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SBP Conducts Winter Olympics

STEUBENVILLE-As skaters, skiers, snowboarders and more vied for the gold at Pyeongchang, South Korea, students at the School of Bright Promise in Steubenville took part in competitions of their own on Feb. 15.

The 2018 Winter Olympics was held, albeit in a smaller scale, in the school gym and featured classes representing countries around the globe, including Australia, Canada, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, North Korea, Norway, Russia, Sweden and the United States. About 80 preschool through secondary students with special needs had fun as they competed in sporting events such as speed skating, which included plastic booties instead of skates, a hockey shootout, scooter slalom and Wii bowling. Gold, silver and bronze medals were distributed and the top three medaling countries received trophies.

The classes got to practice their skills during gym and the room was open to provide some extra time to prepare.

Physical education teacher Janie Bodo, who organized the games, said it was a fun time for the contenders.

“It went very well. Everyone seemed to enjoy participating and there was lot of friendly competition,” she said.

The final numbers included Australia with one gold medal; Canada with two gold and a bronze; Ireland with one silver; Israel with three silver and a bronze; Italy with one gold and one bronze; Jamaica with two silver and two bronze, Norway with one bronze; Russia with two gold and one bronze; Sweden with one gold, a silver and a two bronze; and the U.S. with two bronze medals. Bodo added that Israel, Jamaica and Sweden earned trophies as the top medalists.

Principal Rachel Bodo said similar events were previously conducted and the games were a great way to celebrate the world sporting event.

“Watching the broadcasts of the Winter Olympics struck a chord and we discussed doing one. Everyone seemed excited about it and was on board,” she commented. “It’s just a good way to come together as a school and have a fun event where everyone can participate.”

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(Photo Cutline: School of Bright Promise student Kyle Talbott, pictured at center, outpaces Javon Galloway, at left, as instructor Ryan Finney looks on during the speed skating event at the school’s Winter Olympic Games on Feb. 15. All 80 preschool through secondary pupils had some fun competing and taking part in such activities as scooter slalom, Wii bowling and a hockey shootout for a chance to earn medals for their respective countries. Ten countries from Australia to the United States were represented and medals were given to individual athletes while the top three medaling countries also earned a trophy.)