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# Westview Elementary students receive hands-on engineering experience

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*Shannon and Madison Adams were among students and staff attending the Feb. 26 Family Engineering Night at Westview Elementary School in Apple Valley. (Photo submitted)*

Dozens of students from Westview Elementary School in Apple Valley and their families participated in a Feb. 26 Family Engineering Night, an event presented by The Works Museum and sponsored by Flint Hills Resources. The event featured a variety of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) activities for families to do together.

STEM educators from The Works Museum brought their programming and expertise inside the halls of Westview Elementary School, where families participated in kid-friendly engineering activities. Students mastered the art – and engineering – of building bridges out of candy, constructing mini-catapults, and wiring circuits.

“Providing children and their families with a memorable hands-on learning experience is really gratifying,” said Jill Measells, CEO of The Works Museum. “It’s a unique opportunity to keep our young learners engaged outside the classroom.”

“Students have limited in-class opportunities when it comes to learning about the engineering design process and how engineers use math and science to solve problems,” said Scott Lindemann, vice president and manufacturing manager at Flint Hills Resources.

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