Students at Ox Ridge School Show Creativity at Maker Faire Event

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Ox Ridge Elementary School students built rockets, wrote code, and constructed amazing structures last week as part of the second annual Maker Faire.

The Maker Faire event at Ox Ridge is reflective of a larger movement happening across the nation. According to the MakerFaire.com website, a Maker Faire is an all-ages event that is “part science fair, part county fair, and part something entirely new.” Maker Faire participants come to show what they have made and share what they have learned.

The Ox Ridge event was held in the Library Media Center and included a number of stations for computing and building.

Speakers and experts in computer coding and robotics were invited to inspire and instruct students across all grades, according to Principal Luke Forshaw (pictured above with students).

Forshaw added that the Maker Faire serves as an opportunity for students to take the lead and personalize their learning by selecting stations of interest and working with teachers.

The event was sponsored by the Ox Ridge PTO and coordinated by the school's Science Technology Engineering Art Math (STEAM) team and Ox Ridge Library Media Specialist Tracy Hintz.

“Our kids had an incredible time and we are looking forward to continued exploration as a community,” said

Forshaw.

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— Marc Marin is district director of instructional technology. This article is republished from the Darien Public Schools News of the Week newsletter.