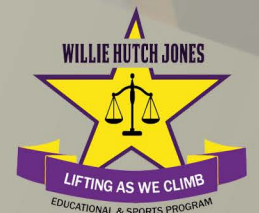




WESTERN NEW YORK'S LARGEST
FREE S.T.E.A.M. FAIR

EDUCATORS SUPPORT PRESENTATION

2024 Theme - All S.T.E.A.M.





WHY SHOWCASE STEAM ●



EXPERIENCE

Curating experience is a cornerstone of our approach to providing enriched learning environments. Like many educators, we also believe in the importance of expanding students' learning experience beyond the pages of textbooks. Our participants are encouraged to understand that every experience, in and out of the classroom, offers a lesson. It is through experiential learning we are able to engage the senses to better connect theories to real world situations.



EXPLORATION

Further still, like you - WHJESP embraces the importance of igniting "wow" and wonder in the developing minds of young people. Being that exploration promotes curiosity and discovery while quelling fear and anxiety, we have included a science expedition field trip. Winners of the showcase embark on an unforgettable journey to national landmarks to learn and explore more of the amazing world of STEAM.



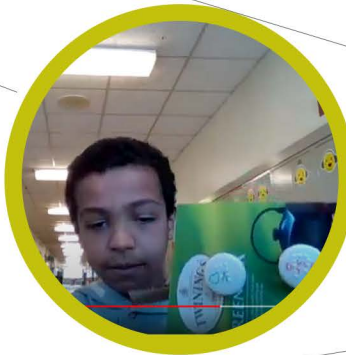
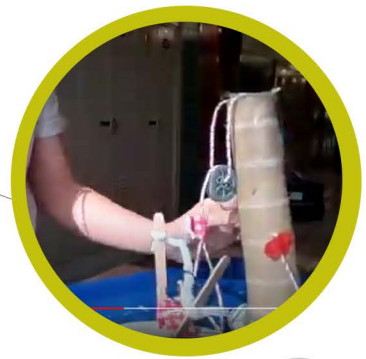
EDU-PLAY

WHJESP harnesses the power of play to elevate both the experience and exploration components in our engagement approach. Along with sports, music, dance, our interactive STEAM experiences have managed to enhance the quality of life for over 10,000 young people. These three components work together to create life-long learners.

WHAT WE'VE ACCOMPLISHED

Over the past nine years we have proudly showcased over 150 group and individual projects from third through twelfth grade students that span the vast domain of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. With support from teachers, faculty, family, and community, our participants have uncovered many marvels of our world and have presented concepts that expanded our minds. In addition to the science expedition trip, winners receive fun and educational prizes, as well as valuable gift cards.

Teachers that enter an entire class win a fun filled pizza party and a Wegmans gift card for personal use.



WHO WE'VE REACHED

9 YEARS

300 STUDENTS

40 SCHOOLS

1,000 ATTENDEES

150 FACILITATORS



HOW YOU CAN HELP

*We go together like...
rama lama lama ka
dinga da dinga dong*



REACH HIGHER & DO MORE

★ Principals & A.P.s

We ask that:

1. You share the S.T.E.A.M. Fair with your student body before the holiday break.
2. Give us time to speak with your student body at a rally, during morning announcements, or at a holiday special event.

★ Teachers & Assistants

We ask that:

1. You support student projects through your insight and guidance.
2. Check in on the progress of student projects – help keep students on track.

★ School Administrators

We ask that:

