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## SPS Story Tips

### Pinewood Derby Races

**Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to 11:00 am at Agnes Stewart MS, 900 S. 32<sup>nd</sup>, Springfield**

Students in the STEM class at Agnes Stewart Middle School studied force, gravity and motion while designing and building Pinewood Derby cars. Now, the students are racing the cars to see how fast the cars will go. Super-fun visuals, but also great learning for students.

### Small Solar Car Races

**Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup> from 2:15 to 3:05 pm at Hamlin Middle School, 326 Centennial Blvd., Springfield**

Hamlin MS 8<sup>th</sup>-graders designed and built small solar cars. Today, they race them on a track. These cars are about the size of an adult shoe. It's really fun to watch students see what they have been studying and applying actually work. It's another amazing CTE course.

### Kinder Readiness

**Just give me a little notice – A day's notice would be good**

What does it mean to have your child kinder-ready? What kinds of things can you be doing now to prepare your child for kindergarten? What can you do to prepare yourself? We have experienced teachers who can provide several useful tips. We can also arrange for broil/pics of students.

### Hamlin STEAM Projects

6th grade, is building wooden trucks **until May 17<sup>th</sup>**.

7th grade will **begin building Trebuchets May 13<sup>th</sup>**. This story will be better after next week. In a few weeks, students will take their Trebuchets outside and see how far they can throw.

8th grade will build wind turbines the **week of May 13 – 17<sup>th</sup>**. This is really great. Students study turbines and have to design, measure, cut and build a turbine that actually generates power.

### Walk and Roll Challenge Month

**Through May 31<sup>st</sup>**, the SPS Safe Routes to School program will be hosting another 11 events, including bicycle rodeos, school-wide walks, and more breakfasts at school bike racks. Springfield Safe Routes to School is in need of volunteers for these events. I've provided a list of events and links for people to volunteer. Please contact me if you plan to attend any of these events. We can talk exact times and arrange around no photo kids.

Walks and breakfasts begin at 7:45 am

Bike rodeos are from 6:30 to 8:00 pm

May 13, Thurston MS Breakfast at the Bike Racks:

<https://signup.com/go/nfDcCAK>

May 15, Briggs Breakfast at the Bike Racks:

<https://signup.com/go/qyCUqiy>

May 15, Riverbend Bike Rodeo: <https://signup.com/go/CHUoRzV>

May 17, Riverbend School-Wide Walk: <https://signup.com/go/sEzyoTm>

May 20, Maple Breakfast at the Bike Racks: <https://signup.com/go/VjZdfbK>

May 22, Guy Lee Bike Rodeo: <https://signup.com/go/AhHXvbO>

May 22, Hamlin MS Breakfast at the Bike Racks:

<https://signup.com/go/jPJgmHo>

May 24, Ridgeview School-Wide Walk: <https://signup.com/go/KmSWsmc>

May 29, Douglas Gardens Breakfast at the Bike Racks:

<https://signup.com/go/TAyUCHn>

May 29, Yolanda Bike Rodeo: <https://signup.com/go/rFxFBzV>

May 31, Douglas Gardens School-Wide Walk: <https://signup.com/go/iWkAURg>