

# CEDARCREST STEM/SCIENCE NEWSLETTER 1/19/2018: STUDENTS ARE STARTING THE NEW YEAR OFF WITH ENGAGING STEM/SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS AT CEDARCREST



## OUR CEDARCREST STEM/SCIENCE STUDENTS HAVE ONCE AGAIN ENGAGED IN MINDS ON/HANDS ON LESSONS HERE AT **CEDARCREST.**

6<sup>th</sup> GRADE SCIENCE:

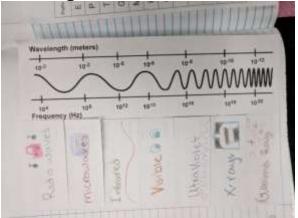
MS KUKULL AND MR. STODDARD'S

### 6th Grade Science

Cedarcrest Students have been busy using their **Chromebooks to research the** electromagnetic spectrum.



This week students learned about how we use light to communicate by researching the different parts of the electromagnetic spectrum and their everyday uses WITH THEIR Chromebooks. Students are wrapping up their light unit by proving what they learned through a one-pager. The students will use video capture apps (Clip Champ and Screencastify) and video editing software (Adobe Spark) to explain and prove their learning.



The students CONTINNUE to USE "Tinker CAD", a 3D design program made for kids. CAD stands for Computer Aided Design.



We recommend you asking your student if you can check out what they've created so far!

# CEDARCREST'S MAKER SPACE CLUB CONTINNUES TO BE A HIT HERE AT CEDARCREST IN

**2018!!!...**Run by Ms. Kukull and Mr. Stoddard:

Students work with the Raspberry Pi's. They loaded "Retro Pi" to play some old school video games. The **Circuit machine is up and running with the new**  **computer from Scott Beebe the Marysville SD Chief Technology Officer**. AS always the Fuse Beads and 3D pens are a popular item!

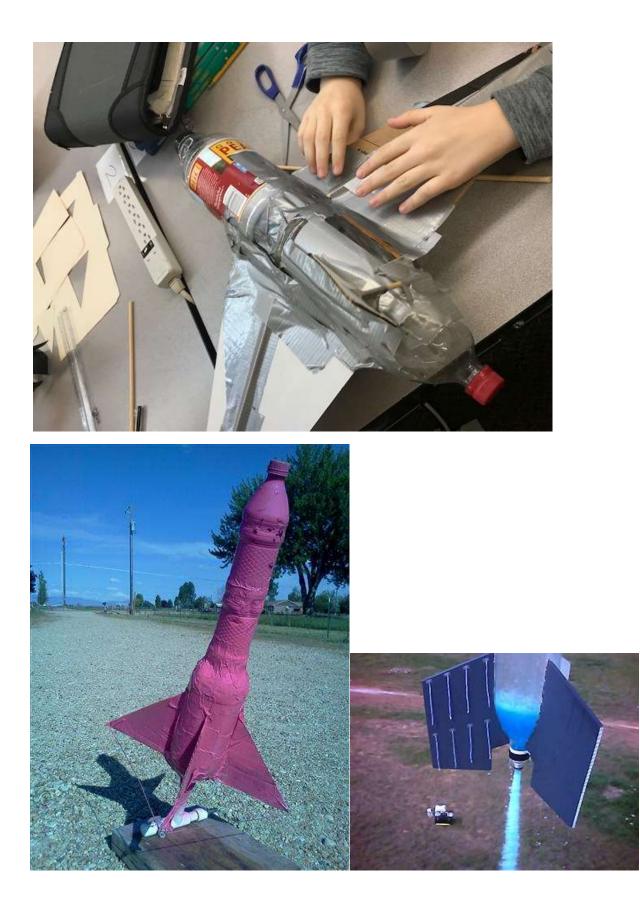


Students are stoked about Maker Space. We have a great group of students that come every Monday and Wednesday, about 30!

**6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE 21<sup>ST</sup> Century Skills:** 

## Mr. Shreeve's 21st Century students been

busy with the engineering process to research (with Chromebooks), then design, build and test a Soda Bottle Rocket that can launch an egg astronaut and bring it back safely.

