

2010 Battle of the Belts
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 and high school students. At our preliminary battle, held on March 31st, we had about 6 middle school teams, 2 high school teams, and 1 teacher/staff team compete. Both the winning middle school team and high school team were given gift certificates. Our winning middle school team plus cheering squad were bussed down to attend the Championship Battle of the Belts. It was a very rewarding experience for the students, and they also had a great time!

We did invite a team of police officers to kick off our preliminary battle, but they were called in last minute to an emergency and were unable to attend. There was a write up on the Battle on the school webpage, but no newspapers responded.

Please see other emails for attachments of pictures from the unit in class, and our preliminary battle! These will be coming from the Schodack email.

Thank you again for your support,

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