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The Lyons School is fully restored and ready for 2nd-4th grade field trips. The Lyons School has made annual excursions to the Lyons School for many years. Usually each teacher and their students spend one day at the rural school. Sessions are available for spring or fall and costs are minimal.

A curriculum has been created by several retired teachers for your use. The curriculum addresses benchmarks that are required by the State of Michigan. We invite your 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade teams to partake in the Lyons School Visitation Program, which begins this September. Please confer with your teams and let us know when you can schedule your visit to the Lyons School. Your students will be actively engaged in programs that foster an understanding of our historical heritage. They will learn an appreciation of preservation and make connections in our communities.

Please feel free to contact either of our following education liaisons:

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We are looking forward to hearing from you.

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Web Site Help Needed

We are currently seeking a volunteer intern to help managing our web site updates, planning content changes, and developing our social media campaign.

The intern will need a computer with high-speed Internet access. They are also required to be reasonably proficient with a computer, the Internet, and MS Office.

Prior experience with HTML or graphic design is helpful, but not required. Training will be provided.

This position would be a good fit for a student interested in gaining work experience for their resume or college application.

Special points of interest:

The Origin of Brighton, Founded as One Creek, is discussed in this month's historical perspective article. See Page 4.

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