

Chatham County Historical Association's Fourth Grade Field Trip Volunteers and Supporters Recognized

On May 31, 2019, at the Chatham County Board of Education meeting, Superintendent Derrick Jordan recognized individuals who have contributed to the county's schools in 2018-2019. Among those recognized were the Chatham County Historical Association volunteers and supporters who carry out the Fourth Grade Field Trip program.

Superintendent Jordan remarked:

Every year since the 2013 – 14 school year The Chatham County Historical Association has presented the Fourth Grade Field Trip as a History learning opportunity. Every 4th grader in Chatham County public schools has had an opportunity to attend the Field Trip.

It takes lots of support to get all fourth graders to the Historic Courthouse and through the four activities provided. The four activities include: Artifact identification and function, The Museum, a Courtroom Readers Theatre of The Three Bears v Goldilocks, and a trip through time in Chatham County using maps, pictures, and native peoples' projectile points.

Chatham County Historical Association and the Board of Education are very pleased to recognize all the folks that make the Fourth Grade Field Trip possible. Those that contribute their time and those that contribute monetarily, all knowing their support goes toward making the history of Chatham County real to fourth graders:

*Pam Herndon of State Farm at Cole Park
The Town of Goldston - Mayor Tim Cunnup
Heather Johnson, owner of Chatham Business Services
South Chatham Lions Club, Gary Leonard representing the Club
Sergeant Delaine Warcup, Pittsboro Police Department
Chad Virgil, Edward Jones Investment
Susan and Bob Little -CCHA members
Sue and Rich Luke – CCHA members
Patty Walters – CCHA member and Fourth Grade Field Trip volunteer
And the other 10 volunteers at Chatham County Historical Association that give their
Thursday mornings during the school year for the Field Trip.*

Special Thanks to Daphne Terry, of Chatham County Schools, who gives the Field Trip her time to make sure the material fulfills the curriculum requirement.

Dr. Jordan then asked those honorees in attendance at the meeting to come forward and receive thanks from the Board and a Certificate from CCHA. Heather Johnson, of Chatham Business Services, is pictured receiving thanks and the certificate.



Heather Johnson, center, recognized for contributions to 4th grade field trips.

Following the recognition program, Heather posted about her personal involvement and commitment to the Fourth Grade Field Trip Program:

5 years ago, my son Ole was about to attend the first ever 4th Grade Field Trip to the brand-new Chatham Historical Museum. The programs were copies of copies. Some pages were barely legible. The Chatham seal was unrecognizable. So, I decide to take on this project over the summer that year. I recreated every page to look like they originally had them. Then I worked with the County and we realized that there was no hi-resolution County seal. Thanks to this project we got one. Since then I have worked with several volunteers from year to year to update the 4th Grade Field Trip booklet. My daughters have also now done the field trip and are proud that they've been in the print shop while mom has prepared the booklets for their trips. I'm so grateful to be a part of passing on Chatham's history to my kids and all of the children of Chatham. This was a great honor and many years in the making. I'm really thankful that the Chatham County Historical Association has continued to allow my business to be a part of this program and to receive this recognition by the Chatham County Board of Education. The honor is all mine ♡

We are grateful for the commitment and enthusiasm of all of the Fourth Grade Field Trip volunteers and supporters.