Franklin's Colonial Assembly:
The Museum on Wheels & Ben Franklin Show

**Museum on Wheels** brings the best of the Printing Museum’s educational programs to your school. Beginning at our 12’ traveling colonial printing shop, your guide slips on an apron and steps up to Franklin’s press. With the help of students, metal type is hand set to help create his famous *Poor Richard’s Almanack*. With historical artifacts and quality graphics, the presentation covers the long history of books, from papyrus scrolls and manuscripts to the books and newspapers of today. Students will see a page of Gutenberg’s Bible, rare Chinese printing blocks, early colonial books and demonstrations of printing and bookbinding.

During the second half of the presentation, the inventive Dr. Franklin is presenting the story of his life to students in the school auditorium, introducing you to his many inventions and discoveries, from swim fins to bifocals, from the first lending library to the Constitution. Students are introduced to the world of electricity and science as Dr. Franklin demonstrates his static electrical generator, originally used to create a battery. Franklin aims to ignite young minds with the wonders of science and invention.

Tour Length: 1-3/4 hours
Age Level: 3rd Gr. & up
Fee: $650 for up to 150 students
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