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Fifth-graders learn history by living it during Colonial Days

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By Pippa Fisher



Springhill Elementary School fifth-graders during the March 1 Colonial Day.

week – students from Springhill El- it all together. ementary School got the chance to spend a day living as colonial-era event for the entire fifth grade, children. It was all part of their fifth where the students can experigrade experience, and everyone ence what life was like in Colonial - students, teachers and parents times," says Chelemedos. "This - dressed the part with bonnets, ties in well with their history study aprons and britches as far as the eye of Colonial times in America."

dampen the enthusiasm of the 106 fifth-graders and their teachers as they got into the spirit of Colonial Days.

"It seems to rain every year," reflected coordinator-parent Yumi a fife. Chelemedos. Fortunately the event takes place in the shelter of a barn to mix together and do things they located next door to Happy Valley Elementary School, which holds their Colonial Day the following day. The location is perfect for the Lafayette orthodontist, allows the gathering.

The event is the result of two each year. months planning and preparation by Chelemedos and coordinator- 25-minute rotations at different

t was like stepping back in time hard work plus the efforts of around riencing activities from the era. in a corner of Happy Valley last 30 other parent-volunteers to bring

'Colonial Day is an annual

The young colonials start the Even the pouring rain couldn't morning off in an assembly, which is opened by "George Washington," otherwise know as fifth-grade teacher Martin Wong. As part of the assembly the students got a chance to practice marching to the tune of

> "It's great that the classes all get wouldn't normally experience," said Wong, adding that they are fortunate that Dr. Jon Sammann, a school the use of his two-story barn

The children cycle through parent Sara Carter. It takes their stations, staffed by parents, expe-

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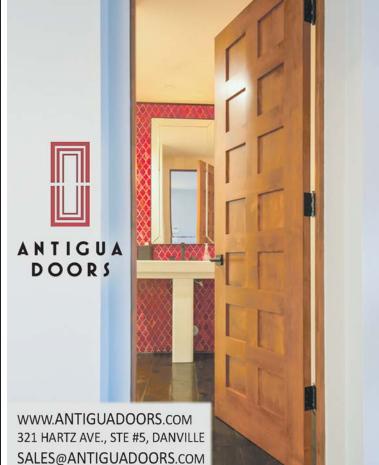


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Downstairs, at the noisiest station by far, children were busy hammering nails into tins to make lanterns, while next to them another group was busy making candles. Upstairs was a quilling station and next to it, joyful dancing accompanied by a fiddle. Nearby, bonneted heads were bent over in concentration at the cross-stitch station.

Parent Kate Mason, working on the lunch station, said that her son Cole had been looking forward to the day. "It is a fun thing to see history in action," she said.

Parent volunteers prepared a turkey lunch with assistance provided from Diablo Foods and Lunardi's.

Film festival features short films by, for and about women

By Sophie Braccini



movies by, for and about women, current owner of Luna Bar, selects nonprofits interested in screening the movies and all proceeds go to charity. This year, the Intuitive Writing Project was selected for screening LunaFest in Lamorinda. It will be presented one night only at 7:15 p.m. Thursday, March 22 at the Orinda Theatre.

minutes in length. Lisa Wood, who the movies with was inspired, edusits on the Intuitive Writing Project cated, touched and proud. board and has seen all the movies

Sometimes 10 minutes of film says she loves the variety they of-can pack a powerful punch. fer: entertainment, amusement, Created by the owners of Luna Bar food for thought, emotion and in 2000 as a way to showcase short creativity. Inspiring women from throughout the world were selected the LunaFest short film festival is for this year's lineup. "They cover a gift to the community: Clif, the such a wide range of topics told by a diverse array of women," she says. One is a comedy about Sarah who manages a Korean-owned nail salon, another tells the story of a girl following her dream, one presents the tale of a girl who survived the Boko Haram kidnapping in Nigeria, and another talks about overcoming grief. Wood also liked the This year's festival features tribute to silent film director Lois nine short films, each about 10 Weber. She says that after watching

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