

## 2017-2018 Fourth Grade Field Trips

CCHA's Fourth Grade Field Trip program allows Chatham County fourth graders in public, private, and charter schools the opportunity to come to the Chatham County Historic Courthouse for a morning of hands on education exploring Chatham County history, civics, and government. In the Museum, the students learn about early settlers, schools, and railroads to name just a few items of Chatham County history. In the foyer, they discover the differences between a map of the county today and a map of the county from 1870, the history of the building they're in and the Chatham County seal.

In the Gallery they handle and identify ancient artifacts and use maps to trace how Chatham County was created from other counties in the past. In the artifacts room, the students handle and figure out the purpose of several old 'labor saving devices' they've never seen before.

Moving to the Courtroom, students learn the duties of court participants and then become those participants for the trial of *The Three Bears versus Goldilocks*. Students end the morning with a visit from a re-enactor, usually William Pitt, the Earl of Chatham.

The 2017-2018 school year saw more than 900 students and teachers/chaperones come to one of the Thursday morning Field Trips.

Each Field Trip requires ten volunteers to create the experience for the students. We would love to have your help! If you'd like to volunteer with us, please contact us at [FourthGrade@chathamhistory.org](mailto:FourthGrade@chathamhistory.org). Donations to defray the cost of student workbooks and other educational materials are also greatly appreciated. If you'd like to donate, please click here: <http://chathamhistory.org/pdfs/Donate.pdf> and accept our many thanks!

The next time you see a Chatham County student who is a fourth-grade graduate, ask them how the field trip was! Better yet, come into the Museum and we'll share the same history with you!