

Oxford Hills Aspire Higher Race Car going deeper into our program!

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Many have heard of Oxford Hills Middle School's Aspire Higher Race car. This is your chance to go deeper into our program and our progress. One of the crucial parts of this program is public relations team, which I am part of. The public relations team is in charge of organizing and researching different aspects of handling a project like this. So far since the beginning of this project the team has made a list of potential sponsors, organized a press release day, and I even got to write an official press release. Part of the process with writing a press release is researching how to! As an 8th grader I never expected to be doing this type of stuff, so there was a lot of researching involved. Through this program I've learned so much more than I would in a normal class room, and I think I speak for a lot of students when I say that! This program has taught us so many life lessons. It gets the kids out from behind the desk, and gets them motivated to learn. "I want to be a receptionist/secretary person because of being in the group." Says Mara Robertshaw. Student's engage in different groups such as Public relations, Technology, Graphic design, Financial management, and Building and engineering. This program has helped students find different avenues to explore as they continue their education. Mara also says "I've learned not to be really awkward when talking in front of a group of people, I've been talking to the press and other people and businesses out of school and it's been a really neat experience talking to them and getting to work with them."

Student's learn social skills which in today's society some kids may not develop. This program is truly one of a kind! I know I first handedly that this program can teach kids many valuable life lessons, and skills in which we will need when we get out of school and when we go off into the real world on our own!

For everyone that is on the public relations team and any other teams for that matter, I think I speak for us all that this program has taught us real life problems, how to work as a team, and ultimately it even helps us possibly get an idea of what we might want to go onto after high school. Contact us for information on how to sponsor our program or how you can "join" our team!

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