1. You help to coordinate afterschool hours for students to work on their projects with teachers.

WHO IS HERE TO SUPPORT



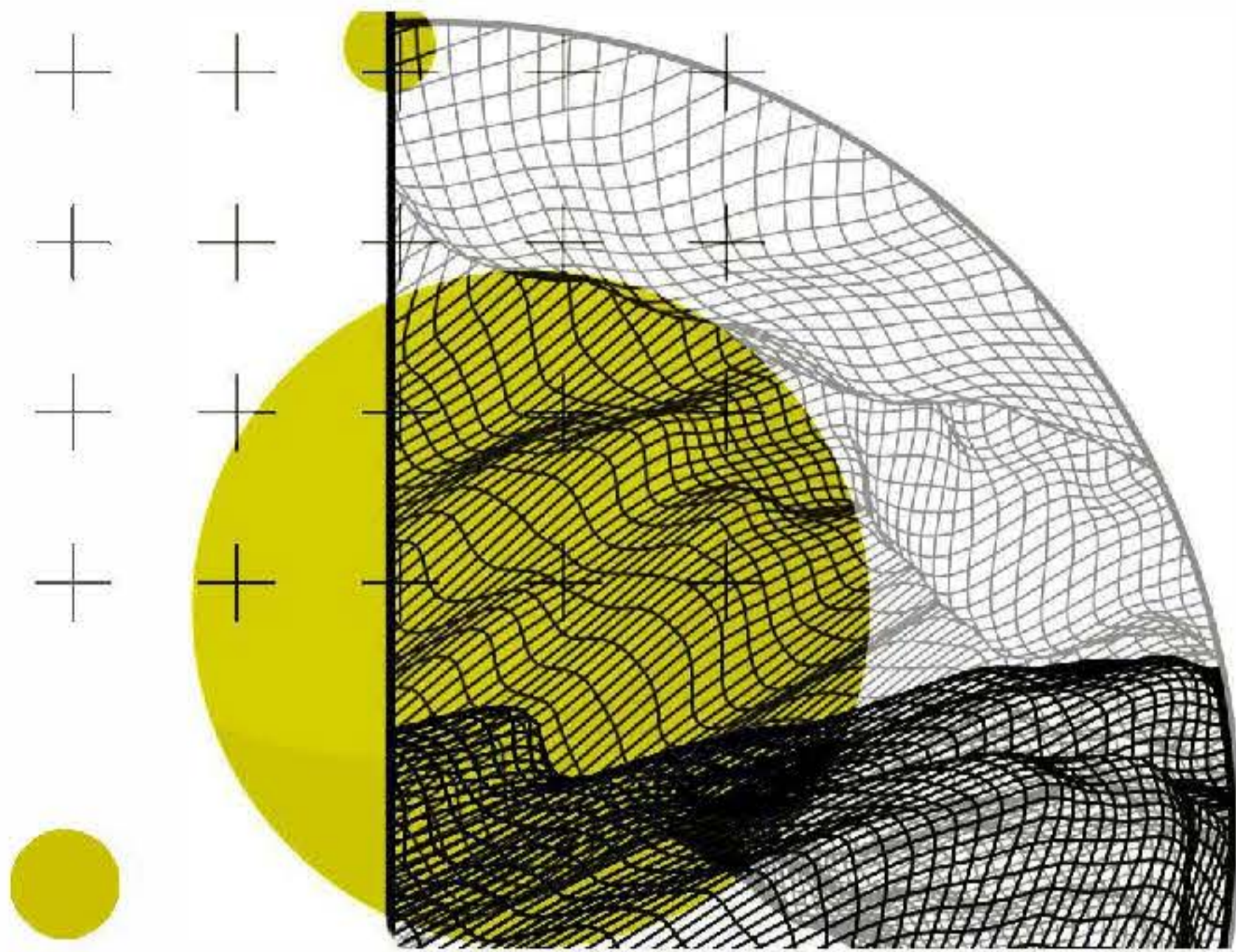
We are so happy to again have the support of the Buffalo Public School District's Science Department, which has placed several Steam Advisors within various schools to help mentor participating students with their projects!



TeamHutch will be right by your side! Our dedicated staff, Board of Directors, and network of supporters have committed to adopt a participating school.

This means that one of our WHJESP members will work to:

1. Coordinate the assistance you will receive from your college support team
2. Provide clear communications throughout the project development process
3. Ensure all students have a positive and memorable experience

