

Welcome to Museum School!

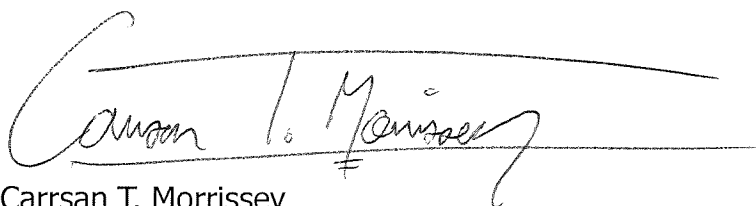
My name is Carrsan Morrissey, and on behalf of the Education & Programming Department at the Grout Museum District, I would like to welcome you to an exciting and memorable week for your students. We are so excited to have you!

The Grout Museum District's "Museum School" is an innovative program that invites regional third grade students to attend lessons at the Grout Museum District for one week. Our goal is to introduce children to cultural institutions and raise awareness of the rich history of their community through interactive and hands-on learning.

During this four-day experience students are treated to a wide array of subjects. They explore the lives and histories of pioneers and Native Americans within the region. They are treated to a Planetarium show in our recently-renovated Norris Corson Family Planetarium—a state of the art system which allows us to explore the full beauty of the cosmos. They will build their STEAM skills with our simple machines lesson, and taste Johnny Cakes (a favorite snack for pioneers traveling the open plains) while learning about milling, the first industry of the Cedar Valley. They will learn and discuss the rich history of immigration and migration in the area, as well as the important history of Black Americans in Waterloo. And of course, we will honor the service and sacrifice of Iowa's service members in the Sullivan Brother's Iowa Veterans Museum through an interactive tour.

We are continuously working with teachers to improve and modify the program to better fit their needs and evolving Iowa Core standards. Our goal is to ensure that all third grade students will be able to benefit from the valuable experience and knowledge gained from attending Museum School and the Grout Museum District. The 2022-2023 will be the program's 21st year, and we are excited to include your third grade students as part of the Museum School legacy.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Carrsan T. Morrissey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Carrsan T. Morrissey
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