

December 2, 2010

Representative Al Riley, 38th District, visited students at Heather Hill School and Western Avenue School in Flossmoor School District 161 on Monday, November 16.

Heather Hill students Dylan Lunceford, Alyssa Rosales and Myles Walker along with Western Avenue students Josie Bachus, Barbara Burns, Perry Hoag, Elijah List, Noah List, Patrick McClean, Anna Simmons, Henry Thiros, Alexis Tyndall and Representative Riley are partners in the Stock Market Game, an online educational program sponsored by Econ Illinois. Econ Illinois is a non-profit educational organization based at Northern Illinois University.

First introduced in 1988, the Stock Market Game program is used in classrooms nationwide to help teach math, social studies, business, economics and language skills while focusing on the importance of long-term savings.

Students in grades 4-12 participate in teams and are matched with a legislative sponsor. Each team manages a simulated investment portfolio during ten to thirty- two weeks of the school year, and participate in lessons and activities accessed by teaching staff.

Successful teams may earn the opportunity to travel to the State Capitol, Springfield, IL, to meet with their sponsoring legislator.

The Heather Hill School and Western Avenue School team members are also participating in the InvestWrite contest. The students will write and submit a 700-word essay justifying the maintenance of a diversified portfolio of stocks, bonds and mutual funds. Winners of the essay contest will be awarded laptop computers.

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