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Jericho Middle School Celebrates Colonial Day

To kick off the holiday season, Jericho Middle School's Team 7A got into the Thanksgiving spirit by spending two periods living life as colonists during an experiential English Language Arts/Social Studies interdisciplinary extravaganza.

After weeks of examining the unique culture and early seeds of democracy in the English colonies, students pondered this essential question: "To what degree did an emerging identification with an "American culture" contribute to eventual revolution?"

With colonial names, they chose two of nine stations where they had the opportunity to quilt, write with a quill pen, make a pomander ball, and create a New England Primer with a modern day twist, amongst other language-based or cultural activities.

Thanks to the efforts of helpers Mrs. Oliva, Ms. Daly, Mrs. McDonnell, Mrs. Morris, Ms. Viviano, Mrs. Van Buskirk, and Mrs. Goldstein, students were able to craft dolls of real cornhusks, eat Indian pudding, sew an heirloom-worthy quilt, and churn fresh butter. Mrs. McDonough, Ms. Vevante, and Mrs. Brill are extremely grateful to all of them, and especially to the fabulous assistants, Ms. Levites and Ms. Klemballa, for all they did to make the day possible.



Pictured (L-R) Jericho's Social Studies Curriculum Associate Eric Sundberg, Anne McDonough and Michelle Vevante try the delicious creations created by the students.