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Students Compete in Hands-On Challenges at Innovation Day

What: Teams of fifth- and sixth-grade students compete in challenges using science and engineering skills they learned throughout the school year

When: Tuesday, May 21, 2019
4:30-6 p.m. (awards at 6:30 p.m.)

Where: Save Mart Center
2650 E. Shaw Ave. (93710)

After months of preparation, four-person teams of fifth- and sixth-graders from Fresno Unified schools will square off in hands-on science- and engineering-based challenges. Competing in front of family and friends, Innovation Day is the culmination of students’ involvement in special instruction provided to all fifth and sixth grade classes throughout the school year. At the event, teams will be provided materials to complete a challenge based on skills they have learned during the school year.

Organizers will award Regional Spirit Awards to the top teams in both fifth and sixth grade from each high school region of Fresno Unified. Teams win awards based on exceptional display of the district’s Graduate Profile characteristics: Responsible and Ethical Decision Makers, Creative and Adaptable Learners, Skilled Communicators and Collaborators, Adaptable and Productive Problem Solvers, and Digitally Literate Citizens. Each member of a team that successfully completes the challenge will receive an award.

“Innovation Day challenges encourage students to be creative in their problem-solving and focus on teamwork and other skills that will be great assets in the future, no matter what careers they choose,” said Superintendent Bob Nelson.
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