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Third-graders to discover 'Treasures of the City' tonight

Third-grade students and their families will tour the City's government plaza while they treasure-hunt for knowledge of municipal government at this evening's 24th annual "Treasures of the City" Partners in Education event, hosted by the City of Springfield and Springfield Public Schools. The event will take place 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Busch Municipal Building, 840 Boonville Ave.

Designed to complement the students' social studies curriculum, "Treasures of the City" brings concepts discussed in the classroom to life as students interact with elected officials and government employees.

Mark Twain Elementary teacher Penny Carroll has participated in "Treasures of the City" for eight years and says the program connects what students are learning in school to real-life experiences. "With tight funding, we do not get to provide these opportunities as often as we would like. This is one of those special opportunities to connect the learning," she said.

Jeffries Elementary's Tabitha Eutsler has participated in Treasures of the City for four years and says that students always get excited when offered hands-on learning.

"Students love being able to meet government leaders and workers," she said.

The event is often a learning experience for parents, said Sunny Taylor of Harrison Elementary, because it allows them to see what their children have been learning about in school and provides them with exposure to city government that they may not have previously had.

Springfield Public Schools' Partners in Education program is designed to link business and community organizations to the district while enriching the educational experiences of students and complementing the educational process of teachers. "Treasures of the City" is organized by the City of Springfield's Department of Public Information.

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