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FIFTH GRADE STUDENTS STUDY CIVIL WAR

Ware Elementary School's fifth grade classes have been very busy studying the Civil War. As part of their studies, the students watched "The Field of Lost Shoes," a video about the experiences of the VMI cadets who were called upon to defend the Shendoanah Valley at the Battle of New Market in May, 1864. To expand on their classroom studies, the fifth grade students traveled to the New Market Battlefield State Historic Park to see first-hand the site of such a unique time in American history. While at the Historic Park, the students participated in a scavenger hunt, learned about the outfitting of a new soldier, and toured both the grounds of the battlefield and the house that stood in the midst of the fighting. The tour guide, Miss Stacey, was in character throughout the day to demonstrate to the students what life was like during this trying time in Virginia's history.



Ware students Gabe Tisdale, Brennan Duncan, Blake Simmons and Dustin Adkins pose in Civil War attire.



Ware fifth grade students listen as the New Market Battlefield tour guide speaks.



Ware students Colby Rexrode, Mikey Hoover, Mauricio Ortiz, and Hunter Lee enjoy a field trip to the New Market Battlefield.

BESSIE WELLER WELCOMES NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Bessie Weller Elementary School had the privilege of welcoming back familiar faces this school year as they have three new staff members who were either former students or former student teachers. New teachers, Heather Campbell and Lisa Mims, both did their student teaching at Bessie Weller and were so pleased with their experiences that they wanted to return as teachers. “I found that I wasn’t a student teacher, I was part of a family,” said Ms. Campbell. Another new staff member, Dawn Sheets is a former Bessie Weller student who remembered her days there fondly when she said, “It felt like home...” The Bessie Weller family is very excited to have these three new staff members joining them.



Pictured from left to right are Lisa Mims, Heather Campbell, and Dawn Sheets