

Innovation in Art and Literature

It's a great time to be a young entrepreneur in North Dakota Marketplace for Kids. North Dakota's premier entrepreneurship program for students in grades three through middle school recently announced a new initiative to their nationally-recognized program.

The new Innovation in Art and Literature, A Youth Initiative, is a collaborative effort between Beautiful Women Of North Dakota™ and Marketplace for Kids, to inspire creative art and writing expressed in wonderful stories. The lesson plan, developed by Marketplace for Kids, combined with the tools to assist students in sharpening their interview, writing, and presentation skills, developed by Beautiful Women of North Dakota,™ encourages youth to follow their theme – true beauty comes from within!

The lesson plan, added to the popular Marketplace for Kids Learning Guide, walks students through the steps of researching, interviewing, and writing their story and producing the accompanying artwork. Stories written and showcased at a Marketplace for Kids Education Day will be submitted to Beautiful Women Of North Dakota™ for an opportunity to be published by Kototama Publishing.

But, there's more! Not only was a new initiative added to the Learning Guide, the Adventures in Agriculture & Using Our Renewable Resources section has been expanded! Now included is information on youth gardening, community gardens, school gardens, and farmers markets. These new updates allow teachers, parents, and educators to provide hands on experiential learning activities on teaching students how to grow their own food, how to sell their own produce at a market, how to create healthy and delicious recipes, and how to use sustainability techniques such as composting. These new features serve to promote important emerging trends being seen across the United States.

Marketplace for Kids has fostered a culture of entrepreneurship among the youth of North Dakota for over 20 years. Thousands of students have been exposed to entrepreneurship at a time when many said they were too young. However, the results of those years of work have been gaining momentum. To recognize the efforts of a state focused on entrepreneurship, the Honorable Jack Dalrymple, Governor of North Dakota, along with the future entrepreneurs took the time to officially recognize Entrepreneurship Week, February 19-26, 2011, in North Dakota.

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Students who have participated in the Marketplace for Kids program, as well as those eagerly looking forward to participating this year, gathered at the North Dakota State Capitol to meet Governor Dalrymple, and witness the signing of the proclamation.

To further promote and inform the state's legislators, organizations from across the state focused on entrepreneurship and innovation education gathered at the North Dakota State Capitol on February 23, 2011. This event, sponsored in part by Marketplace for Kids, featured not only organizations providing outstanding support to entrepreneurs and innovators, but also those individuals they have been working side by side with to encourage, guide, and promote. You can bet the youngest of those entrepreneurs were present as we continue to support and provide entrepreneurship and innovation education.



The Honorable Jack Dalrymple, Governor of North Dakota, signs the official proclamation recognizing February 19-26, 2011, as Entrepreneurship Week in North Dakota. On hand to witness the signing were back row from left to right Alaina Beckert, Jacob Rader, Lucas Mayer, Lauren Bucholtz, and Samantha Clark, Northridge Elementary School; Audrey Kroll, Marketplace for Kids; Kevin Reisenauer, ND Department of Career and Technical Education; Mike Seminary, Marketplace for Kids Board of Directors; Jerald Lemar, Northridge Elementary School Instructor; Alex Harris, Wilton Public School and inventor of Helmet Airbag; Luke Frigstad, Bradyn Just, and Briana Darger, Northridge Elementary School. Front row from left to right Dylan Stockert and Lauren Oster, Northridge Elementary School; Ian Ridenhour, Home School Student and inventor of Animal Attack Trading Card Game; Governor Jack Dalrymple; Katie Harris, Wilton Public School; Katie Bahr and Sydney Trottier, Northridge Elementary School.

