

Made with Love

New Makerspace club gives student-made quilt to charity

Makerspace is a club introduced this year that puts aside a space in the library for students that want to create crafts and projects. Four sixth grade girls, with the help of librarian Bobbie Johnson, have created a hand-made quilt to donate to the Linus Project.

"The Linus Project is an organization that donates hand-made quilts to children that need something to snuggle with, whether they are children in a crisis, sick in a hospital, homeless, or in an abusive shelter," Johnson said. "I found the project online, and since the quilts donated had to be hand-made, I felt that this would be the perfect project."

The quilt is made of fabric squares hand-picked by the quartet.

"We looked through the fabric and saw that we had a lot of Dora stuff," Emily Chen said.

Chen also liked working as a team with the other three girls.

"I like going with my friends because we can share ideas," Chen said.

Although Lola Bihan also enjoyed the team aspect, she thought it was also one of the harder things to organize.

"The hardest part is when someone doesn't come because it's a big project and we need all the help we can get," Bihan said. "We don't get a lot of time to do it in the morning."

"I learned how to sew on the sewing machine," Ellie Evans said. "It was cool that I got to do that."

"It feels awesome to give, especially when we're talking about children in need," Johnson said.



Carefully using the sewing machine, sixth graders Ellie Evans, Emily Chen, Lola Bihan, and Sidney Tehgart sew a quilt in Makerspace before school. The four made the quilt to donate to the Linus Project, an organization that donates blankets to children in need. "It felt really good to donate the quilt because it came from the heart and was made from love," Tehgart said. Photo by Bella Lufschanowski

During the Public Speaking ULL class, seventh grader Mikayla Kanetzky recites her speech. The class is given different topics to speak about before practicing them in class and eventually performing them at the ULL competition. "My favorite part of the class is getting to learn more in writing," Kanetzky said. Photo by Bella Lufschanowski



In MineCraft club, seventh graders Jack Masin and Lucas Calvin focus on the screen. Minecraft club, started by Technology teacher John Howard, takes place after school. "I like redstone because you can make farms and it is really cool when you see it work," Masin said. Photo by Bella Lufschanowski



Jogging the campus loop, seventh graders Laynee Loera and Hope Arredondo run three miles in the Cap10K club. The club was made to train students for the Capital 10K race held in Austin every year. "I like to run with my friend because you can talk," Loera said. "It takes your mind off of being tired." Photo by Bella Lufschanowski

Typing code, seventh graders Nathan Hoff and Matthew Tidwell build their Minecraft world in Minecraft Club. The pair goes to the after-school club on Thursdays after school. "I like going with my friends because they can join my server instead of random people," Hoff said. "It's more fun." Photo by Bella Lufschanowski

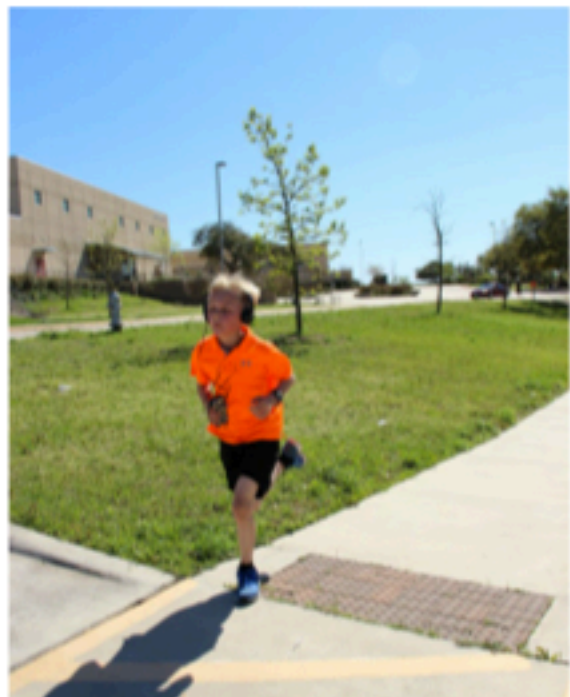


How to make a quilt for the Linus Project

- Step 1.** Pick, cut, and assemble fabric squares.
- Step 2.** Sew all of the fabric squares together in strips. Then sew strips together to make the quilt shape.
- Step 3.** Add a bottom layer and add filling to make the quilt fluffy. Sew bottom layer over to form border.
- Step 4.** Snuggle and use as needed.



At the front of her class, seventh grader Catherine Carrillo gives a speech in the Public Speaking ULL excel class. The excel class prepares students' speaking skills for the ULL competition. "I like to talk a lot, and it gives me a chance to speak my mind," Carrillo said. Photo by Bella Lufschanowski



Keeping a steady pace, Hiram Hartnett jogs 3 miles in the Cap10K club. Hartnett trains by running six to seven miles a week. "The hardest part about running is if you get tired, you just have to keep running," Hartnett said. "I like to listen to music because it pushes me farther." Photo by Bella Lufschanowski