Testimonials

Parent

*By learning things through a project and/or hands-on (i.e. doing algebra with a science experiment) things have become easier for him to learn and retain. These four PBL teachers are amazing.  They are stimulating their curiosity to the point where the kids want to know more about what they are learning.  He actually remembers what he has learned weeks after they are done with the material.  Before PBL, if I asked him a question a couple of days after he had taken the test the response I would of received was  "I can't remember or I'm not sure".*

*Do you know the most important thing I've seen happen with my son in the three months he's been in PBL?  He's not so shy anymore that he's sitting on the sideline of life and waiting for an invite to do things with his peers.  He will now ask kids to do things outside of school and has a great group of friends.  Thank you to the four PBL teachers for stimulating his curiosity, building his self-confidence and going above and beyond to help my child succeed at school.  I strongly encourage Administration to keep this program and turn it into a four year academy.*

 *Tara Theisen*

Student

To me, PBL is something special. It is something that brings people together, in a different way. It helps me learn better, and also makes learning fun. I am glad Neenah High School has a program like this. We experience lots of fun things, and we do many cool activities that are involved in our projects. I also enjoy being able to work with my friends in productive, but fun ways. Although PBL may be hard sometimes if you aren't good at multi tasking or doing multiple projects at once, it is the best thing for me. I am glad I got to be a part of this. I’m sure other kids are as well. (Lexi B.)

“Arete/PBL is an amazing learning program! In PBL, we’re given creative freedom through the projects we do. PBL also gives us the opportunity to learn skills needed to function in the world today. Since being in PBL I have learned how to work and communicate with many unique people that aren't in my social circle. PBL has become a second family to me, and my home away from home. PBL has taught me the importance of community. In PBL we do so many exciting things like going on field trips and sharing our knowledge with the community through gallery walks. To top it off, PBL has the best teachers ever! The PBL teachers are committed, hardworking, kind, understanding, fun, and they try their hardest to make sure the students have the best experience in the classroom. PBL is as unique as the people in it, and I’m not sure where I would be today if I wasn’t in PBL.”

-Gabby H.-

PBL is one of the greatest opportunities that I have had the chance to be apart of. We have been on a few field trips, and we have worked on 3 full projects and each one has its benefits and are fun. We learn new skills, meet new people, and learn about new resources that I can use throughout high school. The friends we make in this class last longer and you build relationships that will last. We have become a family, helping out each other when we need help in school and outside of school. If I had the chance to repeat this experience again I would, because this group is one of the best things about school that I have done in all of the years of going to school. And do you want to know why? It is because this group makes going to school fun. I look forward to going back to school on Sundays and wishing that I didn't have to go home on Fridays and I never thought that would happen in school, but It did. That is why I love PBL. (Grahm S.)