



## Fenton STEM Academy: A Fenton Charter Public School

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**SPOTLIGHT ON STEM** – Each week we will feature a science, technology, engineering, and/or mathematics related lesson or activity occurring at Fenton STEM Academy. In this section of the newsletter, you will find the most recent, innovative, and creative events and activities happening at STEM. This week we are excited to share a lesson that involved our Kindergarten students.

With the new school year just beginning, the Fenton STEM Kindergarten classes of Mrs. Nguyen and Ms. Wescott are off to a quick start with STEM. After reading *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom*, the students were tasked with their very first STEM challenge! They were asked to work together in teams to build a coconut tree that can hold all 26 letters of the alphabet, without them falling

off like they did in the story. They learned about and followed the engineering design process: Ask, Imagine, Plan, Create, and Improve. The students imagined what they could do with the supplies provided and drew their plans on a piece of paper before creating their tree. They used materials such as blocks and popsicle sticks to make their tree. The students had a blast partaking in their first STEM challenge of the year. Throughout this time, the students were learning how to work together, problem solve, and communicate with one another by sharing ideas, opinions, and resources. These students have begun to sprout a genuine love for STEM. They are building a strong, solid foundation and are excited for more STEM challenges that come their way!

**FALL PARENT NIGHT MEETING (IN PERSON)** – Please join us in our multipurpose room on Tuesday, September 26, 2023 from 5:00-6:00pm for our Fall Parent Night Meeting. Our team will share important schoolwide updates for the year ahead. We look forward to seeing you there!



### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- September 7 Community Schools - Motivational Speaker Assembly
- September 8 Minimum Day Dismissal (TK-2 11:45am/3-6 12:05pm)
- September 15 Minimum Day Dismissal (TK-2 11:45am/3-6 12:05pm)
- September 26 Fall Parent Informational Meeting (5:00) – *New Date*