

8TH GRADERS ATTEND SciTECH DAYS

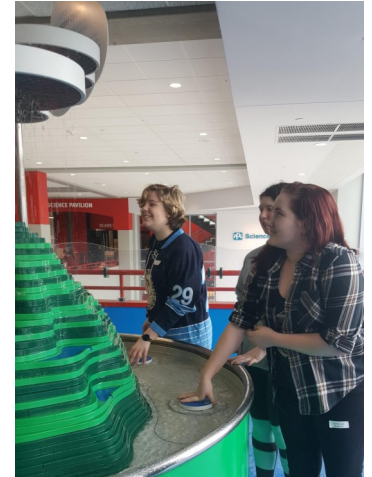
It was a great day for kids. A really awesome event for our 8th graders!

—Travis Barta Apollo-Ridge Middle School Principal/K-12 Curriculum Coordinator

A-RMS Science teacher Becky Reese's wish to take 8th grade students to SciTech Days at Carnegie Science Center was granted in March. Seventy students experienced an abundance

of STEM fields available in Pittsburgh, including biotechnology, nanotechnology, information technology & robotics, biomedical, social science, conservation, environmental biology

& mathematics. The students connected with leading scientists and professionals in a fun, dynamic atmosphere while learning about STEM career opportunities.



This extraordinary learning experience was funded by our EITC partners.



VIKING CAFÉ GRANT UPDATE

This Innovative Project is not only thriving, it's expanding!



The first cup of coffee was sold to Mr. Duff by Evan Rearic.

Kristen Barta and Brandi Muffie started the Viking Café in 2017 after being awarded an Innovative Project Grant from the Education Foundation. The Viking Café is run by the students in the life skills and emotional support programs.

The focus of the Viking Café is to allow our students to gain meaningful work experience and training that they can take with them upon graduation by running a coffee cart.

When the Viking Café originated, the coffee cart served teachers in the middle school. Over the past two years, the business has grown! We are happy to say that we have expanded our service to administration and elementary school staff.

Viking Café will begin offering beverages to students in the middle school once a month and donating the proceeds to various charities that support students with disabilities and their parents.

The students and staff are grateful for the opportunity that the Innovative Project Grant gave us and look forward to all the opportunities it will provide our students in the future!

Denim Dice

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The Viking Café served coffee to our guests at the STEM +A-Rts Showcase in March. Ms. Barta, Ms. Muffie, and their team of Ethan Cooper, Alex Huber and Carlos Baines are pictured above.

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Programs Supported by EITC Partners, Donors, and Gala Funds were Presented by the Students Who Benefit

Forty students welcomed dozens of guests that included donors, sponsors, Foundation members, parents, grandparents, A-R staff & peers into their world of hands-on learning.

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the Foundation received
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March 28, 2019
Dear Chris,
The student showcase of program development influenced by the A-R Education Foundation was a great testimony to the Grand perseverance and creativity!
I thoroughly enjoyed listening and learning from the students yesterday. Thank you! Cheryl



Thank you letter from former superintendent/Lifetime Member, Cheryl Griffith; Lifetime Member, Carol Kopnick talks shop with Garden Club member, Elle Grguric; Ray Sleppy, Elderton State Bank's CEO, learns about erosion from

Keighton Reese; Cameron Schall, Dustin Crane, & Zack Kostelansky bring the 3D printer online; Nick Cecchini & Cole Rearick demonstrate the Hummingbird Project that incorporates robotics with reading; Tom Haugh, Tina Booker, &

Sharon Jaworskyj are fingerprinted by Ally Enciso; Garden Club member, Emilie Rittenour, chooses a marigold for planting; Zack Kostelansky waits for the 3D printer to receive a project; Nathan Trenney & Alex DeRusha show

Bob Desiderato, 7th grade history teacher, how physics students measure energy & motion; Elliott Weigand & Dom Reiter explain how to program Sphero robots to Lifetime Member, Barb Horrell.


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