

Inspired Innovators

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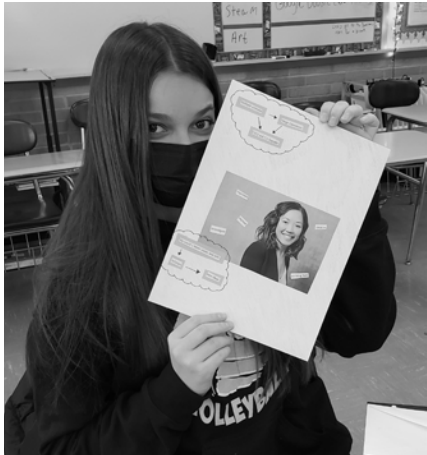
What can we learn from people who dare to try new things? That is the question the 7th-grade students have been exploring at Brandon Middle School. They began by choosing an innovator to learn about during STEAM class with Ms. Fellerer, as she guided them through the design process. According to the dictionary, an innovator is “a person who introduces new methods, ideas, or products.” Then using the gathered information from their research, students wrote a formal biography in language arts with Mrs. Blashe. Of course, their work didn’t stop there. The 7th grade students not only researched innovators, but they became innovators themselves by applying their research to make poetry and will eventually create an interactive video. A “found poem” is created by using words from another text and rearranging them in a meaningful way. The students pulled the key ideas about their innovator from their own papers to create a mixed-media “found poem.” Coming up in language arts, students will be preparing a panel discussion speech to explore the shared lessons they learned from their innovators. In STEAM, the next step will be to create an interactive video using their information. Finally, students will update their STEAM web portfolio with their poetry and videos to showcase their projects.



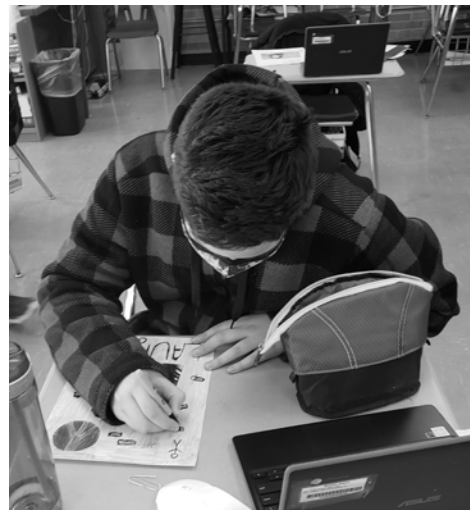
Jersi Laper and Lola Leonard are both inspired by Ava DuVernay.



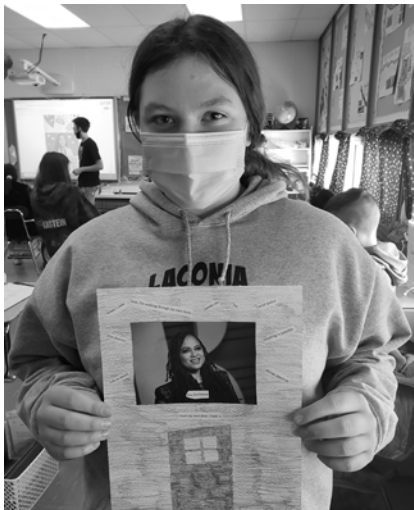
Isabel Kastein shares her poem about Ava DuVernay.



Holly Shaver displays her poem about Alice Zhang.



Jaxon VandeSlunt works on his poem about Laura Gomez.



Abigail Lovejoy displays her poem about Ava DuVernay.



Lawson Phillips presents his poem about Elon Musk as Abigail Lovejoy and Cash Farrell work hard on finishing their projects.



Landen Yunto shares his poem about Elon Musk

Outreach Event

Submitted by Amanda Kinyon

RP and Brandon 4K students were invited to an outreach event featuring children’s author Laura Numeroff! Students heard stories, sang songs, played games, ate snacks, drew pictures, counted popcorn, danced to music and more on our special day online together!



Amanda Kinyon and Laura Numeroff



Laura Numeroff



4K students enjoy sharing their work.



More 4K students enjoy sharing their work.



4K students enjoy their fun hats.