March 14, 2011

Dear Parents/Guardians,

March and April will be a very busy and exciting time for your child in Social Studies. We will be working on the Heritage Fair Project during this time. This project is very demanding and, due to time constraints, your child will have to do some work at home. The Heritage Fair includes two components: a visual presentation, and an oral presentation of 3-5 minutes (the guidelines for the project are on the back of this sheet). Students have the choice to work individually or with one partner on this project and they will be permitted to select their own topic. A list of suggested topics has been provided to your son/daughter.

We will work our way through this project step by step. Because of the work involved and the length of the process, your child will require your support. If your child starts to fall behind, it will be very hard to catch up. **The final project will be due on April 6.** Here are some ways you could help your child succeed:

* Your child needs to choose his/her topic by Wednesday, March 16. We will be spending time discussing the different topics available and you could do the same at home in order to help him/her make their decision.
* The project involves research and we will be going to the Harkins Library/Computer Lab as a class for the purpose of research. In addition, I would recommend that you take your child to the Public Library if possible. They will need to use the Internet at home (if available) and come to school with their information every day. The internet site [www.histori.ca](http://www.histori.ca) is an excellent source of reliable information.
* It is absolutely necessary that over the next few weeks, your child comes to class with all materials necessary to work on this project, as a fair amount of class time will be given.
* Ask your child daily about his/her progress on this project. During the next few weeks there should not be an answer like: “I have no homework”.

I thank you in advance for your support. Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mrs. L. Perry

 Please detach and send back with your child

Student’s name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Parent/guardian’s signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_