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Sixth grade classes at Gunston Elementary School on Mason Neck were treated to a hands-on Revolutionary War program. Mr. Thomas Kuehhas, a Revolutionary War expert and time traveler of sorts presented an hour long program to three classes.

Museum quality reproduction artifacts were laid out. Weapons were explained and some accessories that soldiers would have carried were passed around. Then some more items which shed light on life in the eighteenth century were identified.

The highlight was that a selected few got to try on the uniform with all the heavy accessories. No one thought that they would like the life of a Revolutionary soldier in Washington's army because the uniform was either too hot, too cold and definitely too heavy. And if you had a bad tooth the solution was a tooth key to wrench it out of the mouth. O-o-oh, Gosh.

Tom Kuehhas is a museum professional with over 20 years of educational programming experience and a Master of Arts degree in American History. He has published articles, as well as curated museum exhibitions, on the Revolution. He patiently answered all the children's questions and explained everything in detail holding their attention. It was a positive experience for Ms. Landers class. He is available for your school as well.