

November 2016

LINKS NEWS



SAVE THE DATE:

Nov. 11– FLL Scrimmage, Fernbank Elem. 6PM

Dec. 3– BEST Competition, Auburn Univ., AL

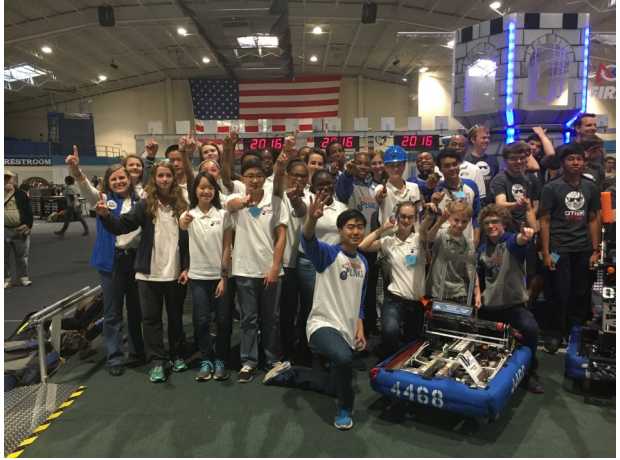
Dec 10– FLL Regionals, Tucker HS, 8AM Sat.

Dec. 17– Holiday Party, 4-6pm Fernbank Science Ctr.

LINKSters Defend Champion Title at GRITS

Team #4468 successfully defended the title as "GRITS Champions" on October 22, at Riverside Military Academy in Gainesville. The rookie drive team performed well in the qualifying matches, teaming up with the #2 seed alliance team #2415 WiredCats and team #1746, OTTO.

Fernbank LINKS was aligned with #2415 at the Kennesaw qualifier as the number 1 seed, but lost. #4468, was aligned with #1746 at the Peachtree state championships as the #1 seed, and lost again. With the combined strength of teams #2415 and #1746, Fernbank successfully defeated the #1 seed alliance comprised of 3 of the top teams in the Peachtree District.



Home Depot Day

Georgia BEST Robotics teams tested, tweaked and perfected their robots on a full-size regulation "Bet The Farm" field on Oct. 29, at the Lawrenceville Hwy. Home Depot. Teams from around the metro area were invited to practice on the field before a big regional competition.

Honey Baked Ham Sales 20% of sales goes to team.

https://honeybakedfundraising.com/fundraisers/Fernbank_LINKS_STEM_Robotics_Team



Safety First.... Parent mentor, Reginald Daniel goes over fire safety protocol and evacuation drill with #4468, at JRD Facility.

Teams Bring Their "Best" to BEST Competition

Battle For "Bet the Farm" Challenge



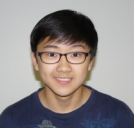
On November 5, Fernbank LINKS joined 16 other teams in the robotic challenge, "Bet the Farm" at GSU's Clarkson Perimeter College.

This was the team's first year competing in this challenge, winning Software Design & Simulation Award and 3rd Place BEST Award. LINKSters won awards

for online simulation, display and engineering notebook categories. Many thanks to more than 60 volunteers who helped make the event possible. Sadly, the team's finish will not qualify them to move onto the Regional Competition at Auburn University, in December.



Team Spotlight



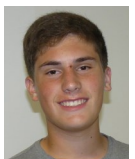
Daniel Lee: 15; Freshman, Druid Hills HS; Joined robotics because he wanted to see how robots are created. Favorite TV: Stranger Things.



Dessen Rodriguez: 15; Freshman, home-schooled; Has always liked working on robots; Favorite Show: Batman



Jabin Rodriguez: 16, 11th grade, home-schooled; Inspired to join robotics by older brother and enjoys being on the team. Favorite TV: Agents of Shield.



Jack Leff: 16, Lakeside HS, Jr.; Joined the team to improve his marketing and business skills; favorite TV show, The Office

Mentor Mentions



Sarah Bridges; Mom to Sawyer and Marley. Long time FLL veteran, with computer skills and education background. Making robotics a family affair.



Drew Ditzler; 3rd year Mechanical Engineering student at Ga Tech. Started with FLL and became a mentor.



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