

Safe Routes to School names parent survey winners

Carson City School District

Yahir Herrera, a third grader from Mark Twain Elementary School, and Adria Bass, a kindergarten from Bordewich Bray Elementary School, were awarded prizes for their parents' participation in a survey designed to develop a School Safety Review Study.

Herrera won a new 24-inch bike from Bike Habitat, a local bicycle company, and Bass won a new custom scooter from WheelHouse, a local scooter company.

Carson City Public Works and Western Nevada Safe Routes to School issued the Parent Walking and Biking survey this past fall. The survey was designed to help discern parents' concerns and perceptions regarding their child walking or biking to school.

The survey will help guide the development of the 2019 School Safety Review Study, set to be completed in May 2020. There were 324 parent participants with 268 entries for the bike and scooter raffle. The raffle offered one entry to win a scooter and one for a bicycle.



PHOTOS: CARSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
ABOVE: Adria Bass, a kindergarten from Bordewich Bray Elementary School, won a new custom scooter from WheelHouse, a local scooter company. **RIGHT:** Yahir Herrera, a third grader from Mark Twain Elementary School, won a new 24-inch bike from Bike Habitat, a local bicycle company.



Mark Twain Elementary receives funding for LEGO Team, earns second place



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 Mark Twain Elementary School's FIRST LEGO League team members include Sydney Ashby, fifth grade, Cassidy Branham, fifth grade, Nickolas Cotsonis, fifth grade, Sarah Payan, fourth grade, and Grady Schwartz, fifth grade. Coaches include Ms. Tearra Bobula and Mrs. Susan Ikehara.

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Mark Twain Elementary School has been selected to receive funding and support for the next five years to build and maintain a FIRST LEGO League team for students in grades 4 to 8 or ages 9 to 14. The funding opportunity, totaling more than \$6,150 over the course of the five years, comes as part of the Tesla K-12 Education Investment in Nevada program.

Calling themselves the Galaxy Innovators, the school began its LEGO program starting late in October. The team met twice a week after school to work on key qualifiers on which their robot will be judged



in completing various missions. Those included Robot Design, Innovation Project, Core Values and Coding.

As early as Dec. 21, the elementary school's team competed at its first Northern Nevada Qualifiers. Held at Dayton Intermediate School, the team placed second overall in Core Values and 14th in robot games.

The criteria for judging in the Core Values portion of the event included:

■ **Discovery:** explore new skills and ideas.

■ **Innovation:** use creativity and persistence to solve problems.

■ **Impact:** apply what we learn to improve the world.

■ **Inclusion:** respect each other and embrace differences.

■ **Teamwork:** stronger when working together.

■ **Fun:** enjoy and celebrate what they do.

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