

Lake Park 5th graders study historic icons

Fifth grade students at Lake Park School brought history to life with their wax museum presentations on Wednesday, Feb. 20. Each student selected an influential historical character that they researched. Famous figures such as Paul Revere, Patrick Henry, Pocahontas, Ben Franklin, Rosa Parks, Squanto, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Samuel Adams were represented, as well as lesser-known characters like political writer Mercy Otis Warren and agriculturalist Eliza Lucas Pinckney.

The students wrote scripts, created posters, wore costumes, and provided props to bring their character's story to life. In order to give the effect of a wax museum, each student developed a still pose that they held until a visitor would touch the "Press Here To See Me Come to Life" Button, posted by their displays. When the button was pushed, each student told their story, sharing information about their character's history, family life, and historical significance.

Family members, students, and staff had the opportunity to visit the "museum" to view all the students' presentations.



This Lake Park 5th grader plays the part of Pocahontas, a Native American woman noted for her association with the colonial settlement at Jamestown, Virginia. Here she explains her role in early American history to two other students.



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For two younger students, this 5th grader at Lake Park School portrays Patrick Henry, famous for the battle cry "Give me liberty or give me death."



ASD4 Superintendent John Langton listening to a presentation about Benjamin Franklin, as this student tells his story after "coming to life" at his booth.



This student is prepared to play the role of Paul Revere as soon as someone pushes the big button on the right side of the display, bringing the 5th grader to life. Until the button was pressed, the students stood frozen as if they were statues in a wax museum.



"Christopher Columbus" is portrayed here by a Lake Park student. It was just one of the many historic icons that were part of the 5th graders' curriculum.