

A FEAST FIT FOR PILGRIMS



With the help of parent Karen Loban, ACE student Katelyn Reid (center) and Sierra Carmelich help prepare journey cakes for the ACE Feast.

Markham A.C.E. students enjoy old-time revelry

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Students of the Alternative Cooperative Education program, or A.C.E. at Markham Elementary School in Vacaville recreated a traditional pilgrim feast Nov. 30.

The majority of the A.C.E. students dressed up like pilgrim children would have in those days.

The girls wore full-length dresses, aprons, occasionally a vest, and a little white morrice. The boys wore dark blue pants, a cream, long-sleeved shirt, and a cap.

All of the children wore shoes, knee-high socks, belts, pouches, and brimmed hats!

Before the feast, we dyed our socks with various foods, such as onions, walnuts, red cabbage, and pomegranate seeds.

Pilgrims often used these food to dye their clothes, and we were able to do it too!

We also sewed our pouches together.

To get prepared for the feast, we had to cook some of the food. We made stuffing, homemade butter, journey

cakes, whipped cream and cranberry sauce.

As our groups finished cooking, we headed over to the game station. There we played a game called Nine Man's.

At the feast we filled our wooden bowls with the yummy food we had prepared earlier that day. We sat around the table and talked about good memories with our friends.

As the feast ended, we cleaned our bowls and went off to play. We had lots of fun and we hope to have good memories to share with new friends.

The A.C.E. Program was started in 1991 at the request of parents in the district who wanted to be more involved in the classroom and who were interested in alternative approaches to teaching and learning.

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ACE students at Markham Elementary School gather around a table to enjoy a traditional pilgrim feast.

As parent Stephanie Carson looks on (in photo at right), ACE student Micaela Harris, Weston Enslin-Rice and Kaitlyn Dutton play the pilgrim game, Nine Man's.

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