

## Avon Campus Principal's Report January 8, 2020 Board Meeting

On December 16th, the Avon Elementary students, the Middle School Choir students, and the Middle School band performed a holiday concert for a packed gymnasium of family and friends. Thank you to Mrs. Roberts and Miss Hart for a fabulous night of entertainment and all that they do for our students.

The last day of school prior to Winter Break was full of fun activities for our students. We had a Christmas Walk through both buildings to let all the students and staff see the decorations and artwork that had been created. The students participated in various activities with teachers during the day at the middle school or Christmas parties at the elementary school. A special thank you to our AAMS student council and Mrs. Craver for all their hard work in organizing a great day for our campus.

On December 14th, 2019, The Twister Bots (AAMS Robotics Team) traveled to John Deere World Headquarters in Moline to compete in their Regional Tournament for FIRST Lego League. The FIRST Lego League program challenges teams to design and build a Lego EV3 robot that can perform a number of tasks on a robot table, complete an innovation project and presentation relating to community, and demonstrate strong core values revolving around the concept of gracious professionalism. At this competition, four major awards were given out and invitations to the State Championship in January were also presented. The Twister Bots not only were invited to the State Championship but also received the award for Robot Performance as they scored more points than any of the other 34 teams present.

The Twister Bots consists of 10 AAMS students: Nick Prescott, Cole Gray, Tyler Condrey, Tyler Crandall, Emma Larkin, Madison Walter, Connor Wilson, Zylur Combs, Rafael Rasso and Briar Jennings. A few of these students had some exposure to Lego robotics prior to this experience through their STEM classes and Robot Camp last summer, but none had ever competed in any tournament like this before. The team is coached by Kaiti and Bob Burgess, who are also rookies.

