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Students' 'MagneticTron' Desk wins IDEA Challenge

These Indian Trail Junior High students show off the MagneticTron Desk they made, which took first place at the ITJH's Summer IDEA Challenge – IDEA stands for Innovators, Designers & Entrepreneurs of Addison. The prize-winning desk included a power/charging station and magnetic surfaces. Story and more photos inside.

ITJH wraps up IDEA Challenge summer program

Indian Trail Junior High School's summer IDEA (Innovators, Designers, & Entrepreneurs of Addison) Challenge program concluded last week with 10 teams of students presenting their class projects to a panel of judges with Shark Tank-like product pitches.

The student teams spent the previous three weeks collaborating, researching, planning, and building prototypes of a desk accessory that they feel would be marketable. The desks that were on display for the judges included a variety of improvements such as cup holders, white boards, hooks, storage areas, and ergonomic seating.

Student teams explained how they came up with their desk concept, displayed their technical drawings and prototypes, and shared cost information. After each presentation, the judges had the opportunity

to ask questions of each team. The judges' panel included District 4 administrators, Indian Trail teachers, and an Indian Trail graduate who participated in the program last summer.

The MagneticTron Desk was selected as the winner of the competition. The winning desk included a power/charging station and magnetic surfaces.

On the last day of class, students celebrated the end of this summer school experience and had the opportunity to review the judges' feedback on their presentations.

The desks carried the following names: The Desco, The Mesita, The Nook, The Better Desk, Space Desk, Ergo-Desk, MagneticTron (the winner), No Stress Desk, The Increda-Desk, and, S.T.E.D. (Save The Earth Desk).

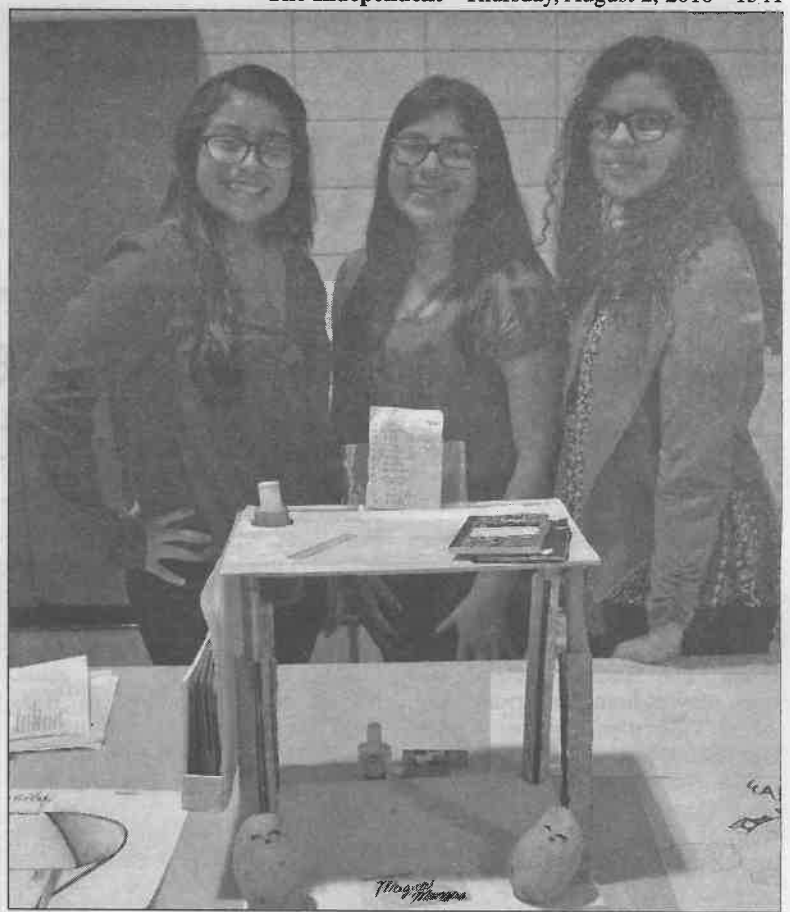
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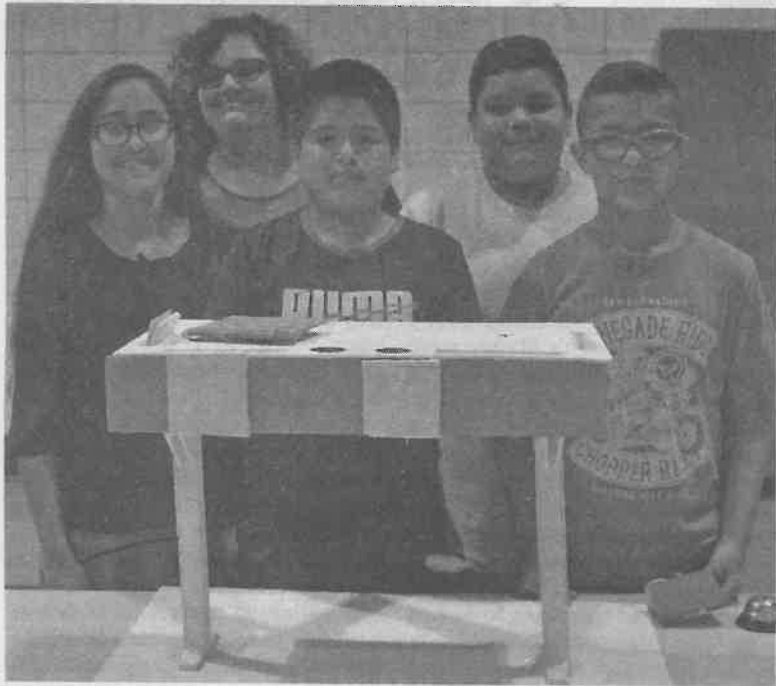
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Other desks created at ITJH's IDEA Challenge

The S.T.E.D. (Save The Earth Desk)



The Mesita



The Increda-Desk



The Better Desk



The Nook