

2008 Iditarod Dream

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Discipline / Subject: Technology, Physical Education, Service Learning/Career Education

Topic: Promoting Community Awareness for a fellow New Jerseyan striving to accomplish **HER DREAM** of racing in the 2008 Iditarod!!

Grade Level: 9-12 Parenting and Pregnant Teenagers and Students at Risk

Resources / References / Materials Teacher Needs: Information about Our "Mystery" Musher and her kennel, www.iditarod.com, pictures from our "Mystery" Musher's initial visit, e-mail addresses, local telephone books

Emert, Raybin Phyllis. Sled Dogs, Crestwood House, Inc., 1985

Lesson Summary: The Circle of the Iditarod: From the Alaskan Iditarod to our New Jersey Mystery Musher back to Alaska for the 2008 Iditarod!! The students will work cooperatively as a TEAM to brainstorm ideas and compile a list of ways to help support a fellow New Jerseyan strive for her dream of racing the Iditarod. They will design flyers and brochures in order to help promote community awareness of this special and wonderful endeavor.

Standard's Addressed: (Local, State, or National)

1. TLUN0113 To merge graphics and word processing documents.
2. TLUN0222 To demonstrate appropriate use of the internet and e-mail.
3. TLUN0248 To insert graphics into a document and successfully print the results.
4. HT090201 To perform sport skills and fundamental motor skill patterns while participating in cooperative and adventure activities.
5. HT100204 To perform physical activities that promote cooperation and teamwork.
6. HT100205 To analyze risks and safety factors during physical activities
7. HT110203 To demonstrate respect and acceptance for the physical and performance limitations of self And others.
8. CDUN06011 To observe and identify specific responsibilities for occupations related to community projects.
9. CDUN06014 To gain an increased understanding of community resources and service organizations.
10. CDUN06015 To demonstrate that participation within the community is a valuable and productive activity.

Learning Objectives:

1. Working together cooperatively as a TEAM (Together Everyone Achieves More) to accomplish a goal.
2. Striving to help someone achieve their dreams
3. Students will learn what is required to maintain a kennel of athletes and the exercise involved in a year round lifetime commitment.
4. Students will learn how their exercise routine, diet and personal habits affect their stamina and endurance while running.

Assessment:

Method of assessment for learning

1. Completed flyers and brochures.
2. Completing inventory/data of any sponsors and their favorite "Athlete."
3. Follow up thank you letters to sponsors.

Procedural Activities:

1. Discuss the Iditarod sled dog race and its history.
2. Explain past Iditarod activities we've accomplished in the classroom over the years.
3. Use the internet to research the actual race: www.iditarod.com
4. Look through local telephone books to research area businesses.
5. Learn how sled dogs are trained, the different types of races they participate in and the characteristics of different breeds.

Materials Students Need: Microsoft Word, their list of ideas they brainstormed, local telephone books.

Technology Utilized to Enhance Learning: Olympus Cameras received through a Tool Factory/ Olympus Grant (for submitting our Mini Me People Iditarod lesson plan), computers, printers, videoconferencing equipment, video camera

Other Information: We will either have an in school demonstration by our "Mystery Musher" or we may visit her kennel for hands on activities and demonstrations. We will take photographs of our adventures and the "Athletes, the dogs, in action.

Modifications for Special Learners/ Enrichment Opportunities: If there are any students who can not attend the kennel visit or the in school demonstration due to physical limitations such as asthma, allergies or a fear of animals they may view the activity from a distance. They could possibly be one of the photographers and write an article about the event. They could also do a personal interview with each presenter.

Calling All Dog Lovers!



I hope we
make it to the
Iditarod!

Aren't they cute?!

Looking for anyone who is interested in supporting our fellow New Jerseyan,
strive for her "DREAM" of racing in the 2008 Iditarod!



You can be a part of this journey by sponsoring a member of her team! You will
receive a one year sponsorship that will entitle you to a photograph of "your" dog
and a Kennel newsletter.



Nome here
we come!!

(At this time this is a sample flyer only!)