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Lackawanna Trail K'Nex teams move on to regional competition

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Lackawanna Trail held its K'Nex In-House Competition Feb. 27 and 28.



Students worked in teams to create a new ride for an environmentally friendly amusement park. Middle school students had to present an inventory of pieces and overall budget for their projects. Students were judged on design, narrative, blueprints, teamwork, creativity and presentation.

In the fourth-fifth grade division, the team of Lily Reid, Zoey Wright, Danielle Ainey and Gianna Familetti placed first for its project titled Switchable Downfall. The team of Lauren Fahey, Ella Naylor, Sutton Lisk and Nathan Wright finished second for its project titled The Tornado. The team of Lean Ryon, Emelia Jones, Ciera Darmock and Leigha Joseph placed third for its project titled Tour of Space.

From left, first row, Lily Reid, Zoey Wright, Danielle Ainey, Gianna Familetti. Second row, Lauren Fahey, Ella Naylor, Sutton Lisk, Nathan Wright. Third row, Brian Kearney, Elementary Principal; Laurel Kinback, 5th Grade Teacher/Coach; Lean Ryon, Emelia Jones, Ciera Darmock; Gina Pricci, 5th Grade Teacher/Coach; Dr. Tania Ross, Director of Curriculum and Resources.



In the sixth-eighth grade division, the team of Dariane Jones, Sofia Flores-Weidner, Katie Carpenter and Maggie Martin for its project titled Moo Moo Mania and the team of Matthew Rakauskas, Joe Shaw, Braden Savage, Ethan Lee for its project title Twisting Terror finished in a tie for first place. The team of Maria Wetzel, Emma Oswald, Jordan Spencer and Lillian Rejrat placed third for its project titled Back on Track.

The top three teams in each division advance to the regional competition at Johnson College March 20.

From left, first row, Dariane Jones, Sofia Flores-Weidner, Katie Carpenter. Second row, Matthew Rakauskas, Joe Shaw, Braden Savage, Ethan Lee. Third row, Dr. Mark Murphy, Secondary Principal; Brian Kearney, Elementary Principal; Gail Franko, 6th Grade Teacher/Coach; Maria Wetzel; Emma Oswald; Jordan Spencer; Lillian Rejrat; Craig Muller, 7th/8th Grade Teacher/Coach; Dr. Tania Ross, Director of Curriculum and Resources; and Chris Gercken, 6th Grade Teacher/Coach.