



SJPS Foundation Success - Ren Baldwin Technology Festival

Effect on Students

The grant money provided by the Foundation for the Ren Baldwin Student Technology festival has impacted over 2000 students. The first year of the festival more than 700 student projects were submitted with many of those projects involving groups of students. In 2013, students across the district submitted 1200 projects to be judged or showcased at the second annual event. The student technology festival has created motivation and direction for technology integration in the classroom. Students and teachers have an opportunity to highlight how technology is being used to demonstrate learning and enhance the curriculum.

SJPS Foundation's Support

Without the support of the Foundation, technology in SJPS would be far behind other districts in the state. The Foundation has provided an opportunity for SJPS to be a leading edge school district as the only district known in the region to sponsor a student technology festival.

Teachers & Students Involved

The first Ren Baldwin Student Technology Festival was hosted in the spring of 2012. Over 700 student projects were submitted, and approximately 750 parents, students and community members attended the event. In the spring of 2013, student projects increased to over 1200 submissions. Both festivals included projects from every grade level, K-12, in SJPS.

Prizes & Results

Due to the generosity and support of the Foundation, prizes were awarded to students in nine categories and four age brackets. The past two festivals provided first place prize money of \$25 to nearly 70 students and eight grand prize winners of \$250 each. The sponsoring teacher for each grand prize winner also received a \$250 prize.

The Future

The success of the first two student technology festivals has provided energy and enthusiasm for the event to continue. Plans and projects for the 2014 festival are underway again with a generous grant from the SJPS Foundation.

"The interest and enthusiasm for the Ren Baldwin Student Technology Festival is amazing! We never anticipated the overwhelming submissions of student projects the past two years, and the complexity of the projects continues to grow. Students and teachers are already hard at work on entries for this year. Thanks to the ongoing support of the SJPS Foundation, we are very pleased to be able to continue the festival and provide this opportunity for students, teachers and the community."

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