

Wayne

Township Public Schools

STEAM TANK FINALISTS

Teams of 5th grade students from Lafayette and Randall Carter elementary schools were selected to participate in the Second Annual STEAM TANK Finals. Co-sponsored by the New Jersey School Board Association and the US Army, this competition is held in Atlantic City at the end of October.

The students developed their problem-solving and public speaking skills in order to prepare for the final competition. Randall Carter team members Adriana Aslani, Gabby D'Onofrio, Dakota Handschin, Evan Meurer, and Dylan Turco pitched their idea for the Very Cozy Pet Bed, an elaborate dog bed with several comfort and safety features. Lafayette team members Aidan Alcalde, Adin Bregman, Nick Ellis, Mason Katz, Andri Kurtishi, Taline Madalian, Alvaro Munoz, and Joey Sisto pitched their idea for Music Sheetz, a digital automatic sheet music page turner. Additional team members included Antonio Trezza, Leo Giovanniello, and Sanjana Jayanth.

The competition began last spring, when teams of students at all nine elementary schools worked with their enrichment specialists to identify a situation that needs resolution and to develop a way to solve the problem. They submitted their ideas to the STEAM TANK competition. The NJSBA received over 200 submissions and selected 15 teams to compete at the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) in May. Teams from Lafayette, JFK, and Randall Carter elementary schools pitched their original invention ideas to a panel of judges, Shark Tank style.

After presenting in the regional competition, the teams from Randall Carter and Lafayette were selected to advance to the state finals at the NJSBA conference in Atlantic City on October 25. Winners will be announced by November 9.



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