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Title: Colonial America Comes to Life

On February 24th of this year, Mrs. Catizone's 5th grade class helped bring Colonial America back to life for parents, family, friends, teachers, and administrators at Durban Avenue School. The class of twenty-two ten and eleven years olds prepared for over two months, working long hours to make sure their audience was not disappointed. The Hopatcong Education Association sponsored the entire endeavor and is a key piece to the success of the annual project.

The project has evolved over the years and is comprehensive and reaches across the curriculum to include most subject areas. The Common Core Standards are embedded in all aspects of the project in real world style. Students were able to choose their own topic, research with or without a partner, write a research paper, create a minimum of a 10 slide PowerPoint presentation, and create a 3-D hands on Colonial Villages.

In addition to the historical aspect, students learned cooperation, independence, public speaking and time organization skills.

The Hopatcong Education Association is an integral part of the project and without their support the program could not have taken place.

