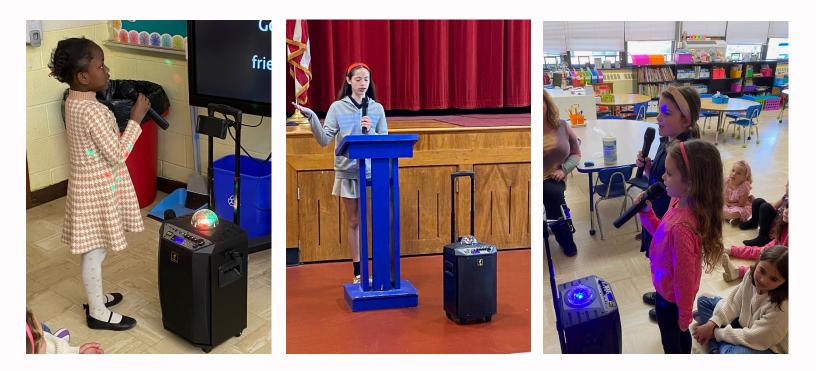


<u>PURPOSE</u>: To purchase three karaoke machines, one for PreK-Grade 4, one for Grades 5 - 8, and one for our school's weekly Activity Period (formerly referred to as the Drama/Theatre Arts Club), to build students' confidence, school spirit and socialization.

IMPACT: The machines were utilized to practice public speaking, rehearse Mass readings, and for our school's weekly Activity Period. Students who were very frightened of speaking on a microphone or in front of people became more relaxed and confident by utilizing the karaoke machines. It built their self-esteem and confidence in a fun, non-threatening way - and they didn't even realize the impact it could have on them. The karaoke machines were also utilized during our After School Care Program when the students are not able to go outside due to inclement weather.

<u>FUTURE PLANS</u>: The program will definitely continue as no further funding is needed.



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