



# Musée Morinville Museum Educational School Programs



## **Preschool:**

Students will explore the museum by going on a scavenger looking for clues of the past. Stations will be set up to explore games and activities of pioneer children. A scrapbook page of their experience at the museum will be created.

## **Kindergarten:**

### **"A day in the life of a pioneer child" (1 hour)**

Students will pretend that they are pioneer children from the early 1900's. They will compare chores, games and crafts of pioneer children to today's children. Children will actively participate in the some of the chores of the early pioneers Children will make a paper doll like (a pastime of the early pioneers) and play "Jack Straw!"

*School Curriculum:* I am Unique: Emphasizes a strong sense of identity & self-esteem & is a student's introduction to citizenship.

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## **Grade 1:**

### **Morinville Founding Families (1 hour)**

Who are the Morinville Founding Families and Pioneers? How did they get here? Learn what their lives were like through travel, farming, schooling, church and recreation. Focus will be on the different cultures that made up Morinville and the surrounding area which include Aboriginal, Métis, French and German Founding Families. These will be brought to life through artifacts and photos. Students will work together, (like the pioneers worked together to build a community) to create a Wall Hanging of items used by the pioneers.

*School Curriculum:* My World: Home, School, Community: Intro to active & responsible citizenships & introduces the concept of community.

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## **Grade 2:**

### **"A Look at Morinville's Past" (1 hour)**

Learn about the development of Morinville and the changes that have taken place over time through artifacts, photos and maps. Children will build a replica of Morinville from the early 1900's and compare it to the Town of Morinville today.

*School Curriculum:* A Community in the Past: Expands on the concept of community through an examination of specific characteristics of communities in Canada. Also examine how a community changes over time.

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## **Grade 3:**

### **Celebrating Multiculturalism in our Community (1 hour)**

Compare the diverse cultures that made up and surrounded Morinville (First Nations, Metis, French and German culture). Compare why these different cultures settled in the area, their religion, their dress, their music and their crafts. The class will be divided into four at craft time so that each group can create a craft of one of the four cultures. Students will then share the significance of that craft with the rest of the students.

*School Curriculum:* Connecting with the World: Communities in the World: Continues to build on the knowledge of community & citizenship by examining diverse communities in the world. Introduced to the concepts of global citizenships and quality of life.

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## **Grade 4:**

### **Legends & Folklores of Morinville's Cultures (1 hour)**

Explore the diverse cultural groups that made up Morinville and the surrounding area. They include First Nations, Métis, French & German cultures. We will explore who these groups and compare traditional and original legends and stories of each of

these cultures. Students will create a puzzle piece to create a larger puzzle to describe their own culture, traditions or legends.

*School Curriculum: Alberta: The Land, Histories & Stories: Introduces specific geographic skills through an examination of Alberta & its cultural & geographic diversity. Linkages to literature & the continued development of historical thinking are reinforced through stories & legends.*

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## **Grade 5:**

### **Discovering Cardiff & Morinville Coal Mine: (1 hour)**

Did you know that a Coal mine was located at the present Cardiff Golf and Country club between 1895 and 1959? Examine pictures of the Cardiff and Morinville coal mine, learn what they did with the coal, what this job was like and how coal has impacted Canada. Students will make colourful crystals from coal.

*School Curriculum:* Canada: The Land, Histories & Stories: Examines the foundations of Canada through its physical geography, the ways of life, & heritage of its diverse peoples. Presents events & issues that have impacted citizenship & identity in the Canadian context over time.

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## **Summer Special Event:**

### **All grades welcome. Pioneer Field trip at the Musée Morinville Museum (1.5 hours)**

Program available in June 2010. (Program will be adapted to each grade.) Students recreate the events of a pioneer community gathering! In the early 1900's, the Church and St. Jean Baptiste Park area were vital to the community's social and recreational gatherings. Join the Musée Morinville Staff at St. Jean Baptiste Park for a morning of pioneer exploring the grounds, games, crafts and races. Students and teachers can bring their lunches to enjoy a picnic on the grounds of St. Jean Baptiste Park.