SIF Winter Teacher Training

Each Year, SIF holds two Teacher Trainings. One training is scheduled at the beginning of the school year and the other midway through the school year. Teachers who are currently in the program spend the day learning SIF basics plus participate in enrichment activities. Every year, our teachers are introduced to financial professionals and experts in the educational field who help enhance our organization. On Thursday, January 30th all SIF schools were represented and the agenda for the day included a lineup of nationally recognized specialists.

Sif Board member Marcus Aiello, Regional Executive from Deutsche Bank, gave an overview of new stock selections SIF students may choose to add to their personal portfolio. He went into detail about companies Safeway, Facebook and EA Sports.

Dr. Doug MacIver, Professor & Co-Director of JHU’s Center for Social Organization of Schools, presented the latest development/theories in incentives and student motivation. He also lead a discussion on how there are several opportunities to apply student motivation during SIF class sessions.

Veteran SIF teachers participated in a panel discussion describing what their greatest victories and challenges are while teaching SIF. This group helped new SIF teachers see “The light at the end of the tunnel.”
SIF board member, Yolanda Abel, Assistant Professor at JHU's School of Education, discussed various methods in concluding a SIF class session. Many new ideas were introduced outside the SIF curriculum. SIF teachers also shared some of their own creative ideas on how to end a lesson!

Dr. Joyce Epstein, Director of the Center on School, Family and Community Partnership, trained teachers about using TIPS (Teacher Involves Parents in Schoolwork.) SIF is piloting this concept during this spring, as a way to involve parents in the Stocks in the Future program. This is a great way to bring financial literacy skills home!

Our SIF Teaches sum it Up Best!

Dustin Ives
Stocks in the Future
Sixth Grade Teacher

"The SIF training event helped me as a Stocks in Future teacher to increase my own understanding of investing. The speakers and training aided me in becoming a better teacher of financial literacy. I found the training event to be encouraging and enlightening.

Stocks in the Future provides my students an opportunity to become wise consumers and wise investors. This program has opened their eyes to new financial opportunities for their future. It has increased their desire to succeed in school and in life."

SIF Students Say Thank You!

Many SIF students spent time writing letters of thanks to SIF donors this winter. They've proved they have many things to be thankful for during their SIF class sessions.
Dear SIF Donor,

Thank you for the financial education that you have given to me and a better opportunity to go to college. I am grateful and you earned many thanks in the future.

I've learned new vocabulary words like investment, stock, bonds, saving accounts, checking accounts, shareholder and mutual funds. I also learned to invest my money in a solid company and take profit.

Once again thank you for the wonderful education. Keep learning and thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely,
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