

Glen Rose Intermediate School's Destination Imagination team, History Heroes- I Preserve has been in full force this year. The team entered Destination Imagination's Project Outreach Challenge- Ready, Willing and Fable this past fall. Destination Imagination states that the goals of the challenge are:

- Identify, design, plan and carry out a project that addresses a real community need.
- Create a live presentation of a team-created fable that integrates information about the project.

The team embarked on an historical journey sharing the history of the Lanham Mill Schoolhouse, in hopes that others will join in and help restore the 1900 schoolhouse to its original beauty. The schoolhouse is part of the town's Heritage Park. This energetic and amazing group of 4th and 5th graders learned all that they could about the history of the schoolhouse and decided to have a history fair to share with others the important details of this charming schoolhouse and its role in the town's history. To spread excitement and make the history fair meaningful and enjoyable, the team hosted a school-wide essay contest. Any student in grades 3-5, who wanted to attend the history fair had to write an essay addressing the following topic, 'What history in your town is worth saving and why?' One student from each homeroom class was selected to attend the

interactive event. They also invited two second grade classes to the history fair. The team members created several activities for the students to engage in that shared information about the schoolhouse and its history. The activities included:

- learning about the history of quilts and making a quilt square
- playing old fashioned games like hopscotch, checkers and making their own whirligig
- learning about what students wore to school in 1900 and making stick dolls
- hearing the history of the schoolhouse while sitting inside the Lanham Mill Schoolhouse

The history fair was memorable and everyone had a wonderful time.

Next step, for the team was to write an original fable based on their project and create an 8-minute presentation about it. These kids are super talented. The presentation had original songs, sensational acting and tons of creativity. As part of the challenge, the team is responsible for everything from costumes to props. All fables have morals or life lessons to teach others, so for their original moral; they came up with this unique and catchy phrase; "Remember the Past, Important for Most, Once its' forgotten, History is Toast!"

As an educator and their team manager, I must say this is an incredible, fulfilling experience. Destination Imagination team and instant challenges allow students the opportunity to create, collaborate, think and communicate with others on relevant issues, making a difference in their learning and their communities.

The team recently competed in the Destination Imagination Regional Tournament on February 25th in Red Oak, Texas. They shared their team created fable and participated in the instant challenge portion of the regional tournament. The team was amazing with their talent and creativity. History Heroes placed 2nd in their division. What a great end to our DI season.



The DI team, History Heroes members include 4th graders: Preston Andrews, Lucas Bradford, Justyn Winn and 5th graders: Brenna Bulat, Paisley Evans, Avery Gray and Ethan Treadaway. Donna Fowler is the team manager.

