

Titanic, One Hundred Years

The events of April 14 and 15, 1912, were recently brought back to life at James A. Cawood Elementary School. Fifth-grade teacher Sandra Lynn and her students commemorated the 100th anniversary of the disastrous sinking of the “unsinkable” ship, the Titanic by reenacting the last dinner served on the ill-fated ship.

Ms. Lynn’s classroom was transformed into a first class dining room. Formally dressed in their best finery, students waited outside the door with tickets in hand for a maitre’d to seat them in the elegant dining room.

The room was decorated with blue (water) and white (iceberg) streamers and silver and gold stars (night) dotted the ceiling. As the students were seated, “My Heart Will Go On” (the theme song from the very popular 1997 “Titanic” movie) was played.

A buffet table featured finger sandwiches, cheese with crackers, blue chips, and cake with ice cream for dessert. Drinks (blue Kool-Aid) were served by a ship’s steward.

After the buffet, students enjoyed a viewing of the movie “Titanic”.

Ms. Lynn said she utilized the anniversary of this historic event to tie together various areas of the curriculum, including history, arts and humanities, social studies, and language arts.

Lynn and students dressed for the occasion.

