

Turtle Town Gives Back

-Sr. Margaret Harte

Turtle Town raised over \$300.00 for two Presentation Sister ministries in Africa. Turtle Town is a fictional town created by 7th graders at St. Patrick Catholic School in Robertsdale, AL. During geography, each student studied an African country and wrote a position paper on challenges facing their country.

The class held a symposium on challenges facing African countries. The 7th grade class decided to focus on two issues: education and sustainability.

During civics class, students created the town and businesses which provided goods or services. Art, knitted bookmarks, stress balls, and bath bombs were sold and lawn care, car washing, and babysitting were provided to raise the money. Students learned to budget, the need for a business license, the importance of good credit, and were introduced to taxes. Each student owned business donated to the "Turtle Town Gives Back" project which to date has raised over \$300.00 for Nano Farm in Zambia and St. Michael's Primary School in Zimbabwe. Students enjoyed the chance to learn while *Being God's Light in the World*.



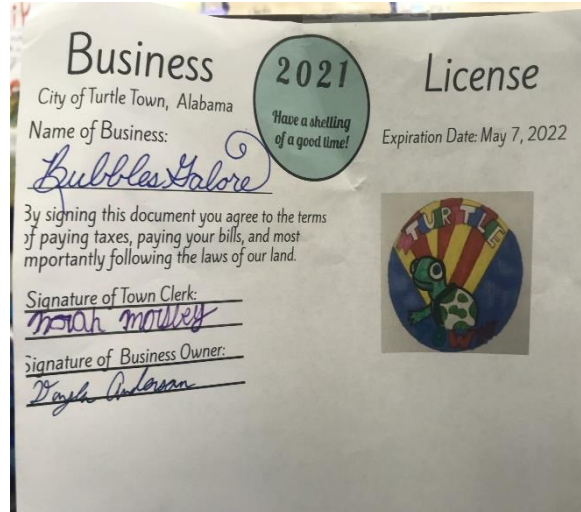
Sister Margaret Harte, a Presentation Sister and principal, accepts Turtle Town's check on behalf of the Presentation Sisters.



Advertising with our Turtle Town logo.

Turtle Town business owners applied and paid for their business





Our town clerk made sure the applications and checks were properly filled out.



Thanks to Larry's Landscape for contributing to the Turtle Town Gives project

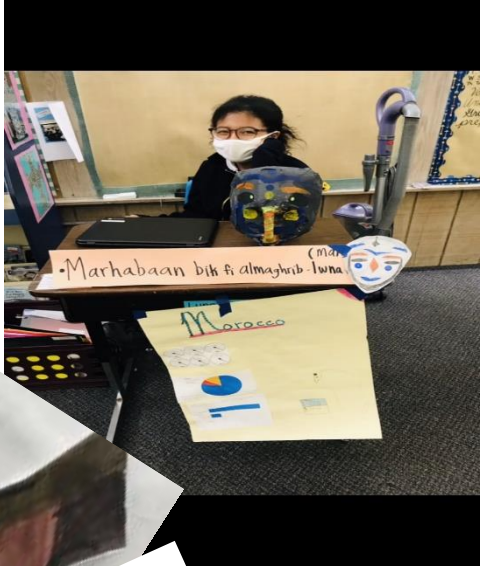
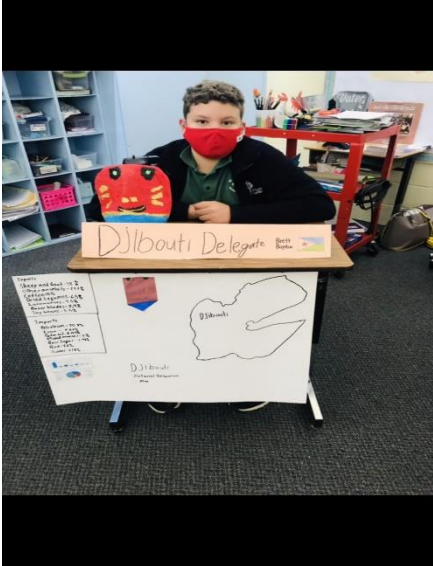


Knitted bookmarks and art were some of the items sold.



Stress balls were a big hit after doubling the balloon and switching from flour to sand.

Each student studied an African country and brought concerns and possible solutions to the African symposium.



It takes all of us to make the world go round.