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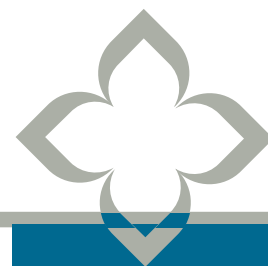
Life Lessons from the Great Depression

The Council for Life Long Engagement (CLLE) established a new partnership with St. Cecilia School this year. St. Cecilia is in its 100th year as an elementary school in the neighborhood of Oakley in Cincinnati. It serves children in Pre-kindergarten through 8th grade. Mr. Michael Goedde serves as school principal.

Recently, CLLE made their debut as they partnered with Ms. Maria Schmitz who is the Social Studies teacher for 5th through 8th grades. The 8th grade class had just completed their studies on the Great Depression. CLLE presented a four-person panel to give personal insight and to aid the children in hearing a first-hand perspective from different points of view. Mr. Bill Victor shared a story about his time growing up in the country and a lesson his father taught him regarding “wants vs needs.” Bill learned that ten cents to go to the movies was not the same as ten cents to buy school supplies. The students today could relate to this story. Mrs. Harriett Krumpelman shocked all the children when she told them that her mother had purchased her four new dresses and shared the steeply cost of twenty-five cents each. She also shared that her mother would occasionally surprise her with an ice cream cone after Saturday lessons for a nickel. Mr. Jack Williams shared a unique perspective being the only one who did not grow up in the country. Mr. Williams grew up and experienced the Great Depression in a large city in New York. He shared his experience of

seeing his parents diligently saving their money so they could stay in the home they were renting. He shared his love as a kid for baseball and football and shared his experience as a young Boy Scout during that time. Mrs. Maechling brought pictures of her home and her family’s homestead to share with the children. She also shared stories about what Christmas was like during those difficult years, and brought a small teddy bear as an example to show the children what a typical gift might be.

The children were grateful for this time together as it shared a perspective that no textbook could fully ever give to them.



Are You Interested?

If you would like to be a part of the CLLE programs in the classroom, please contact Laura Lamb at llamb@erhinc.com or at 272.5555 ext. 6606. Visit www.clle.org