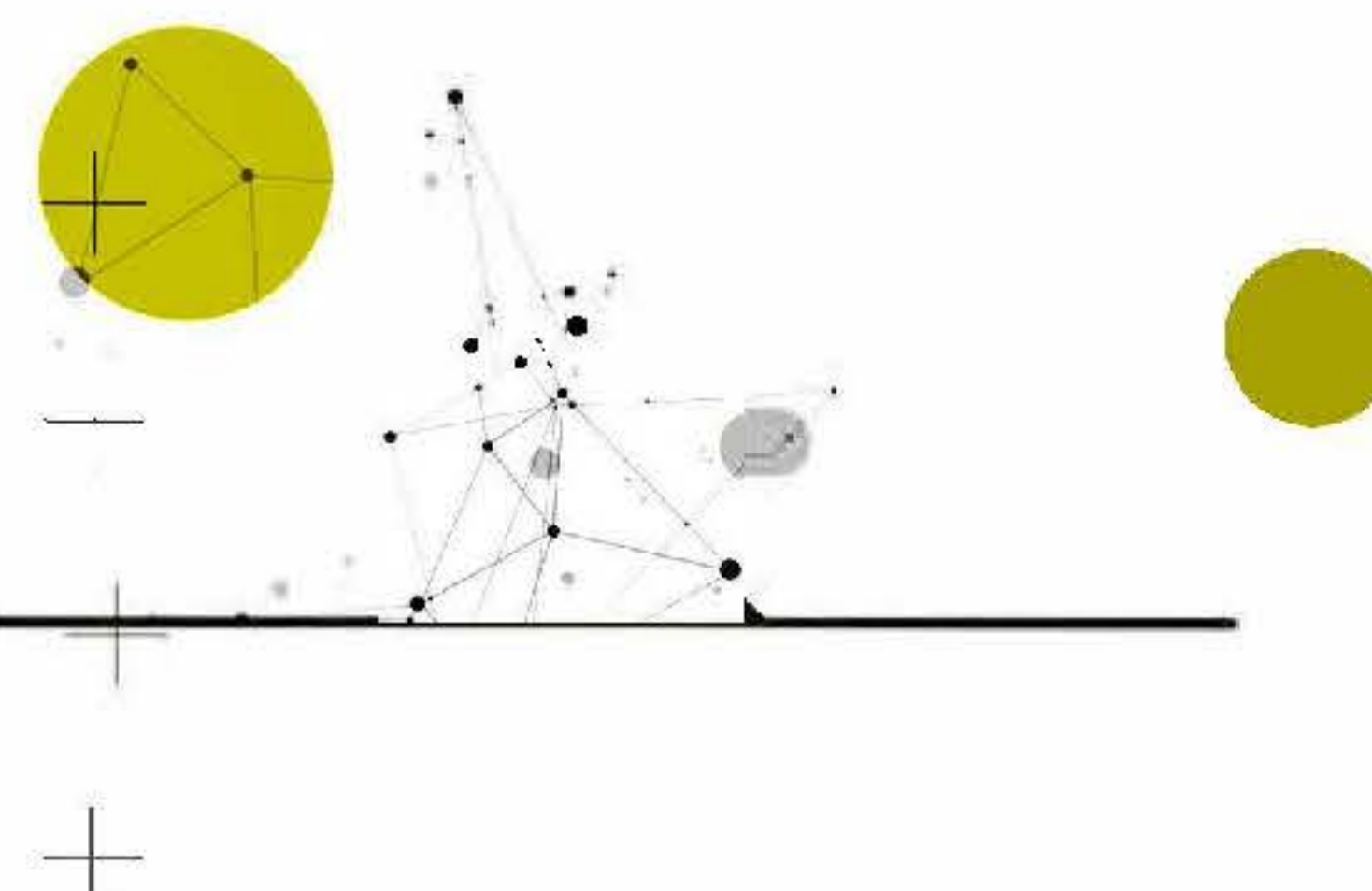


Over the years we have found that students need an ample amount of time to successfully complete their projects. It is ideal to give students three months to brainstorm, develop, and test their projects.

● WHAT IS THE TIMELINE

- + Educator registration and commitment submitted by **JANUARY 5**
- + Submit a list of brief project descriptions by **JANUARY 19**
- + WHJESP hosts a virtual question and answer session for all students and educators **FEBRUARY 9**
- + Students submit their completed projects by **MARCH 1**
- + Students showcase their S.T.E.A.M. projects on event day! **MARCH 23**

WHAT DO YOU SAY...WILL YOU HELP US SPARK THE IMAGINATIONS OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE?



HOW WE IMPACT OUR COMMUNITY



ALL IN A YEAR'S WORK...AND WE HAVE 40 YEARS WORTH

OUR AFTERSCHOOL AND SATURDAY ACADEMY PROGRAMS provide youth with the opportunity to expand their learning experience through sports and the arts.

In a time when these key elements of development are being drastically cut from school budgets, WHJESP programming offers our youth a chance at growing beyond textbooks and standardized tests.

As a 21st Century Afterschool Program facilitator, we currently conduct over 15 enrichment classes with 25 instructors and 5 volunteers serving 196 students.

OUR SUMMER PROGRAMS are an extension of the programming provided during the school year at a broader scale. Like all WHJESP programs, our summer programs are offered at no cost to all youth throughout Buffalo and are conducted across a dozen parks, schools, and communities centers.

Similar to our afterschool programs we offer a variety of enriching options; including soccer, baseball, softball, basketball, volleyball, tennis, swimming, chess, dance, drums, and rowing.

Our programming includes instruction by field professionals, free lunches, as well as access to all needed gear and equipment.

OUR SPECIAL EVENTS are our highlight moments that embody the principles of WHJESP – education, service, and care. At a glance, these annual events include the S.T.E.A.M. Fair, Gear Up A Child, Major League Baseball Play Ball Weekend and Pitch Hit & Run, Thanksgiving and Christmas Giveaways, S.T.E.A.M. Essay Contest and Field Trip Expeditions.

In summary, over the last four decades, WHJESP has worked with ten thousand Buffalo youth through meaningful and impactful programming. WHJESP is like no other home grown youth-focused community organization.

THANK YOU

We look forward to hearing from you.

Visit our website www.whjesp.org to view videos and images of our complete no cost program offerings.

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