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Title: **Durban Avenue G&T Students Visit Lake Hopatcong Historical Museum**

Art DiBenedetto, Hopatcong Superintendent of Schools, Announces-

On March 5, 2019 students involved in Durban Avenue School's Gifted and Talented program had an opportunity to visit the Lake Hopatcong Historical Museum. The idea for the trip arose from one of the student's independent study project about Castle Edward, one of forty former hotels which surrounded the lake. While fifth grade student, Anthony Quinn, talked about Castle Edward's proximity to his own house, the other students began talking and asking questions about the hotel. Soon it was decided that the group should visit the local museum to find out more about the rich history which surrounds Lake Hopatcong. When students returned to Durban Avenue School, they were asked to share some of the facts that impressed them the most. Responses ranged from Castle Edward being inspired by a 17th century castle to the details of ice farming on Lake Hopatcong and the lake's role as the origin of the Morris Canal. Students were excited to learn of many famous people who used to visit the Lake area including Thomas Edison and Babe Ruth. Several students shared their musical talent as they were permitted to play Joe Cook's piano. Many thanks to Mrs. Christina Munoz and Mrs. Hilary Wolf for chaperoning this successful trip and to Mr. Marty Kane and Mrs. Lisa Hirschfeld for being amazing museum guides.















