



Kokomo Schools

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Mini-Grant Awarded to Ms. Ann Ligocki to Support STEM Project

Boulevard Elementary School STEM Coordinator Ann Ligocki was one of 30 educators from the United States selected to participate in the new National Air and Space Museum Teacher Innovator Institute.

Beginning July 9th, Ms. Ligocki will spend two weeks in the Washington D.C. area working with education and STEM experts to explore the connections between informal STEM education and authentic learning.

"It's really exciting just to be chosen for this incredible professional development opportunity," Ms. Ligocki explained. "More than 1,000 teachers applied to be a part of this new program, and I was selected. I am eager to use this summer experience to develop new ideas for my Boulevard classroom."

Teachers in the program will have the opportunity to tour many Smithsonian museums – including the new National Museum of African American History & Culture – while also visiting the Baltimore Aquarium and experiencing indoor skydiving, among other hands-on activities. During the Institute, Ms. Ligocki will be able to tap into the expertise of museum educators and content experts as she uses aerospace science, history, and technology to develop an independent project that centers around content from the National Air and Space Museum.

Ms. Ligocki's independent project idea earned her a mini-grant from the Kokomo Public Schools Education Foundation; she recently was awarded \$898 to create an after-school STEM group for Boulevard 4th and 5th graders to allow the students to study how things fly.

"We will investigate flight methods from paper airplanes and wooden airplanes to water bottle rockets and drones," Ms. Ligocki explained in her mini-grant application. "I expect students to be able to understand the forces acting upon flying objects, and to be able to design, test, and redesign airplanes and water bottle rockets."

Ms. Ligocki plans to use the knowledge gained during her two weeks in Washington D.C. to improve upon her "How Things Fly" project and will unveil it to students during the 2018-2019 school year.

"I'm happy to bring this to my Boulevard students because a flight is one of those things that students automatically love," Ms. Ligocki noted. "I appreciate the financial support from our local education foundation, which is key to this project's success."

Ms. Ligocki will continue in the National Air and Space Museum Teacher Innovator Institute for three years. During the second year, the Boulevard teacher will support the new cohort of educators by participating in videoconferences and will present at least two professional development sessions in the Kokomo region. In the final year of the program, Ms. Ligocki will be asked to create curriculum and activities for the new cohort, and mentor new teacher innovators. The program concludes with Ms. Ligocki presenting professional development to local teachers in the Washington D.C. metro area.

Reunion2018

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Planning a Kokomo/Haworth Class Reunion? We can advertise your event in our newsletter. Did you know you can schedule a class reunion tour of our high school or Central Middle International School to see what wonderful changes have taken place? It's amazing! Send us an email at educationfoundation@kokomo.k12.in.us.

Class of 1958 Reunion will be held on Friday and Saturday, September 7th and 8th, at the Kokomo Event & Conference Center Ballroom. The Meet-n-Greet will be on Friday evening and the Main Event will be on Saturday evening. A Ladies luncheon is scheduled at the Kokomo Country Club on Saturday. Golf and a school tour will be available for those interested. Contact: Dan Dunn at dfdoubled@comcast.net

Class of 1968 Reunion: A 50th reunion for the KHS Class of 1968 is planned for July 20 & 21. Contact Melinda Showalter for additional information: lindysue2405@gmail.com. A school tour is planned.

Class of 1972: The Class of 1972 has initiated a scholarship for a graduating KHS senior and is seeking support from class members and others. Donations may be sent to Kokomo Schools Education Foundation, P. O. Box 2188, Kokomo, IN 46904-2188--notation Class of 1972 Scholarship. For additional information, contact Lorene Sandifur at l.sandifur@comcast.net.

The Kokomo Schools Education Foundation and its KHS/HHS Alumni Association welcome any alumni news for publication. School tours and other school information can be provided by the Alumni Association. Contact Debbie Vawter: dvawter@kokomo.k12.in.us; 765-455-8000 for additional information.



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