

News from the Nest 2.0

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Welcome Fischer Families!



Welcome to *News from the Nest 2.0!* This online newsletter is specifically created for parents by teachers. It will serve as a useful tool in providing educational tips and strategies, as well as developing systems that parents can use to work with their children at home on the academic and behavioral skills being stressed in the school program. We hope that this information serves as a positive medium in strengthening the relationship between home and school.

Fischer Middle School Pilots Robotics Club

Based on a District 204 initiative to increase STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) in schools, the IPEF (Indian Prairie Education Foundation) funded the Robotics Club which was piloted here, at our own Fischer Middle School, this past fall and winter.

Robotics Club is a hands on, team-oriented club that focuses on working with the VEX Robotic system. Students have an opportunity to design, build, program and test the robotic vehicles they create.

On Saturday, January 17, 2015, the students participated in their first robotics competition at Neuqua Valley High School.

All Robotics Club teams participated in the competition with the assistance of Fischer Middle School teachers Sharon Kennedy, Clarissa Prorok, and Jane McCormick.

Out of the 35 teams that competed, Fischer Middle School received the Sportsmanship Award as well as placed among other teams in the competition including high school teams.

Congratulations to the entire Fischer Middle School Robotics Club!

WAY TO GO –

WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!!!

PARCC TESTING IS UNDERWAY

This week marked the official kick start to PARCC state testing.

All 6th grade students participated in the assessment and were tested in the areas of ELA and Mathematics.



The test will be administered electronically in two parts. A Performance Based Assessment will be given in March, and the End-of-Year Course Assessment will be given sometime between April 27 and May 22. The results will be combined to determine individual student proficiency level.

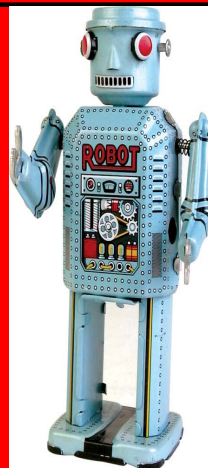
Testing will resume with 8th grade, March 9-13 and 7th grade, March 16-20.

STEM NIGHT COMING SOON!!!

Join us on Wednesday, March 11, 2015, in the Wood Gym, as Fischer Middle School will be hosting a STEM night.

The Robotics Club will be demonstrating their robots, along with Neuqua Valley High School, from 6:30 to 7:00. The Science Alliance will also be conducting an interactive chemistry demonstration from 7:15 to 8:15.

Please contact Sharon Kennedy or Clarissa Prorok for further information. Hope to see you there!



TECH CORNER

For more information on upcoming events here at Fischer Middle School, scan the QR code or click on the link below.



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