

The eighth grade literature students at Greenfield have been studying the Holocaust. The reading assignments have included several different Holocaust survivors' stories. In order to extend and compliment this classroom learning the students took a trip to St. Louis to visit the Holocaust Museum and Learning Center. Adults accompanying the students were Janice Meyer, Pat Theivagt, and Justin Hays. Docents guided the students through the museum and explained and discussed the various exhibits with the students. This trip allowed the students to view a large collection of resources not available in the classroom. Students also listened to a Holocaust survivor who was born during the Holocaust. This man shared the accounts of his family during the terrible years of Nazi occupation. Students gained an increased knowledge about the tragedy of the Holocaust. This visit will lead to discussions about moral/ethical questions and our responsibility as citizens.

After the museum trip, the students were treated to lunch at Kohn's Kosher Deli, also in St. Louis. Students had previously talked about kosher cooking and the Jewish religion. After eating a delicious meal, the granddaughter of Simon Kohn (now deceased founder of the deli) talked to the students about the Kohn family and how the events of the Holocaust affected this St. Louis family.

The students would like to thank the GFEE (Greenfield Foundation for Educational Excellence) for funding this annual trip to St. Louis. The GFEE pays for our donation to the museum and also our lunch at the deli. To receive the funding, a grant is written and submitted to the foundation. This really helps all students experience a wonderful educational opportunity regardless of economic situations. We are very lucky in Greenfield to have this foundation to support our teachers in the education of our students!

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