

One-room schoolhouse will open Saturday afternoons in Fairhaven



The schoolhouse will be opened on Saturday afternoons in June, July and August.

Beginning on June 6, children can learn about schooling during the 1800s and try some fun hands-on activities and games each Saturday afternoon at the Old Stone Schoolhouse, 40 North Street, Fairhaven.

The Old Stone Schoolhouse is a restored one-room school that was originally built in 1828 to serve the Oxford district of Fairhaven. In the 1840s, Manjiro Nakahama, the first Japanese person to live in America, attended classes there. The schoolhouse remained in operation until the larger Oxford School was built in 1896. It will be opened by the Fairhaven Office of Tourism on Saturday afternoons from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. in June, July and August.

At the schoolhouse, children may sit at antique wooden desks and try writing with pen and ink or with chalk on a slate.

They may also try some old-fashioned schoolyard games like jacks, marbles, rolling a hoop and hopscotch. Guides will be on hand to talk about 19th Century education, classroom rules and discipline. There are antique schoolbooks to see and mannequins dressed in the clothes that were worn in the 1800s.

There is no admission charge, but donations are accepted. Please note the schoolhouse has no electricity or running water. There are no restroom facilities onsite.

For more information, you may visit <http://oldstoneschool.blogspot.com> or call 508-979-4085.
