



Laing Middle School

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Laing students host a Christmas Carol and Victorian era museum

Mount Pleasant, SC – Sixth grade students in Rachel Greene Phillips class at Laing Middle School worked diligently to research, design, and build STEM Victorian museum kiosks and true-to-life figures of Dickensian characters to meet the state's English Language Arts standards regarding character analysis and historical context, as well as diving into social emotional learning and STEM.

Their kiosks were put on display in the school's library and an unveiling event was held Thursday, January 25, 2024, to celebrate the students' hard work.

The kiosk themes ranged from architecture to music, medicine to motion pictures. Students used their art skills to creatively design their kiosks using research employed by their individual teams.

The true-to-life figures included the Ghost of Christmas Present, Tiny Tim, and so many more. Each figurine included a voice box recorded by students explaining their character.

Tyesha Taste and team enjoyed making clothes for their character, Ebenezer Scrooge. Jacob Marley was a scary character designed by student Jaden Jungkind and his team. They enjoyed the research that went into the project. Dominic Silva and his team designed the Final Scrooge character and enjoyed the strategizing aspect of the project. Camilla Jarvis and her team enjoyed accessorizing their character Fan, who is Scrooge's little sister.

"It was important to me that the students were fully engaged in learning," said Greene Phillips. "I wanted them to come away with a tangible understanding of the world Dickens was writing from, but I think there may have been even more value in the skills they built by working together to accomplish something that was pretty difficult. There's a lot of communication, planning, and collaboration involved in a project like this. It fills my heart to see my students beaming to their parents about what they've created. I'm so proud of them."

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