



Bellflower Unified School District

Media Advisory

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Bellflower Unified Fifth-graders Bring History to Life with Wax Museum

WHAT: About 100 fifth-graders from Stephen Foster Elementary School will don historical attire as they populate a “wax museum” that visitors activate by donating coins for Pennies for Patients. The effort brings to life classroom lessons on history and annually raises about \$500 for the charity.

WHEN: 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. Feb. 21, 24, 28

WHERE: Stephen Foster Elementary, 5223 E. Bigelow St., Lakewood

WHO: Students from three fifth-grade classes will take turns operating the museum, which will be visited each day by nearly 200 other students at the school as well as parents. The fifth-graders researched and wrote biographical essays on early American historical figures, such as Benjamin Franklin, Sitting Bull, Harriet Tubman and Susan B. Anthony. After completing the essays, students wrote speeches to give when their wax figures are activated by donations.

Proceeds from the event will go to Pennies for Patients and for a science assembly to help students prepare for the state's standardized test in science administered this spring. The wax museum is an annual tradition at Stephen Foster Elementary.

MEDIA: Media is welcome to photograph any of the events. Call 909-206-5304 for details.

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