

Interactive Tour - WALK THROUGH

Discussion Questions

1912 Classroom

Beginner Question: There were only four light bulbs in the room. What else added light?

Beginner Answer: The large windows.

Intermediate Question: Notice the large metal objects up against the wall under the windows. What do you think their purpose was?

Intermediate Answer: The purpose of this object is to provide heat to the classroom. It is known as a radiator, which is typically only seen in older buildings.

Advanced Question: Why would it be important to have large windows?

Advanced Answer: To ensure sufficient lighting, as the electric light bulbs did not produce enough light. The Department of Education in the Alberta Government required large windows to provide adequate lighting.

1950s Classroom

Beginner Question: Find the globe on the teacher's desk. What are globes used for?

Beginner Answer: Globes are used to learn about the world, its geographical features, the continents, the oceans and waterways.

Intermediate Question: What tells you that science was becoming very important in the late 1950s?

Intermediate Answer: Because there is a large cabinet full of science equipment, science charts, and models of parts of the body.

Advanced Question: Who were the men displayed on the wall with the Union Jack?

Advanced Answer: Canadian Prime Ministers

School Days, High School, WWI and II

Beginner Question: How are the photographs on the walls different from today?

Beginner Answer: They are black and white.

Intermediate Question: How did high school students assist with the war effort during the World Wars?

Intermediate Answer: High school students enlisted in the war effort, worked farm land in Canada, and helped raise money for the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

Advanced Question: What was the purpose of opening the Edmonton Technical School?

Advanced Answer: The Edmonton Technical School was opened to provide instruction and practical training for students so that they might become skilled labourers in the world of trades and industry.

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2nd Floor Exhibits: School Boys' Band

Beginner Question: What two musical instruments are in the display case?

Beginner Answer: Clarinet and trumpet

Intermediate Question: How many years did the Edmonton Schoolboys Band last?

Intermediate Answer: 34 years

Advanced Question: What can you learn from being in a marching band?

Advanced Answer: Multi-tasking=marching at one temp and playing at another; Responsibility=each member is held accountable for certain things; Discipline=being able to listen and follow orders; Teamwork=each member has their own responsibilities, it all comes together to form one thing; Endurance=marching band members learn to encourage one another to keep going; Personal Growth=have access to a built-in support system from which you can grow and develop; Presentation=paying attention to how you wear and act in the uniform; Leadership=natural hierarchy in a marching band that allows for practicing leadership skills.

2nd Floor Exhibits: Innovation in Education

Beginner Question: Why were trophies given out?

Beginner Answer: Trophies were given out as awards for attendance, achievement, academics, and athletics. It was part of a growing trend of recognition for the abilities of the students.

Intermediate Question: A film strip projector was used to show pictures and other images. What is used in your classroom to show images?

Intermediate Answer: A smart board, computer, or digital projector might be used.

Advanced Question: High school students were required to wear a single style and colour of uniform to attend gym class. What are your thoughts on having to wear a uniform for gym?

Advanced Answer: Answers may vary.