

JANUARY NEWSLETTER

Spectrum Empowerments's Monthly Newsletter



Our STEAM Event

Exciting news is on the horizon as we gear up to enhance the STEAM event experience with the introduction of Lego Spike Prime sets! Following the popularity of these kits last month, we're thrilled to announce that we've invested in several new iPads and kits, ensuring an enriching experience for every participant. This upgrade is designed to challenge our participants to reach new heights in their STEAM journey. With some participants showcasing remarkable skills and agility with the Lego Spike Essential kits, we are eager to witness the incredible creativity and innovation that will unfold this month!

Our Sports Event

Within our sports programs, we provide a dedicated space for growth, interaction, and achievement. These initiatives are making a positive impact in various ways. As part of our commitment to inclusivity and tailored development, we're excited to share that we've introduced beach balls for younger kids. This thoughtful addition not only enhances their ability to control and watch the ball but also adds an element of fun to their sports experience. We also changed our event time to 15 minutes later so we can get out on those courts without any delay from prior lessons! With this, we will also end 15 minutes later because we want your child to get the full experience.

THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

STEAM EVENT:

JANUARY 12 6 PM-8 PM
MASON MUNICIPAL BUILDING
6000 MASON MONTGOMERY RD
MASON, OHIO 45040

SIGN UP:

[CLICK HERE](#)

SPORTS EVENT:

JANUARY 26 6:15 PM-7:45 PM
FIVE SEASONS SPORTS CLUB
11790 SNIDER RD
CINCINNATI OH 45249

SIGN UP:

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DENTAL DAY:

JANUARY 20 11:00 AM-12:30 PM
KAIZEN FAMILY DENTAL
7665 MONARCH CT, WEST CHESTER
TOWNSHIP, OH 450690

SIGN UP:

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Announcements

As more team meetings unfold, our young innovators are expressing higher levels of creativity, determination, and passion into preparing for their first FLL Explorer tournament on February 3rd. Their teamwork has been nothing short of extraordinary, and we couldn't be more proud to have them represent us on the FLL Explore stage. Let's wish them luck during these next crucial few weeks!

Upcoming Tournament Schedule

- 2/3/24 Sycamore MachBusters FLL Festival
- 3/9/24 Dayton FLL Explore Festival (STATES)
- 3/16/24 Loveland Robotics FLL Explore Festival

Stay tuned for further updates on their remarkable journey.

Exciting News

Spectrum Empowerment and **Kaizen Family Dental** have joined forces to introduce an innovative initiative known as Dental Day on **January 20 at Kaizen Family Dental from 11 AM -12:30 PM**(7665 Monarch Ct, West Chester Township, OH 450690). This collaborative effort aims to provide a supportive environment where children can familiarize themselves with the sensory aspects of a dental setting, including the tactile sensations, sounds, and visual elements. In addition to acclimating them to the dental environment, Dental Day also focuses on educating these children about oral hygiene and overall dental health. Our dedicated team of dentists and staff will be on hand to provide support. Additionally, our trained high school volunteers will showcase these experiences for participants on Dental Day, making it an informative and engaging event.

Given the limitations of our facility, we can accommodate only twelve children for the upcoming Dental Day. However, if you are unable to secure a spot this time, rest assured that we have plans to run this program quarterly.



Spotlight Story

By: **Becky Carrasco, Spectrum Empowerment Parent**

This is the first time that my son William has participated in a First Lego League Team and it has been a wonderful experience. We thought it would be a great experience for him to explore this new opportunity. We loved that he could participate at his own pace and still have been contributing towards the team.



The activities didn't require any physical strength or any complicated motor planning which was beneficial for him to learn and grow. The student volunteers prepare icebreaker activities to engage the interest of the team members and allow them to introduce themselves to each other. William also uses fidgets or chewing gum to focus on the task at hand. Since there are several team members William has to practice turn-taking and patience. I think these are important skills to teach children. Kids also had to use clear communication to resolve any misunderstandings between each other. The team members split up to work on an a specific part of their final project which includes, a restaurant, a soccer field, and a museum. The display will consist of four total parts and William is excited that he can work on different stations each meeting.

We are so thankful for Spectrum Empowerment for hosting weekly team meetings and ensuring that teammates are working together and having fun. This organization does an amazing job balancing fun and education for their students. The weekly meetups are also important to help William learn about persistence and commitment to a project. Completing a group project is difficult for him, and I'm so glad he has this lovely group and helpers to encourage him when he is down. This involvement has sharpened his ability to develop his executive functioning and social skills, and of course, to make new friends. We are so grateful for Spectrum Empowerment and all they have done to help make these children as safe and comfortable as they need.

Thanking our Sponsors

We would like to thank **NeniTech Systems** and **Walmart** as our valuable sponsors of Spectrum Empowerment. Thanks to their invaluable support, our organization has consistently executed successful events!

NeniTech Systems and **Walmart**, your commitment to Spectrum Empowerment is truly commendable. Your partnership not only empowers our organization but also enhances the positive impact we strive to create.



Volunteer of the Month

Let's come together to celebrate and acknowledge **Samhita Kannajosyula**, our exceptional Volunteer of the Month! We appreciate her outstanding communication skills and invaluable contributions while volunteering at the Art Station. **Samhita**, your time, focus, and dedication have truly made a significant impact on our community, and for that, we sincerely thank you!



Social Media

Curious to learn more about our organization? Visit our website to delve into the heart of what we do and discover the impact we're making in our community. For real-time updates and engaging content, be sure to follow us on social media. We share all the latest news, events, and stories there.

** Attention To All Highschoolers **

Are you eager to take the lead in establishing a Spectrum Empowerment chapter in your state, or are you a dedicated volunteer ready to make a meaningful impact in the lives of children on the spectrum and with any developmental disabilities? Your dedication can truly make a difference. Please don't hesitate to contact us using the information provided below. We are excited to connect with individuals who share our vision and passion for positively influencing these kids' lives! If you need more volunteering hours and/or opportunities, check out our website.

We hope you found this edition of our newsletter both informative and engaging. Your opinions and insights are invaluable to us, and we welcome any feedback or suggestions you may have. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us at spectrumempowerment@gmail.com. Your thoughts help us enhance our content and better cater to the interests of our community.

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