

The Fourth Grade Classes will visit the Department of City Planning on:

Tuesday, September 29, 2009.

We will travel by subway, departing the school at 9 a.m. and will return at about 1:30 p.m. **Please remember to pack a bag lunch for your child.**

Here is an overview of what our fourth graders will experience:

The program will start with a brief introduction to the Department of City Planning by the Planning Coordination Division. Then there will be a short computer demonstration on what a map is and how to create a map in GIS (Geographic Information Systems), followed by a computer demonstration on how to use an interactive map.

After these presentations, the classes will split apart. One class will go to the DCP Manhattan Office conference room, where two planners will discuss a land use map with the Little Red School House shown on it! The children will learn about different planning ideas in Manhattan, and have the opportunity to see special images about these projects. The other class will visit DCP's Transportation Division, where the children will learn all about bicycle planning topics, such as bike routes and placing bike racks near subways.

This is going to be a very interesting trip, and surely each and every one of us will learn something new about our city!