

# Authentic Ancient Roman Living Museum Event



## The Ancient Towns of Londinium Comes To Life in May

Dear Parents,

Your child has been learning about life in Ancient Rome these past few weeks. Everything the students are learning helps to support their eventual performance at our Ancient Roman Living Museum to be held in early May. On that day the students will present an authentic project/tool, authentic costume and market stall while acting as ancient Roman trades people in the Roman town of Londinium. The classroom will be arranged to resemble an ancient Roman forum market scene and the students will be reenacting much like the pioneers at Fanshawe Pioneer Village, but Roman.

Students are required to research a trade/profession, create an authentic costume and create a market stall for this event. There is no written information needed for the project, although during class we will continue to have activity sheets directly related that will support the student's understanding of life in ancient Rome and the character they will portray.

We will spend a good amount of class time organizing and preparing the students for their dramatic roles as ancient Romans as all subjects have been integrated into this theme. On the day of the event the students will act, speak and work as if they were real characters in ancient Roman Londinium (England). Visitors will walk the forum asking questions to our student actors who will remain in "persona" (character). Last year we had over six hundred students, parents, community members, educators and friends attend and this year promises to have even more.

Each student is required to conference with me before they begin their project and character costume. This will ensure that they are on the right track and they understand their roles.

Our classroom will be converted into a themed Roman forum with murals, mosaics and other Roman decor. Students will have the opportunity of contributing to these artistic endeavors and other enrichment activities when they have completed their daily work.

Please note, there are no display boards or written sheets that need to be done for this project. As explained to the students, they are dressing up as authentic Roman trades people and there is a lot to do already. Students will be assessed on their authentic project/tool, costume, market stall, acting and their Ancient Roman booklet (portfolio of activity sheets). Please visit our class web site for more details.

Our class web site will continue to include support links to assist your child's learning and your experience into the world of authentic learning.

<http://revington.weebly.com/ancient-rome.html>

### Parent Information Meeting on Authentic Learning



*On Wednesday April 13 at 7:00 pm I'll be hosting an information night in our classroom. I will explain how an authentic learning approach is pursued. Done correctly, this model of education has greatly impacted student's I've taught over the years. I still have students share with me, even twenty or more years later, how authentic learning events have positively motivated them and turned them on to education in meaningful ways. Mr. Buchwald's parents are also invited as they will be participating in a Medieval Market Living Museum the same day. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me.*

Kindest regards,

Mr. Steve Revington



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- I have read the information sheet on The Ancient Roman Living Museum.
- I am interested in attending the Authentic Learning Info. Night on Wed. Apr. 13

\_\_\_\_\_ Student

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Signature