


Welcome to a new day (and night)

NIGHT&DAY
ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

SIGNON
SAN DIEGO

 PRINT THIS

 Click to Print

[SAVE THIS](#) | [EMAIL THIS](#) | [Close](#)

Student Spotlight: Marquis Snowden-Salmond

By [Lisa Deaderick](#), UNION-TRIBUNE STAFF WRITER

Saturday, February 20, 2010 at 12:04 a.m.



Marquis Snowden-Salmond

There was a rumor going around that there wasn't enough money for the kids in the Lemon Grove School District to go to camp. It turns out that the rumor was true — Marquis Snowden-Salmond couldn't believe it.

He took it upon himself to see if he could raise enough money to make the camp happen.

"I remember when my brother and sister went to sixth-grade camp and they brought back the pictures and I saw how much fun they had," said Marquis, a 12-year-old in the sixth grade at Lemon Grove Middle School.

It was a daunting task. There are more than 350 sixth-graders in the district and the total cost could come to between \$65,000 and \$80,000.

"I was like, 'Woow...' I just kinda froze there for a second, and then I was like," he let out a sigh, "Well, I guess I better start now."

Because of a financial literacy class he took in 2008, Marquis had an understanding of how to raise money and a bit of experience doing it. While he was in elementary school, he got together with some friends to raise some of
...clickability.com/pt/cpt?action=cpt&ti...

the money needed to install a climbing wall at the school by running a lemonade stand. They ended up raising about \$1,100 and got their wall.

“I felt great. I felt really great. I felt like we did a great thing for our whole school,” he said.

The class that prepared him for his fundraising activities was the “ABCs of Wealth” at the Jacobs Center for Neighborhood Innovation. It was a pilot class through Mind Treasures, which teaches financial literacy and character development to children, families and individuals.

“This is the ultimate goal of the program, which is to raise a wealthy, prosperous and philanthropic generation, and Marquis is exactly what we’re trying to do to everybody,” said Alex Mazloom, executive director and co-founder of Mind Treasures, who taught the pilot class.


With the sixth-grade camp project, Marquis figured he’d stick with the winning lemonade stand formula. He also started writing letters to different companies asking about interest in corporate sponsorships.

Alas, Marquis did not reach his goal. Yet. His hope now is to raise enough money to send the sixth-graders to camp in seventh grade.

Do you know of a student, school or teacher deserving of the spotlight? Contact Lisa Deaderick at (619) 293-2503 or lisa.deaderick@uniontrib.com.

Find this article at:

<http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/2010/feb/20/student-spotlight-marquis-snowden-salmond>

 [Click to Print](#)

[SAVE THIS](#) | [EMAIL THIS](#) | [Close](#)

Check the box to include the list of links referenced in the article.

© Copyright 2007 Union-Tribune Publishing Co. • A Copley Newspaper Site

Welcome to a new day (and night)

NIGHT&DAY
ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE