

Hobart Middle School students do not have to wait to grow up to experience the real world for themselves. Every year the real world - or at least the closest thing to it - comes to them. Our students take on adult roles during the school's "Reality Store," an experience where students are assigned careers, and are asked to stretch their play pay checks to pay their monthly expenses. Reality Store allows youths to experience adult life in a make-believe setting and make decisions about such things as occupation, budgeting, lifestyle choices, etc.



Reality Store is much like a popular board game only on a larger scale. It's similar to "Monopoly" and the students are the pieces on the board. They are given a check book and one month's income after taxes, of course. The students then visit a series of booths and are required to make a variety of purchases: food, a car, housing, child care, insurance, utilities and luxury items. The students who finish the game with their check account still in the black win.

The students experience family life with children and assigned occupations, such as banker or plumber, at random. The students with the lower-paying occupations may not fare as well as their wealthier peers. As they experience reality, they hopefully learn the importance of preparing for the future while still in school and learn the need for education and jobs.

This dose of reality could not be possible without a strong commitment from the community. City officials, area businesses, and individuals have all pitched in to make the project a success.



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