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Deer Park Student Wins Award In Brookhaven National Lab Science Competition 4th Grader Honored by Legislator D'Amaro



JFK Intermediate School student Brendan Eising receives a Proclamation from Legislator D'Amaro as the 4th Grade Winner in the 2013 Brookhaven National Lab Elementary School Science Fair. Pictured left to right are: Gloria Perry, Jill Eising, Kayley Eising, Paul Eising, Brendan, Legislator D'Amaro, Keri Inghilterra and Principal Susan Bonner.

(DEER PARK, NY... June 18, 2013) – Do fine motor skills decrease with age?

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Just ask John F. Kennedy Intermediate School Student Brendan Eising. Inspired by his own grandparents and working under the guidance and encouragement of his teacher Keri Inghilterra, Brendan researched this topic and came away with some very enlightening results, earning his project, "Shake it Up," honors as the 4th Grade Winner in the 2013 Brookhaven National Lab Elementary School Science Fair. In recognition of his achievement, Suffolk County Legislator Lou D'Amaro (D-North Babylon) presented Brendan with a Proclamation before his family, teacher, principal and the entire County Legislature during the June 4th General Meeting.

To study this topic, Brendan built an electric circuit maze that his subjects were required to circumnavigate with a loop wand. If the subjects touched the maze's wire with the loop wand, the electrical circuit was completed and a buzzer signaled the error. He timed the entire process evaluating the accuracy as well as the speed of the test subject

Brendan tested children, teens and adults ranging in age from 20 to 80 years old. His research showed children and teens actually had the most errors and longest times. Those participants in the 20 - 50 age group demonstrated improved results, while the 60 - 80 age group showed a marked decrease in accuracy and time. He was able to conclude that fine motor skills improve with age and then decline later in life. Brendan was recognized for his superior scientific and educational endeavor as his project was named the Science Fair's fourth grade winner

Joining Brendan at the Legislature meeting were: his parents Jill and Paul, his sister Kayley, his grandmother Gloria Perry and, from JFK Intermediate School teacher Keri Inghilterra and Principal Susan Bonner.

"I am impressed by the breadth and scope of Brendan's project and fascinated by the results," said Legislator D'Amaro. "He is already establishing himself as a future leader in the field of science and is a wonderful representative of the hard working students enrolled throughout the Deer Park School District."

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