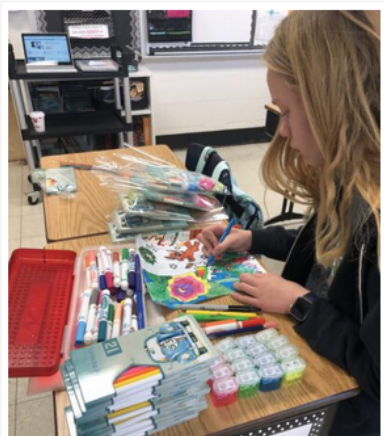


Shop LBI School Sixth-Graders' Holiday Market to Benefit Local Nonprofits

Thursday, Dec. 8, Outside the Country Corner in Ship Bottom

December 05, 2022



LBI School sixth-grader Paige Kingi works on a product for the upcoming holiday market. (Supplied Photos)

The sixth-graders at the Long Beach Island Grade School have worked hard throughout the past few months to prepare to host a holiday market outside the Country Corner, in Ship Bottom, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. this Thursday, Dec. 8. As part of the grade level's cross-curricular project, the students made a variety of items to sell, with all proceeds benefiting local nonprofit organizations.

In September, English Language Arts teacher Janelle Gosline explained, the two sixth-grade classes – a total of 27 students – split into small groups, or “companies,” and began brainstorming product ideas for the market. That same month, the LBI Education Association received a FAST (Families and Students Together) grant to cover the cost of any materials the students required for their crafts.

“In ELA and technology classes, students wrote company mission statements, brief company biographies and explanations of their company's charitable impact,” said Gosline. “These were used to create information cards via Canva. Some companies also used Canva to create thank-you

cards, business cards and even recipe cards to accompany their products.”

She added, “In art class, students tested prototypes of their products, made revisions and created their entire final inventory. In math classes, the students calculated material costs and estimated labor costs, then used these to determine a retail price for their products. From there they determined ‘bundle’ prices to further entice customers.”

And, after the school district's winter break, the youngsters will research existing sustainable and humanitarian businesses in social studies and science classes to write a final research paper to conclude the project.

Gosline and the rest of the “Holiday Market Team” – math teacher Lauren Rothstein, special education teacher Kelly Scotto Di Carlo, art teacher Lisa Benjamin, technology teacher Shelley Smith, social studies teacher Rick Kappy, science teacher Cathy McBride and basic skills support teacher Amy Aureilio – are excited for the community to shop the holiday market and see what the students have created.

THE SAND PAPER.NET

Companies at the market will include Meri, which features upcycled shell ornaments, with profits donated to ReClam the Bay. The Arcilla Potteries group, “founded by the three amigos” with a Latin background, will offer handmade clay pots, the profits from which will benefit Alliance for a Living Ocean. Friends of the Southern Ocean County Animal Shelter, meanwhile, is the chosen nonprofit for Wally’s Winners, the mission of which is “to make paw-fect and delicious pet treats that make pet owners feel safe.”

M3 Jewelry Designs will feature “colorful pieces of wearable art,” with proceeds given to David’s Dream and Believe Cancer Foundation. Chroma’s founders created homemade coloring books for all ages, and profits will be directed to the Bellarine Theater Co. And Playflo, which will donate to Piece of the Puzzle Inc., set out to make “kid kits” that “encourage creativity through calming and playful activities for all children” in an effort to help reduce screen time.



One of the student companies, called Meri, will sell shell ornaments to benefit ReClam the Bay.

Sales from the company Coastal Keychains – “lures with added style” – will benefit the Ship Bottom Volunteer Fire Co., as one of the founders’ fathers “risks his life every time the fire alarm goes off.” Similarly, the Sew Many Bags creators are grateful for the Barnegat Light First Aid Squad, and the proceeds from the bags they sell will go to the squad. Last but not least, the team behind Stuck on Stickers – who “hope you get stuck on style and never give up on who you really are” – will donate their profits to Parker’s Army.

Check out all the items for sale this Thursday. The holiday market will also coincide with the Ship Bottom Volunteer Fire Co.’s sale of Christmas trees held in the back of the Country Corner, near the parking lot. —J.K.-H.