Imagination Beyond Expectation (IBE): Program Description

Imagination Beyond Expectation is a film program for students ages 6-15. Over the course of 5 weeks, students will receive lessons in film, cinematography, scriptwriting, acting, and editing. At the end of the 5 weeks, students in groups will have created a short film from idea conception to a final edited film. Students will be divided into groups of 4. In the second week of the program, the students will visit a senior center where their assigned group will be joined by a senior from the center. Students are assigned to conduct an interview with the senior (which may be recorded by students) about stories based on this prompt:

- **A childhood memory where you learned a valuable lesson**
- **A time when you took a chance and it paid off**
- **A time you felt joy growing up**

Based on this conversation/interview, students will be asked to create a story and script inspired by the story shared by the senior. From this, students will create a short film following these requirements:

- Each film should not exceed 10 minutes
- Each film should have at least one exterior shot
- Each film should include one wide shot and one close up
- Each film should be in response/inspired/based on a story their senior shared

At the end of the 5 weeks, a screening of all 5 films will be held at Sports Foundation Inc. where students, parents, and seniors will be invited to attend to watch the short films our students created!

Here is an outline of IBE's 5 week program:

Week 1: Students will receive an intro to the IBE program (what the mission is), an intro to film and basic camera handling, how to respect the filming tools we receive, and a lesson in acting.

Week 2: Student groups will meet their seniors and conduct an interview, develop an idea/story, and receive an introduction to scriptwriting.

Week 3: Students groups will begin drafting their scripts and learn about storyboarding their scripts, and receive an acting lesson.

Week 4: Students will film their scripts and receive a lesson in basic imovie editing.

Week 5: Students will edit their films and a screening will be held at the end of the week, concluding our 5 week program!