



# Hudson Elementary

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It is with great pleasure that I share this Good News Report featuring the outstanding efforts of our students and staff at Hudson Elementary! Recently, two of our talented students, Austyn Wagner and Annabelle Davis, had the opportunity to present to the Unit 5 Foundation about the exciting projects happening in our STEM Club.

The STEM Club, which meets once a month during the noon hour and is led by our IMC Specialist, Kim Stille, has seen enthusiastic participation from 41 students in the 4th and 5th grades. Each session contains engaging activities that challenge students to think critically and creatively.

During their time in the club, students have been busy building sail cars and conducting fascinating wind lab experiments. They've also crafted an air racer, where they explored the effects of various propellers and wheels on performance. Austyn and Annabelle did an exceptional job highlighting these hands-on learning experiences at the recent Unit 5 Foundation lunch, showcasing their passion and the impact of STEM education at our school.

Mrs. Stille deserves recognition for her commitment to incorporating innovative STEM activities into her lessons and facilitating the STEM Club, fostering a love for science, technology, engineering, and math among our students.

We are incredibly proud of Austyn, Annabelle, and Mrs. Stille for their dedication and enthusiasm. Their efforts not only enhance the educational experience at Hudson Elementary but also inspire their peers to explore the wonders of STEM.

It brings me joy to share this Good News Report about the inspiring efforts of Cecelia Potts, a third grader at Hudson Elementary. Cecelia has taken the initiative to lead a food drive to support families in need within our community, showcasing her commitment to giving back. As part of her participation in the Miss Illinois Youth program, where she proudly holds the title of Little Miss Bloomington-Normal, Cecelia has set a goal to make a positive impact.

Thanks to her determination and hard work, the food drive resulted in an impressive donation of over 300 non-perishable food items and a staggering 400 boxes of cereal. These contributions will make a significant difference in the lives of many families in our area.

In a fun and creative twist, the 400 cereal boxes were transformed into a giant maze at Hudson Elementary, where students had the opportunity to knock them down like dominoes. This activity not only promoted teamwork and cooperation among students but also highlighted the importance of community service.

We are incredibly proud of Cecelia and her accomplishments, and we wish her the best of luck as she competes in the Little Miss Illinois pageant in Iowa this summer. Her dedication and passion for helping others serve as an inspiration to us all!

Julie Knepler  
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