 1950s. The City of Surrey acquired 54 acres of property in 1984 and designated eight buildings, which includes the farmhouse, root cellar, threshing machine shed (now the Stewart Hall) Pole Barn, bunkhouse, machine shed, wood shed and garage, as historically significant.
Stewart Family Basic Timeline

1843  John Stewart born (Island of Arran, Scotland)
1852  Annie Davidson born on July 15 (Huntingdon, Quebec)
1860s  Stewart Family moves to Quebec. John and two brothers head off to California to work in the Redwood Forest
1880  John Stewart returns to Canada and purchases a quarter section of land that had been pre-empted by Samuel Hardy.
1882  Annie Davidson moves to BC.
1884  John Stewart marries Anne Jane Davidson (“Annie”) on October 9
1885  William James Stewart is born on October 7
1890  John Massey Stewart is born on July 18
1894  Two-story Victorian-style farmhouse constructed to replace the old house. The old house becomes temporary accommodation for the seasonal farm crew
1913  Annie Stewart dies on January 13
       William James Stewart marries Gertrude Lewenden on February 14
1916  Muriel Joyce Stewart born to William and Gertrude on May 3
1918  John Massey Stewart marries Edna Madge Burden
1919  John Massey Stewart dies in the flu epidemic
1920  Kenneth John Stewart born to William and Gertrude on March 24
1926  John Stewart dies
1927  Bunkhouse built for seasonal farm crew
1944  Property sold to Ward family
1962  William James Stewart dies
1984  City of Surrey acquires property and undertakes restoration
1988  Historic Stewart Farm opens to the public
Today  Your visit to the Historic Stewart Farm
In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, Elgin was a country area and mostly made up of farms. There were few roads and it took much longer to get around by horse and buggy. At the Elgin Heritage Park, the vegetation was diverse with red cedars, sitka spruce, douglas fir, sword ferns and black raspberry. There was also much wildlife including swans, geese, ducks, raccoons, wolves, beavers and bears.

John Stewart was born in Scotland. He traveled by ship with his brothers, Donald and Finlay, across the Atlantic Ocean to Canada. It was a scary decision to leave your country and begin a new life in a foreign country. The Stewart brothers went to California to work in the Redwood Forrest. Logging was a difficult and dangerous occupation. John Stewart returned to Canada and purchased 160 acres of land in Mud Bay to build a farm.

He married Annie Davidson in Nanaimo on Vancouver Island. They had two sons, William and John. Life on a farm was challenging and it required a lot of hard work. Everyone was expected to help out on the Farm. The children, William and John, had many chores like pumping water, feeding animals, collecting eggs from the hens and milking cows. Annie also had lots of household tasks: cooking, laundry, mending and sewing. John was kept busy tending to the crops.

Animals were essential on the farm. The Stewarts had chickens, cows, pigs, horses, turkeys and dogs. Each animal played an important role on the Stewart Farm. Animals like turkeys, chickens, cows, and pigs were used for their meat and their ability to produce eggs, milk and butter. Horses were used for labour. They helped pulling farm machinery such as plows and seeders. Horses also were used for transportation.

John Stewart grew hay, barley and oats which supplied food for his animals. The Stewart family continued to operate the farm until 1944. They sold it to Earl Ward and he ran a marina. In 1984, the City of Surrey purchased the land, which became Elgin Heritage Park.
### Book Suggestions and Other Resources

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Directions to the Historic Stewart Farm

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School Field Trip Contact Phone: 604-592-6956 – press 0 for assistance

- Take King George Highway to the T-intersection of Crescent Road.
- Turn west onto Crescent Road at the traffic light.
- Travel along Crescent Road for 1.7 kilometres.
- Just past Nico Wynd Estates look for “Elgin Heritage Park” sign (north side of Crescent Road).
- Turn into our parking lot. Welcome to the Historic Stewart Farm!
The Surrey RCMP would like to provide the public with the following tips and best practices in an attempt to prevent theft from Motor Vehicles.

- Do not leave any property in your vehicle or expect to find it gone when you return later, including your garage door opener.
- If you have backpacks or bags put them in your trunk prior to arriving at the park.
- Completely close car windows, including your sunroof and lock your car.
- Invest in a good anti-theft device for your vehicle.
- If you see any suspicious person or activity near a vehicle, call the police immediately.