



*Our students will lead and shape the future*

## News release

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### ***View Ridge Elementary School comes in FIRST***

[FIRST Robotics](#) district competition caps a successful year of robotics in schools



*Mill Creek Elementary School's team demonstrating their robot for judges*

Last month, a dozen middle school and elementary robotics teams went head to head in a district robotics competition at Eisenhower Middle School. The best of the dozen was the View Ridge team.

Each team made two attempts at the robotics table. The highest score determined the final score. Team coaches judged along with coaches and students from high school robotics teams.

"Collaboration in competition is one of core values central to *First Lego League* competition," said Brian Day, director of CTE/STEM.

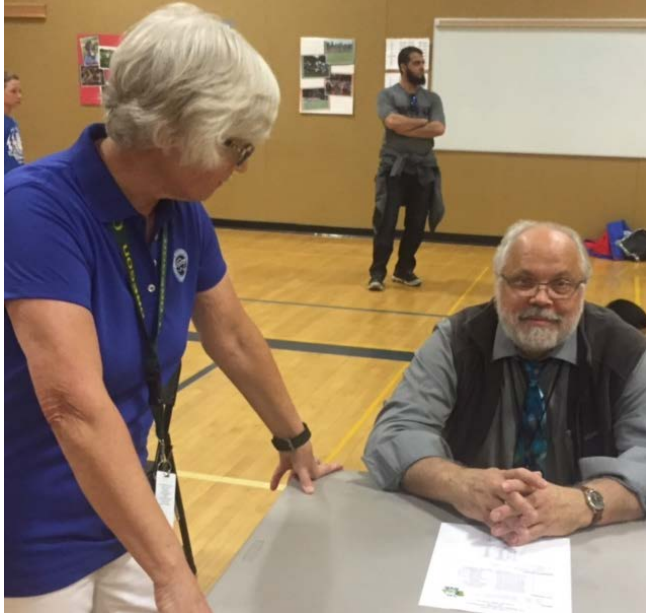
"The competing teams improved dramatically from their first competition in December. At that time many teams struggled to complete one challenge. Every team this time finished multiple challenges and were enthusiastic around computer programming and collaborative problem solving."

"This has been a successful year of robotics activities, which involved every elementary, middle, and high school in our district," added Andrea Cartwright, STEM facilitator.

The Eisenhower event is the second district competition held this year, following the March district competition at North Middle School. Next year's First Lego League season will begin in September.



*Monroe Elementary School's team powers up their robot*



*Judges, Barney Peterson, teacher and Gerard Holzman, principal – both from Monroe Elementary School*



*Kindergartener, Emi D., sharing a close-up of a gold medal awarded to the View Ridge team*



*Two team members from View Ridge Elementary school focusing on their project*

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