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'CGC STURGEON BAY 2008 Partnership in Education award ceremony'

DECEMBER 2, 2008, BAYONNE, NEW JERSEY. Under sunny skies and bright smiles from Bayonne area elementary school students, CGC STURGEON BAY hosted a ceremony commemorating receipt of the 2008 Collaborative Partnership in



Education (PIE) award. Many leaders of STURGEON BAY's twelve partner organizations, including the Bayonne Superintendent of Schools Mrs. Patricia L. McGeehan, Ed.D., were in attendance to witness recognition of STURGEON BAY's PIE program that has quadrupled over the past year. In all, the STURGEON BAY crew volunteered over 2,371 hours touching the lives of over 1,200 children through regular

visits to Bayonne public schools, the IWO Jima and Capodanno Naval Sea Cadet Division's, 21st Century Community Learning Centers Philip G. Vroom School, and Liberty Science Center while hosting many highly successful PIE events aboard STURGEON BAY.

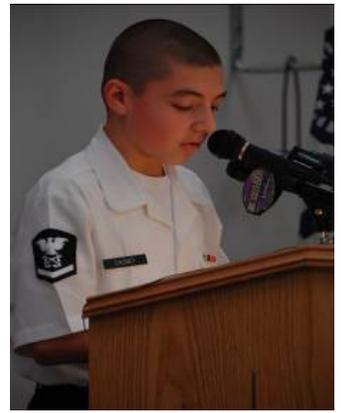
Coast Guard retired Chief Petty Officer Bob Laura, a 33 year 6th grade science teacher at Highland Ave Elementary School, gave stirring remarks to the backdrop of a slide show documenting many creative events such as 'floating' classrooms and 'soap-box derby' type science projects. Seeing practical application to classroom concepts led students to comment, "So this is why I need to know this stuff" and "Oh, now I get it!". LTJG Eric Smith of the Coast Guard auxiliary provided myriad examples of programs that foster a lasting relationship with Bayonne area youth by integrating real life experiences in physics, math and nautical sciences into the classroom.



During a moving segment of the ceremony, students gave personal testimonials of the positive effect the PIE program and STURGEON BAY volunteers had on them and their school or program throughout the year. STURGEON BAY's crew significantly

impacted the lives and educational experiences of students throughout the greater Bayonne and Northern New Jersey area, and significantly enhanced the relationship between the cutter and local communities.

The ceremony culminated with the presentation of the 2008 Collaborative PIE Award to Commanding Officer LT Scott Rae and the crew of STURGEON BAY. The collaborative award is one of two national PIE awards given by the Office of Civil Rights annually.



The Partnership in Education Program was established in 1991 under the authority of the National and Community Service Act of 1990. To date, over 12,000 Coast Guard employees have volunteered more than 175,000 hours, working with elementary and secondary students

through more than 600 established partnerships with local school systems.