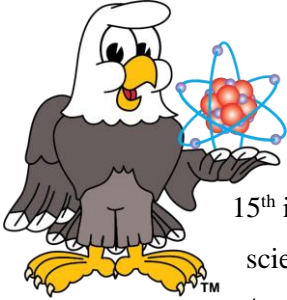


January 7, 2019



Dear Parents and Guardians,

This year, Stephensen Elementary will be offering *STEM Club* as an after-school program for students **grades 2-4** on **Tuesday and Friday 3:00-4:00pm** beginning Jan. 15th in the STEM Room. This club will feature activities designed to engage your child in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

As you may know, most careers in the future will require some understanding of science and technology. Recent research shows that interest in science before 8th grade is a better predictor of future academic and career decisions than math achievement test scores.

After-school science may look very different than...your child will be acting as scientists – investigating the world around them, searching for answers to interesting questions, using their hands to gather evidence, and engaging their minds to draw conclusions. Together, we can create a culture of kids excited about science and technology learning and careers. I look forward to working with your children.

Thank you so much for your support.

Mrs. Woods

2nd Grade Teacher

Stephensen Elementary

Please return this slip to the office

Student Name: _____ Grade Level _____ Teacher _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Contact Number(s): _____

Parents are responsible for student pick up. **(It is important for student's to be picked up by 4:10pm.)**

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

- My student will participate in STEM Club.
 - Tuesday ONLY Friday ONLY BOTH Tuesday & Friday
- I will be able to volunteer my time and/or supplies:
 - Tuesday Club Meeting Friday Club Meeting Supplies Snacks
- I would love to help in another way, please contact me at _____

Parent Signature

Date

PARENTS

The listed below activities describes some of the many ways you can support and participate in our STEM Club.

Science Club Meeting Help: Come on a Tuesday or Friday afternoon to participate in and help with science activities with your student and their peers.

Apprenticeship: Parents cannot build a device for their child, but they can teach their child how to do it or find someone who can; much like an apprenticeship program. Remember, the student needs to do the final work themselves!

Snacks: For the parent who says they don't know anything about science. You can start being in charge of snacks at club meetings.

Resource Finder: This parent Google searches for additional resources or approach local businesses and organizations to recruit help or to donate materials.

Field Experience Resource: We always need parents that have science, technology, engineering, or mathematical field experience to be guest speakers, facilitate further learning, and put together some STEM field trips.

Field Experience Resource Finder: We could always use the skills and talents of a go-getter parent that may have limited personal experience, but wants to help find and organize guest speakers, guest facilitators, and find fun STEM field trips.

STILL Unsure how you can help!?!

Help support science, technology, engineering, and mathematics learning outside the school by:

- Repeat the activities that we do at the after-school center with your child. Most activities use items found in your kitchen or at the grocery store. We will send instructions home with your child when appropriate.
- Ask your kids about their ideas and how they think things work; encourage them to ask questions.
- Take your child and his/her friends to a park, science center, or museum encourage them to play with science.
- Tell local leaders (school board members, city council, etc.) about the potential for after-school science learning.
- Help look for grants and funding that would let our program excel.