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Mission: Raven Hill provides a place that enhances hands-on and lifelong learning for all ages by connecting science, history & the arts.

To: Friends and Family everywhere

From: Cheri and Raven Hill

Date: October 16, 2021

Re: **Labor Days** field trip

Talk about hands-on! That was the scene on Wednesday at Raven Hill as 105 East Jordan Middle School students and 10 teachers explored the Smithsonian **Labor Days** exhibit with a scavenger hunt, which helped students focus on specific history from this local area. The students also experienced activities related to some of the careers featured in the exhibit. Students were challenged to build bridges, design a log mark logo, create a design and print a note card. They also watched a solar-powered 3-D printer demonstration and spent time in a one room school house. The Lake Charlevoix Spinners and Weavers Guild demonstrated spinning, weaving & knitting for the students, plus a tour of the Evolving Technology Building added even more history to the field trip. At the end of the day, the students had time to explore other areas of Raven Hill.



One student commented, "I did not realize how much local history there is near here." Other students expressed an interest in pursuing the impact that this area of Northern Lower Michigan has had and can make on the world.



*The weather cooperated last Wednesday as Raven Hill hosted students and teachers for the Smithsonian **Labor Days** exhibit.*



To simulate the log marks that logging companies used to identify their property, students designed their own log mark logo. What would your log mark look like?

Raven Hill could not function without the help of an absolutely amazing group of volunteers. Sixteen very special people took a day out of their lives sharing their talents and love of history with the students. Thanks to everyone who helped with advance preparation, presented sessions, took photos and otherwise supported this special informal learning opportunity for our students. Thanks to Ed, Kim P, Peggy, Kim D, John, Gary, Yvonne, Debbie, Sherrel, Katie, Jean, plus Denise, Kathy, Nancy, Mary & David from the fiber guild for their dedication and expertise.



Students tried their hand at printmaking in the Print Shop, after learning about linotypes and letter presses used in the past.



Even play is work! The hands-on museum is as popular as ever.



(Left) John uses solar energy to run his 3D printer. (Right) Mary & David show off their fiber skills in the Fiber Studio.



(Top to bottom) From the Evolving Technology Building to the old-fashioned Schoolhouse to Building Bridges to seeing the animals in the Animal Room, East Jordan Middle School students worked at learning.

All of Raven Hill Discovery Center, including the Smithsonian **Labor Days: History of Work** exhibit, is currently open on weekends—noon to 4pm on Saturdays and 2pm to 4pm on Sundays—as well as during holiday breaks and most other times by appointment. If you would like to bring a group to see the **Labor Days** exhibit or just to enjoy all we have to offer, please call ahead to schedule a date and time for your visit. Remember, for the sake of the children who cannot yet be vaccinated, we continue to ask everyone to mask while inside Raven Hill. Enjoy this beautiful fall weather and take care of yourselves!

Cheri