



## News release

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#### North Middle School robotics team qualifies for state championship

*The Cybernetic Narwhals are the only public middle school to advance to the tournament*



**[Everett, WA]** — North Middle School's robotics team, the Cybernetic Narwhals, are advancing to this weekend's Washington State championship tournament, the only public middle school team to qualify at this level with all other qualifiers being from high schools and/or private clubs.

The team competes in the FIRST Tech Challenge, which is a robotics competition for 7th -12th grade

students. Each year, students are given a new "robot game," and they plan, design, build and program a robot to compete in the game.

The Cybernetic Narwhals used computer aided design, 3D printing and laser-cutting to make their own custom robot parts. This year's game, Centerstage, required pairs of robots (alliances) to work together to build grids of "pixels" on a slanted surface, launch an airplane at a target zone and suspend completely off the ground from a scaffolding.

In addition to the robot game, students create a detailed portfolio of their engineering process and give a five-minute presentation to judges. At regionals, their judged presentation earned the Narwhals the "Think Award" for innovative use of math and science principles in their robot design. By earning the Think Award, the Cybernetic Narwhals earned a spot at the Washington State Championship Tournament and will compete this Saturday, February 3 at Amazon in Seattle.

Tyler Ream, principal of North said, "this is a significant accomplishment, and we are exceptionally proud of our students, coaches and sponsors. Best of luck, North robotics!"

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