

Fritsch Elementary School hosted an Apex Leadership Company training and fundraiser with a school-wide fun run and obstacle course.

Fritsch fundraiser helps build new clean drinking water wells in Africa

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The two-week long Apex Leadership Company training and fundraiser at Fritsch Elementary School not only provided a focused leadership and fitness curriculum that culminated in a schoolwide fun run and obstacle course, but it also helped gross nearly \$20,000 that benefited the school by more than \$10,000 for specialist programs including playground equipment, musical instruments and technology.

Additionally, the fundraiser will help build new clean drinking water wells for communities in Africa and other countries in need. For every student at Fritsch Elementary School who raised at least \$300, Apex promised to donate, on their dime, enough money to provide clean drinking water to one person in Africa, for up to four years.

This newer fundraising model is not only benefiting children globally, but it also gets kids here locally back into exercise and fitness as well as teaching them key leadership and social and emotional learning skills.

The fundraiser helped each student believe the following:

- They can change their school and the world in a profound way
- Serving others brings the greatest joy and contributes to the greater good
- Encouragement and enthusiasm builds others up
- Raising money for your school can also serve as a positive learning experience
- Many people giving

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a little makes deep and lasting changes in people's lives for the better

At the conclusion of the fundraising and leadership training program, each student was able to participate in all Apex activities, regardless of financial giving, as well as receive daily leadership lesson bracelets and a medal for completing the obstacle course.

Empire Elementary \$5,000 Rotary grai

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Empire Elementary School has received a \$5,000 grant to hold four STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) Parent Nights. Nearly a dozen applications from teachers and teams of teachers were received for this competitive grant.

The school plans to host quarterly Family STEM Nights. Each Family STEM Night will have stations that focus on the specific content standards taught during regular classroom instruction to help reinforce and extend learning.

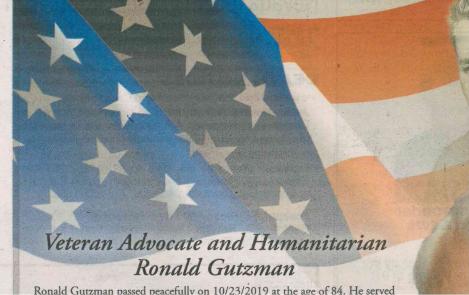
Empire Elementary plans to allow students, teachers, families and community members to explore STEM together in a fun and educational way, said Adrienne Wiggins, STEM coach at Empire.

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An Empire Elementary School student interacts with school district's STEM and sustainability initiatives fe



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