

## Leonard Middle School April Board Report

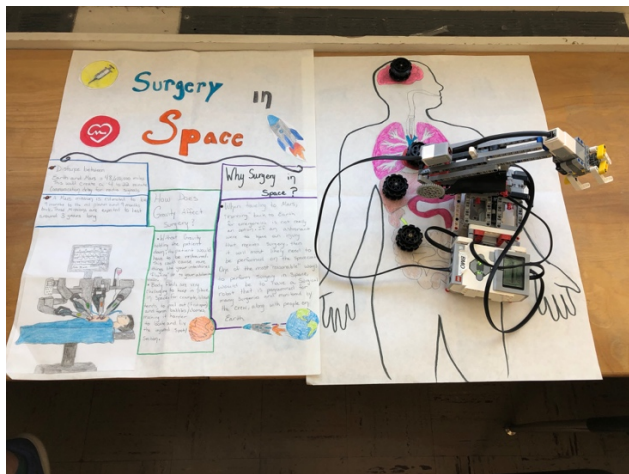
This spring we introduced the idea of delayed gratification to our students during our eMPower state testing and it has paid off well for our students. On April 12th, LMS celebrated the accomplishment of a job well done during our testing sessions with a festival that included games, prizes and carnival foods. Students earned tickets using a rubric that stressed focus, effort and engaged students. They spent those hard-earned tickets on toys, snacks, and even LMS t-shirts during our festival. I was serving students at the nachos station and they were thrilled to be a part of such a great event. Students earned more tickets at the games on the day of the festival and just plain celebrated their accomplishments with their classmates. Everyone left with a smile on their face as they headed into the April Break.

Below and to the right are some pictures from the festival.



Yes, we do some great work every day at LMS and our 8th grade students have been

hard at work in their interest groups. Yes, interest groups are just what they sound like, students chose topics of study based on their own personal desire to dig more deeply into learning. Students presented their learning to their peers and many of our staff during the 8th grade "Future Symposium". Topics ranged from mental health to financial literacy and even to terraforming mars and space surgery. Each group of students designed a presentation for their topic. Presentations included student-developed board games, backboards, videos, websites and many more creative ideas. The learning was rich, and we couldn't be prouder of our student's work. Way to go 8th grade! Of course, some pictures follow.



The LMS PTA is doing a silent auction, please take a look at the LMS-PTA silent auction and consider placing a bid there are still some good deals. When you look at all the items donated by our community you really see that we live in a great supportive community. The link is [www.32auctions.com/LMS2019](http://www.32auctions.com/LMS2019)

Respectfully Submitted,

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