

# PAHOKEE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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## IB/MYP WORLD SCHOOL

Ref: School Incentives/Donations:

Trips to State Championship in St. Augustine, FL and Razorback Invitational in Fayetteville, Arkansas

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing this letter requesting donations to help our Robotics team travel to St. Augustine, FL and Fayetteville, AK to participate in state and national competitions. Pahokee Middle School is the home of the "Subaroos" Robotics team. Our school is located in a rural community in western Palm Beach County which is an economically challenged community located near Lake Okeechobee with one of the highest unemployment rates in the state of Florida. Pahokee Middle is a Title 1 school with a student population of 370 and 99% of our students are on free and reduced lunch. We have over 85% of our students scoring below proficiency in reading and math on state examinations and district assessments. Historically, the school has consistently underperformed academically with over 90% of the students not being middle school ready. Since our school is 40 miles from the nearest metropolitan city; this makes traveling to locations difficult, because the time frame for using a school bus with the added travel time often limits where students can go and for how long. Traveling by charter bus or rented vehicles is often a less restrictive choice, but very expensive.

The team has proven itself to be a contender in the Florida Lego League competitions it has participated in this season. They began by participating in the District Competition on February 3<sup>rd</sup> earning their way to the Regional Competition on February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018. They were awarded two bids in which they now look forward to participating in. They will compete in the State championship to be held in St. Augustine from April 7- 9, 2018. They will also represent Pahokee and South Florida in the FLL Razorback Invitational to be held from May 17- 20, 2018 in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Our goal in the Robotics class at Pahokee Middle was to present a piece of STEM to our students in an innovative way. Our goal now with the "Subaroos" Robotics team is help our students become successful by introducing new avenues and adventures that they will remember for the rest of their lives.

In order to ensure that our students get a chance to experience these wonderful activities and have success, we would appreciate it if your organization could donate monetary funds towards these events. You and your company will be recognized for any donations and participation at our events. Your organization will assist Pahokee Middle School with our mission in providing excellence and opportunities to our future leaders.

In addition to funding buses for these trips, we are trying to provide the lodging necessary for the students along with their meals while away from home and at the competitions. Your contribution to the Pahokee Middle "Subaroos" would go a long way in supporting the expenditures for these trips in which these students will be representing our school and area as well as bringing well needed experiences to our students.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation and participation. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (561) 924-6534.

Sincerely,

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Dwayne Dennard  
Principal

*Luis Paniagua*  
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Robotics Teacher/Coach

*Sonia Soto*  
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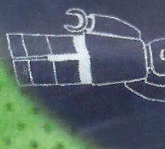


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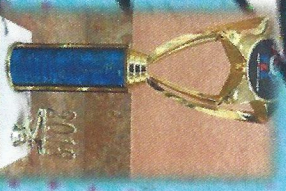
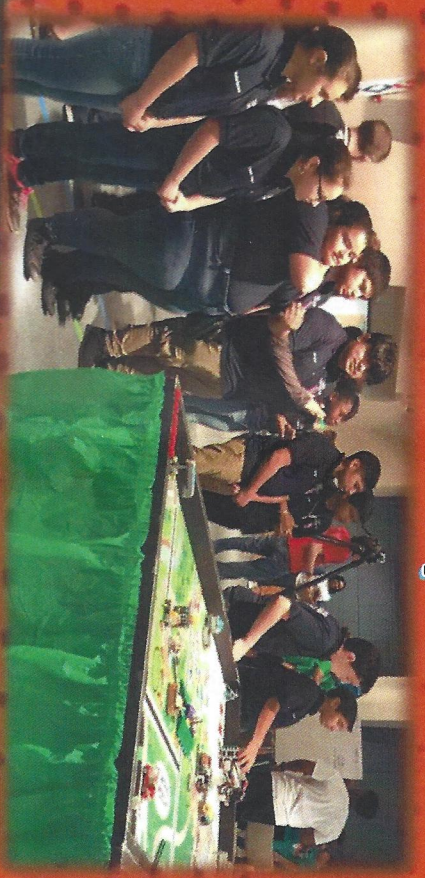
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Our motto is "You can't lose with the Subaroods" because even if we do not win in a competition, we gain skills and knowledge that will better our futures.

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# 2018 District Competition



Coaches Award

Robot Design Award

Robot Performance  
Highest Score

# SUBAROOS!



