

Schodack Castleton Community Partnership Follow up.

After receiving the Sean's Run grant award, we incorporated the Battle of the Belts into a 7th grade teaching unit. At Maple Hill Middle School, the students attend an ELA based class called Connections where they complete community service learning projects while also focusing on core class subjects. To align with the battle of the belts, we had the students take part in a "stay alive while you drive" unit. The students were responsible for choosing an area of car safety to research, collect 3 facts about their subject matter, and to create either a poster, bookmark or t-shirt displaying their facts. The majority of the students chose to make t-shirts, with a design on front, and their facts written on the back. We also worked with the STOP DWI group by utilizing some of their drinking and driving video to show and reflect on during class.

We then advertised the Battle of the Belts to middle school students. At our preliminary battle, held on April 28th, we had about 10-15 teams take part. The top 2 teams were given gift cards. Since our winning team could not attend Sean's run, we had a group of 8th graders compete instead. It was a very rewarding experience for the students, and they also had a great time!

We also invited the Schodack Police Department to attend the Battle. The officer came and kicked off each event. We had 2 faculty and staff teams that also competed! There was a write up on the Battle on the school webpage.

http://www.schodack.k12.ny.us/scs/stories/2010-11/battle_of_the_belts.asp

Thank you again for your support,

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