



TOWN OF CHILMARK, MASSACHUSETTS

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To: The Honorable Board of Selectmen
From: Jennifer L. Christy, Town Clerk
Date: April 1, 2011
Re: Local Government Day: May 4, 2011

Dear Selectmen,

As Town Clerk I am working to develop a program to help educate the Chilmark School's 2nd & 3rd grades about local government.

I have approached Jack Regan, the 2-3 classroom teacher at the Chilmark School, with the idea of his class visiting the town hall during one morning to learn about our various functions and responsibilities. He and his assistant, Cici, enthusiastically support the idea and would like to participate. Local government is a topic of study for 3rd graders in the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks.

The program would occur on Wednesday, May 4, 2011 between 9am – 10:30am. The program would consist of the students meeting as many local officials as possible and familiarizing themselves with town hall and its services through a 'local government scavenger hunt'. I have included a simple outline of the morning. I also plan to arrange a pizza lunch afterwards, possibly at the school. Any and all who would like to join from town hall would be welcome by the 2-3 classroom.

Thank you for considering this addition to the spring calendar of events. If you would be able to attend on the morning of May 4, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Christy

Outline for Local Government Day
May 4, 2011

9:00 a.m.

Meet & welcome in the Selectmen's Meeting Room

- Students receive town hall badges and are introduced to Selectmen (if available)
- If possible, Selectmen describe the duties & responsibilities of their job
- Town Clerk describes how Local Government Scavenger Hunt will work
- Students split into teams

9:30-10:15 a.m.

Town Hall-wide scavenger hunt

- Student teams visit various town offices to obtain information from town officials
- Student teams progress in scavenger hunt through finding particular information
- Students use town hall maps to navigate through the building (mapping is also a part of the MA Curriculum Frameworks for this grade level)

10:15-10:30 a.m.

Meet in Selectmen's Meeting Room

- Teams will report their hunt results
- Awarding of Local Government Day certificates

11:30 a.m. Pizza party