

# ANNA MARIA ELEMENTARY IE2/STEM NEWSLETTER EDITION #7, MARCH 10, 2019

## STEM NIGHT



STEM Night on January 14, 2020 was such a success. There were so many wonderful activities and Science Fair Projects to see and take part in. This is the Snap Circuit Activity that everyone enjoyed. Thanks to the Holmes Beach Police Department for always cooking us a fabulous dinner. Thank you also to the numerous vendors who continually educate our students on what is going on around us. We want to thank, Wildlife Inc., Turtle Watch, Recycle Education and Water Conservation from Manatee County Public Utilities, Around the Bend, Sunshine Community Composting, Mathnasium and Mad Science of the Greater Tampa Bay Area. What a fantastic night.

## PARENT NIGHT OUT



With the hustle and bustle of the holidays that are always upon us the TSA Organization held their 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Fund Raiser, Parent Night Out. It was an awesome event. It gave parents time to get away for a few hours and the kids had a fantastic time. The kids had many crafts to make, movies to watch, songs to sing, and food to eat. Everyone had a wonderful time and I am sure that this will continue for some time to come.

## VEX ROBOTICS

This was the first year for the VEX Robotics Club that included 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Graders from the school. On February 8<sup>th</sup> our students competed in the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Manatee County VEX Robotics Competition.

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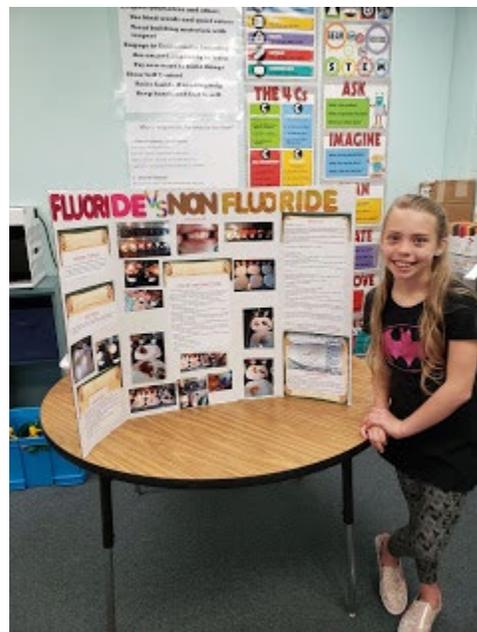
The TSA Organization had a Play With Your Fruits and Vegetables Competition on February 7<sup>th</sup>. They designed a Safari Theme blueprint and created their blueprint creation out of fruits and vegetables. The Safari Theme designs turned out very hard to judge. Judges discuss how the students decided to create their creation and why did they use the fruits and vegetables they used. They also discussed with the students why fruits and vegetables are important to their diet.

Although our students didn't place or win any award, their perseverance and dedication couldn't have been more appreciated. Out of 12 students, we had a sharp rise in illnesses and other commitments that we had 3 teams of 2 students each. They built their own robots, manipulated them to drive and score points and they had just begun to master the automaticity of coding for the robot to drive automatically.

### PLAY WITH OUR FRUITS AND VEGETABLES



### DISTRICT STEM FAIR



Anna Maria Elementary sent 9 student projects to the District STEM Fair which was also held on February 7<sup>th</sup> at Manatee County Technical Institute. We had some amazing projects displayed. Students compete at the school level during the STEM Night for the District Competition.