

The Role of the House of Children's Creativity in the Work of Organization of Civil-Patriotic Education of Young Generation of Kalinin Area

The system of civil-patriotic education of schoolchildren of Kalinin district includes activity of all departments of The House of Children's Creativity: regional studies, tourist-sports, ecological, musical, department of fine arts and others. It is shown in realization of projects and joint actions, which are general for all The House of Creativity.

The general start of regional competitions and games, which not only gives children the chance to get acquainted with the basic directions of our activity, but also sets the general theme of the year, became a good tradition of The House of Creativity.

The general summarizing and awarding of winners, which is held every year in April in the solemn atmosphere, became traditional also.

The leading role in civil-patriotic education and formation of regional studies is played by the department of local studies, which operates for more than 25 years. One of the basic directions, from which all the rest "have grown", is studying of history of the Small Native Land — Kalinin district.

To reveal and support the children who have desire and abilities for research activity, the employees of The House of Creativity organized regional readings, research of family trees, competition of research and creative works, conference «Leningrad. War. Blockade», search work of school museums and the museum «From History of Kalinin District» which is in The Creativity House.

The department of regional studies is the initiator of many projects which are carried out in municipal district Piskarevka and in Kalinin district.

During the school year of 2009-10 pupils of the schools of the district took part in the project «Victory March», devoted to the 65th anniversary of the Victory in the Great Patriotic War. The project has united many regional competitions and actions, and the results have been brought at the solemn ceremony in the House of Youth of Kalinin District "Atlant".

One more project - «The Memory Flowerbed» in which the representatives of all the educational institutions and departments of education, administrations of the district, veterans, municipal unions have taken part, has been devoted the most significant topic of year. The participants of the project have not only planted tulips, but also have gone on excursion to the places of Fighting glory. And the tulips which have ascended by Spring have formed symbolical number "65" on the flowerbed.

In April, 2011Kalinin district marks its 75-year-old anniversary, and in September of this year signal to start the new project – «My district, my pride, my responsibility» was given. The project «Dynasties of Kalinin District» is being successfully realized for the second year. In general, the topic of communication of generations constantly sounds in the work of the department of regional studies.

A game "Summer Lightning" well familiar to those who wore a pioneer tie, is revived presently in a new form, and this can be considered as a youth project which doesn't lose its actuality.

In 2004 it became possible to create a system of carrying out of defense-sports games. An original know-how of Kalinin area is the organization of the district round of competitions which allows not only to involve a big number of participants, but also serves the strengthening of relations between educational institutions in municipal unions.

The value of this game is in the variety of competitions, which give a chance to almost every child to show his abilities. Accurately built system allows to achieve good results.

The system of civil patriotic education includes also game programs, such, as «Travel to the Past of St.-Petersburg» and "Long Time Ago". Children first become participants of the general Start of regional competitions and game programs, then do homework, and as a result show their erudition in the competition which is held in the House of Creativity.

One of the most interesting projects of the department of regional studies is the conference of senior pupils "Young generation of the 21st century" which is being realized since 2003. The geography of participants of the conference extends. At certain times representatives of different districts of the city, regions of Russia and abroad participated in it. Within the limits of this conference young people rise actual problems of the present: preservation of the cultural heritage of the city, monuments of the Fighting Glory, city ecology, a job choice, tolerance today, etc. Every year the conference is held during spring vacation. Every year it has a new topic and motto.

The peculiarities of the conferences are:

- Work of sections in a format of discussion which are formed on the problems, declared by participants;
- Carrying out of thematic competitions – business cards of delegations, posters of social advertising and summarizing of competition of spectator sympathies.

During the work of the first day of the conference, the participants are given an opportunity to plunge into rough discussion of problems, ideas and hopes, which are actual for the modern youth.

Conferences prove that only in direct dialogue there is a possibility to feel thoughts and aspirations of children and to help young men to define their place in the society. Therefore scientists, deputies, teachers of high schools, architects, historians, employees of museums, libraries, psychologists, employees of the center of employment of the population work together with children in a free discussion. Among the constant participants are: President of the Association of the Academy of Military-Historical Sciences Yury Ivanovich Kolosov; the doctor of medical sciences, the head of scientific group of ecological microbiology of scientific research institute of Pasteur Malyshev Vladimir Vasilevich; the corresponding member of the Academy of the Military-Historical Sciences, director of the museum "Book of the Blockade city" Sofia Gennadyevna Kolosova; the architect, regional specialist Melnikov Vsevolod Mihailovich.

The second day of conferences is annually held in accordance with the topic and the problems that worry participants. For example, the problem of mutual relations between people of different nationalities has always been actively discussed at our meetings. Therefore this year the organizing committee decided to organize the

meeting of young participants in the St.-Petersburg House of Nationalities. 102 participants have got acquainted with the history of the House on Mochovaya street, with art of the Korean and Armenian artists. Children have met representatives of Ingermanland people, with whom they sang together national Finnish songs. Representatives of Estonian community have given a master class on creation of national toys.

In 2010 the second day of the conference was held in the Museum of Political History of Russia where children became participants of interactive games «They choose us, we choose them».

Each conference comes to an end with ceremony of rewarding the winners of nominations: «the most active participant», «the participant who has put forward the most actual problem», «the participant who has offered the most interesting solution of the problem».

In the end participants express their opinion about the work of the conference in a format of "an open microphone", and make offers and suggestions. In these suggestions children appeal to the authorities, public, and their fellows.

It is hard to overestimate the opportunities of the conference - how to estimate a feeling of satisfaction that you were given a chance to express freely ANY opinion, even a very disputable one? This project, from our point of view, is really popular.

We can summarize that the system of work in the field of civil-patriotic education and regional studies is built by the employees of The House of Creativity in such a way that it allows to capture 100 % of schools of district with this work, to reveal and accompany the most capable pupils in different spheres of activity, to promote expansion of the horizon and socialization of schoolchildren.

Realization of massive activity of The House of Children's Creativity can be done only with the assistance of our partners: state and municipal structures, scientific and museum centers, educational establishments, public organizations, parents. We can bravely say that such partnership exists.

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