WATT'S GOING ON? An illuminating review from Interboro Education Foundation

EDUCATION

SUPPORTING THE MIKVA SOAPBOX CHALLENGE March 21st, 2024

For the fourth year in a row, Interboro 8th grade students participated in the Mikva Challenge Project Soapbox. Project Soapbox is a nationwide public speaking program that calls on young people to speak out on issues that affect them and their communities. The powerful speeches have lasting, transformative impacts on classrooms, schools, and communities.

Mikva Challenge builds empathy in the classroom, provides a positive outlet for youth ideas, and helps students connect to the power of their voice. Throughout the process students learn, among other lessons, equity, democracy, student advocacy, critical writing, and public speaking.

The top 5 participants from each school gathered at Interboro High School to share soapbox-style presentations for family members, fellow students, and a panel of judges on topics ranging from "Funding for Creative Arts" to "Drug Addiction" and "Bullying."

Social Studies teachers Jason Bowen, Brian Cleary, Ed Kloss, and Dan McGrath guided their students throughout this educational and worthwhile experience.

Jason Bowen, who introduced Mikva Challenge to the Interboro School District and the principles that the Mikva Challenge builds in growing learners, was awarded a Spring 2023 Mini Grant.

Interboro Education Foundation was proud to join Interboro Education Association in supporting Project Soapbox.



Tickets are currently available for the following games:

PIRATES VS PHILLIES THURS 4/11, 6:40 PM

ROCKIES VS PHILLIES WED 4/17, 6:05 PM

GIANTS VS PHILLIES MON 5/6, 4:05 PM

CONTEST WINNERS: (LEFT TO RIGHT) JASMINE McGOLDRICK (2ND PLACE) HARMONY WILSON (3RD PLACE) AMARI GIBSON (1ST PLACE)

Welcome to the second edition of "Watt's Going On?" - the Illuminating review that sheds light on our mission to foster bright futures for students in grades Pre-K to 12!





PARTICIPANTS: JAYDEN CLARK, RYKER CASHIN, KATHLEEN MCBRIDE, AUDREY MCGOVERN, OLIVA RIDDAH, MAX CAFFO, LILLY QUINN, LILI SPEDDING, LIA CONGIALDI, JASMINE MCGOLDRICK, DANTE MORALES, MARIE SOWA, HARMONY WILSON, AMARI GIBSON, BROOKLYN BANKSTON, NEVAEH WEATHERLY, ELIZABETH TAING, RYAN SMITH. TEACHER: JASON BOWEN MISSING FROM THE PICTURE: NICK DAINO, AREN MOVSISYAN

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Be sure to purchase one week before the game

MEET AN IEF BOARD MEMBER

At the helm of Interboro Education Foundation, Margie Evans embodies a passionate commitment to the educational well-being of our community. Margie has cultivated deep ties to the Interboro School District, where two of her three children and her stepson proudly graduated.

Her engagement in the community is marked by dedicated service as a parent booster for various school-related associations, including Home & School, Marching Band, Theater, Boys' Soccer, and Boys' Lacrosse. She has held leadership roles, as well as been behind the scenes, contributing to the success of these organizations in supporting students' overall development. Beyond her familv's immediate involvement, Margie has extended her volunteer efforts to community soccer and baseball teams, Temple University Diamond Marching Band, Girl Scouts of Southeast PA, and Eastern University Men's Lacrosse team. This hands-on given her experience has an understanding of the diverse needs and aspirations of students at many levels.

With a distinguished career as a legal administrative assistant spanning 46 years, Margie has honed her organizational skills and dedication to excellence. Now retired, she has redirected her energy to championing education through her role as President of IEF.

Board President Margie Evans



Margie's vision for Interboro Education Foundation centers around creating an environment that empowers educators and fosters an enriching experience for students. She is dedicated to ensuring that the foundation grows to support a thriving educational environment within our school district.

MEET A FEW OF THE SPRING 2023 MINI GRANT RECIPIENTS

Mr. William Lavery High School PPE & AED Supplies

"The AED training devices undergo wear and tear and are fragile. By supplying 2 new devices we can complement the ISD supplies and materials. By supplying breathing barriers, we will be able to effectively practice CPR as we learn to live with airborne viruses, such as COVID and Flu."





Mrs. Rachel Flicker Norwood School Grades 1-8 PBIS Rewards

"These funds will motivate students to demonstrate behavioral expectations to earn reward tokens."



Ms. Jessica Vazquez High School Flexible Seating / Deskless Classroom

"These funds would help to support my endeavors in continuing to provide a deskless classroom for my students. Having piloted this approach with my students this year, I have seen a huge shift in their behaviors and level of engagement. Students seem much more comfortable and ready to learn each day because they have more ownership of the physical space in the room and are able to choose what works best for them as individual learners. This has really helped to create a sense of community within the classroom and with these funds, I will be able to expand upon this even further. Our newly adopted Spanish curriculum is storytelling-based and having flexible seating options pairs extremely well with this approach."

Look for more Mini Grant Recipient highlights in future editions of Watt's Going On?

CONTRIBUTE TO OUR MISSION



We're energized by the support we've received, but there is still more to light up!

Let's brighten the path for Interboro's learners together!



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