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This issue's JRR winning Idea

Staffulty Field Trip! **Dr. Frank Rudnesky** **Belhaven Middle School, Linwood, NJ**

After returning from this year's Jostens Renaissance Conference we heard a resounding theme. Everyone commented on how great the conference was and how nice it was to be part of a team-building experience away from our campus. The wheels started turning and we came up with a staffulty field trip. We thought that moving to a close offsite location would provide an atmosphere conducive to team-building and fun. Only the planning committee knew what to expect.

On the first day for staffulty, after our district-wide morning meeting, a bus met us in front of our school. Every employee associated with our school was invited. Everyone from the planning committee brought in a covered dish and our Renaissance funds provided cold cuts.

We went to a place called "Gilda's Club" that provides cancer support for patients and family members. We toured the facilities and saw how upbeat the environment was. We decided to use Gilda's Club for our service learning platform for the year.

The tour was followed by three rotations of team-building activities. The different groups competed for sound space because everyone was laughing and excited to learn about their colleagues. We closed the day with a multimedia presentation that described our trip to the national conference and it laid out our new Renaissance theme for the year. At the end of the day everyone felt renewed and there were plenty of positive comments.

There are a lot of analogies you can use for getting on the bus. The main theme for us was that we were all on the bus together to start the new school year. I highly recommend this leadership and team building experience.

For more information contact frankrudnesky@linwoodschools.org

For submitting this issue's winning idea, Dr. Rudnesky will receive a Jostens Renaissance sweatshirt. He now becomes entered in the 2007 Jostens Renaissance Review Idea of the Year Contest. Look for detail about the Ideal of the Year Contest shortly.

How to submit your idea

Do you have an idea from your Jostens Renaissance program that has improved your school's environment? Submit your ideas to charley.nelson@jostens.com. The individual submitting the published idea will receive a Jostens Renaissance Review sweatshirt and be eligible for the 2007 Idea of the Year Contest, which includes trips to the National Conference.

View the Jostens Renaissance Video Library

The Jostens Educator Services website has a video library that showcases different video clips that **have been developed to help promote Jostens Renaissance**. Some of the clips have been used at National Conferences and some have been developed to help promote the impact that Jostens Renaissance can make within your school. **These video clips are truly powerful.**

Here's the link to the video library page of the website. Enjoy! Note that you may have to login to get this premium content.

http://www.jostens.com/edserv/tools/ren_510.asp

Who's in the news!

Congratulations to Linda Buarapha and La Crosse Logan High School for their recent newspaper coverage. Check it out at <http://www.lacrossetribune.com/articles/2006/09/04/aplusachievers/01second.txt>

Submit your story

If your Jostens Renaissance program has made the local newspaper or any other type of published news in your area, send us a link and we will include it in the next issue of the Jostens Renaissance Review. Please e-mail the article link to: charley.nelson@jostens.com. By sending us your story, you'll be able to share it with all of our JRR readers.

Starfish Story available

The opening general session of the 2006 Jostens Renaissance National Conference concluded with a screening of the Starfish Story. Numerous requests have been received by our office looking for the DVD and the accompanying lapel pins and bookmarks. We have secured a limited number of DVDs and pins. The DVDs are available for \$12 and the bookmarks with two attached lapel pins are available for \$2 (one bookmark and 2 pins). If you'd like to purchase any items, please e-mail Charley Nelson at charley.nelson@jostens.com. Supplies are limited, so we encourage you to act fast.

Reminders

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