



Healthy NewsWorks

Engaging kids as health reporters for their communities

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Dear Friend,

My name is Morgan Washington-Leslie, and I teach fourth grade and the Healthy NewsWorks program at James Logan Elementary School in Philadelphia. When asked to share my first-hand experiences with Healthy NewsWorks, I jumped at the opportunity. There's so much I want to say about this exceptional program and the many ways it has impacted the lives of our young students.

I became the faculty adviser for Logan's health newspaper last year after my principal, Chuanika Sanders-Thomas, asked whether I would like to include Healthy NewsWorks in my classroom. It didn't take long for me to appreciate the benefits of this amazing program.

Through Healthy NewsWorks, my students are taught skills they would not otherwise have been exposed to at this early age. The program challenges our young reporters every step of the way as they learn the importance of carefully researched and fact-based informational writing. The program taps into the talents of my students while also presenting them with career choices that they didn't know existed. They also have learned a lot about communicating with people in their community.

Perhaps one of the most extraordinary aspects of the program is our students' ability to interview and engage directly with health professionals and other community leaders who can serve as role models and inspire them at an early age to imagine their future. I couldn't be happier with the success this program has had in our school building and in my students' daily lives.

This new school year is off to a great start! Many of my students heard from last year's newspaper reporters about Healthy NewsWorks and couldn't wait to participate. Our first topic – the effects of virtual learning on students, families, and teachers – was suggested by the students themselves.

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How your gift can help:

\$50
Be part of our "50 dollars from 50 donors" campaign for one school's newspaper.

\$100
Join our "Press Kit Club" to buy supplies for Core Reporters in grades 3-8.

\$250
Mail material to students' homes to support learning during pandemic.

\$500
Adapt a student lesson for online learning.

\$1,000
Support a Cub Reporter classroom for students in grades 1-4.

\$2,500
Be the patron of one fact-based newspaper edition.

\$5,000
Bring Healthy NewsWorks to a school for a semester.

Other amount
Gifts of any size will be deeply appreciated!

With this year's theme, "Be Alert: The world around you has an impact on your health," students will interview experts on topics such as stress, sleep, and friendship. We'll continue to research and report on the coronavirus, and our classroom discussions will address healthy habits to keep our families strong.

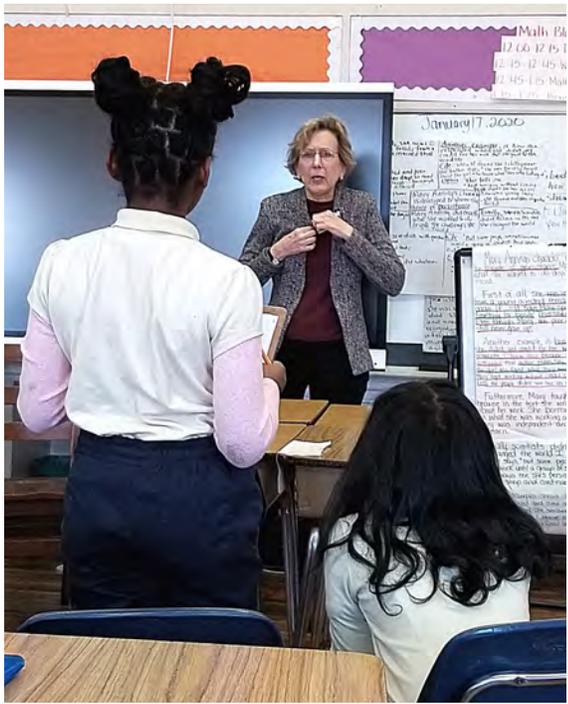
I'd like to thank you for the opportunity to share my experiences with Healthy NewsWorks and ask that you please celebrate this remarkable program and the young reporters in our region by making your gift today.

Know that your support of our young students is an investment in the next generation of community leaders – an investment that can have a profound impact on their lives.

With heartfelt appreciation for your generous support,

Morgan Washington-Leslie
Healthy NewsWorks Teacher

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