

Students from Lion Park Elementary School make Friends with Hlau Hlau Primary School

Students from Lion Park Elementary school in Mt. Prospect IL (a suburb of Chicago) started corresponding with Hlau Hlau Primary school of Zwelitia, South Africa (a township near White River) this year. The students from Lion Park wrote letters and made a video about their school and their lives here and sent them to the students at Hlau Hlau who in turn wrote letters and drew pictures to send back to their new friends at Lion Park Elementary School. The children at Lion Park were so excited about their new friends in South Africa, and some of the lovely drawings they received, that they decided to raise some money to buy their new student friends at Hlau Hlau art supplies for the school. The Student Council and Mrs. Cheryl Tyrcha's Special Education Students decided to sell smencils (scented pencils) to the student body. The sale took place over 2 days during the students lunch period. The pencils came in different scents like root beer, chocolate, cherry, grape and tropical blast and sold for a dollar each. The sale was a great success as the students loved the smencils and they sold out quickly. One half of the cost of the pencils was sponsored by the student council, so more of the profits will go towards the art supplies. The students of Lion Park Elementary School raised approximately \$1000.00 which should buy a nice amount of paints and other art supplies for their new friends. The students are busy writing letters again, and they are looking forward to receiving new relpy letters and pictures painted by the students of Hlau Hlau with their new art supplies in the future.