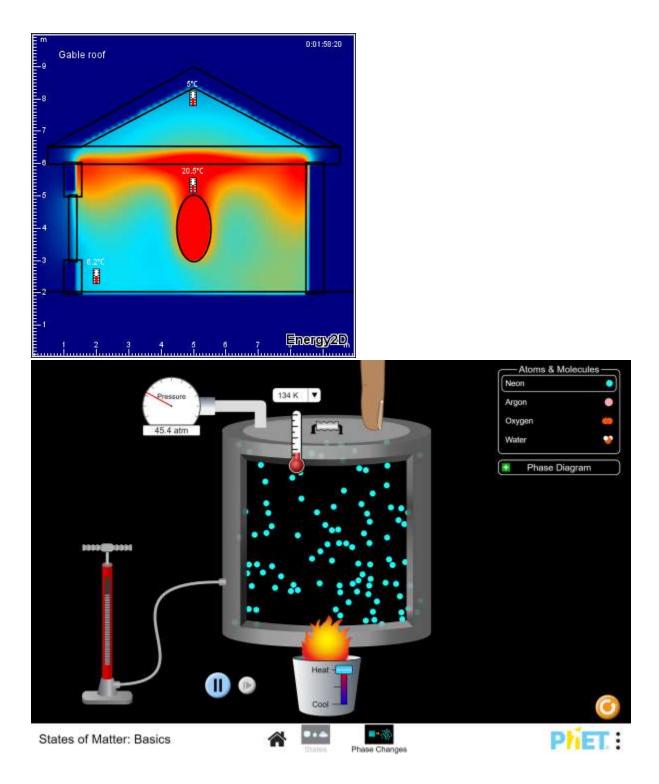


#### CHECK OUT AN EXAMPLE OF A PREVIOUS YEARS CLASS LAUNCHING THEIR ROCKET ON Mr. Shreeve's youtube channel



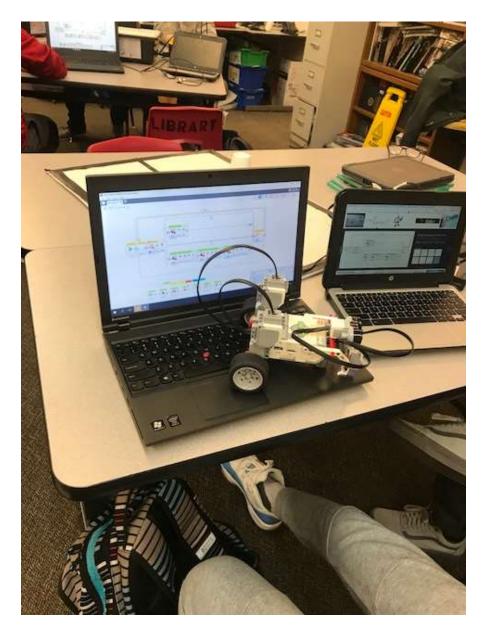
Students are developing a deeper understanding of the engineering process through their participation in projects both in 6<sup>th</sup> grade science and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills HERE AT Cedarcrest.

7<sup>th</sup> GRADE SCIENCE: Ms. Dainard'S and Ms. Delazzari's Students are exploring the challenging world particles. ENERGY AND ENERGY TRANSFERR through simulation programs accessed by their Chromebooks.



## **7<sup>TH</sup> AND 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STEM ROBOTICS with MR. SHREEVE:** STUDENTS FINISHED **the Light Sensor challenge(Toys in the swimming pool).** THE COMPLEXITIY OF PROGRAMMING IS RAMPED UP DUE TO THE ROBOT NEEDING A SENSOR TO INTERACT WITH ITS ENVIRONMENT. In addition, this sensor must be calibrated in order to follow a black line. (click on the link below to see a practice run of toys in the swimming pool)



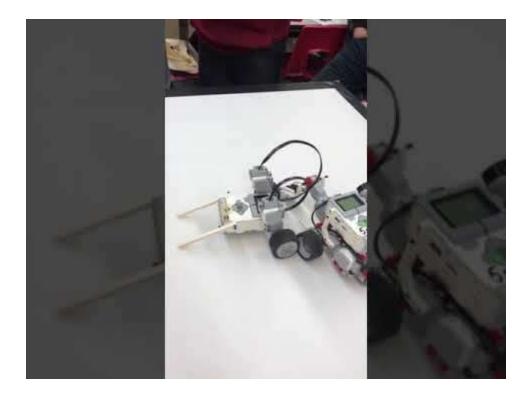


# They are now working on their final project—BATTLEBOTS

Students are to design, build, test a robot that can stay in a ring and either push an opponent out of the ring or incapacitate them in some way. They are using EV3 Robots, their chromebooks, Laptops and even their Smartphones in order to manipulate the robots to operate both autonomously, and via blue tooth control through their phone.

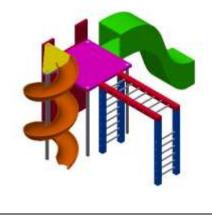


(Check out THE LINK BELOW of practice runs of BATTLEBOTS by students)



### **MR. DESCHAINE'S STEM TECH (7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE):**

In STEM Technology students are using 3D modeling software in order to design a 3 dimensional playground. A very cool and very challenging use of technology.







## MRS. MACK'S STEM CLASSES (8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE):



#### In Mrs. Mack's Nutrition and Fitness Students are researching about the opiod epidemic crisis with their Chromebooks. Virtually All work done in STEM Nutrition is done online INCLUDING ASSIGNMENTS AND TESTS, using their Chromebooks.

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#### IN MRS MACK'S STEM FOOD, STUDENTS HAVE BEEN COOKING, COOKING AND MORE COOOKING...YUM...



#### **8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SCIENCE:**

#### Mr. Schaufler and Mr. Overland--

This week students worked on the culminating project of this unit, creating a brochure about Evolution. WHAT IS FANTASTIC ABOUT THIS PROJECT IS IT'S DONE ENTIRELY

**ELECTRONICALLY USING THEIR CHROMEBOOKS AND GOOGLE MAPS.** They had 2 days in class to work on it, and it is due first thing Monday! I will be grading their Google Maps this weekend. Thursday of next week is the last day any work, or extra credit, can be done for the first semester. Next week we will embark on a journey to learn how cells function.



#### **SUPER SCIENCE!**

VIRTUALLY NONE OF THIS student work WOULD BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF THE MARYSVILLE TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT, CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, AND THE MARYSVILLE COMMUNITY THROUGH THEIR SUPPORT OF TECHNOLOGY IN OUR SCHOOLS.



On behalf of the Staff in the STEM/Science Department, we are committed to making this the best year ever for your child here at Cedarcrest Middle School.

Sincerely,

### The STEM/Science Staff at Cedarcrest

Mr. Stoddard, Ms Kukull, Ms. Dainard, Mrs Delazzari, Mr. Schaufler, Mr. Overland, Mr. Deschaine, Mrs. Mack, and Mr. Shreeve

6<sup>th</sup> Science, 7<sup>th</sup> Science, 8<sup>th</sup> Science, STEM Foods, STEM Tech, STEM Robotics, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Foundations, and Exploring Computer Science.