



Cadet Life

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Junior Achievement

After weeks of preparation and practice, JROTC cadets spent an entire day teaching Ridgeview Elementary students Junior Achievement courses. Eighty cadets taught twenty-five lessons to five different grades in twelve different classrooms for five hours. The material included information about communities, businesses, citizenship, entrepreneurship and money. Ms. Danielle Topping, Junior Achievement Program Manager for Northwest Indiana, commented, "When I first talked with LTC Buhmann, I was a nervous about his plan as this was the first program of its type in Northwest Indiana... [However] I observed a level of enthusiasm and professionalism that I could only wish that all of my volunteers possessed. Overall, it was a wonderful and successful experience that I hope to continue in the years to come." Overall, cadets learned how to teach while having fun. Cadets received nothing but positive reviews from Ridgeview teachers and administration as well. We hope to continue this partnership in years to come..



Jeff Richmond



Cadets Koch, Richmond, and Zimmerman



Gold 6 Lab preparing



CDTs Manjarrez and Underdahl



Savanah Clark & Kylee Lewis



Jasmine Howard



Kary Long teaching



Elizabeth Gaines



Devon Stechkober

Spring Fest 2016

With the Month of March comes another Spring-fest! Over 125 JROTC cadets volunteered support for the recent 5th Annual Springfest at Hobart High School. Springfest is an annual one-of-a-kind fund-raising community event that supports Hobart's Parents as Teachers program. As in years past, cadets assisted setting up games, tables, chairs, signage, activities, concessions, etc. Several cadets also assisted in selling fund-raising meal tickets. Activities spanned from a bed-sale fundraiser in the foyer and Mario Cart tournament in the Media Center to dozens of games throughout the gyms, a silent auction and finally a dozen bounce activities in the field house. Cadets began setting up at 2:45, and finished cleaning up almost eight hours later. Dr. Buffington expressed her gratitude for another year of cadet involvement, "I am so proud of our cadets and all of our other volunteers who give an entire evening to help us support our very important Parents as Teachers program. Without these great young people, we could not pull this off." Again, the cadets were able to contribute to a great cause and have a lot of fun



NRA Grant!

Recently, the National Rifle Association (NRA) awarded the Hobart Army JROTC program our ninth monetary grant in the last ten years. Over the last ten years, the NRA has awarded nearly fifty thousand dollars to the JROTC program. LTC Buhmann commented, "Without the generosity of the NRA, we could not have a shooting safety program or a marksmanship team here at Hobart. They have provided a professional portable range, the latest and best air rifles as well as computer technology and equipment to score targets and improve our teams' accuracy." Our latest grant is valued at over \$5,000. The NRA donated ten of the most accurate compressed air sporter pellet rifles on the market. Because of the NRA's generosity, every cadet in our program receives valuable firearm safety training and weeks of actual range shooting time. We are also able to man a 25-person competitive marksmanship team. Thank you NRA.

Cadet of the Quarter



Our S3, Major Justice Payne is in charge of recording all training and volunteer activities as well as preparing the annual unit report. Justice also competes in our Raider team, varsity soccer, and swimming. He's a great student and athlete and one of everyone's favorite seniors.

Springfest



Have A Great Spring Break!