

Team Tators Newsletter

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This is going to be an exciting season! With a new year comes a brand new build season. With long nights during the week, and even longer days on the weekends, time is going to fly by. We have six whole weeks to complete a new robot for the new game, Rebound Rumble. It is hard to see where the time flies by competition time. Rebound Rumble is based off of the great game of basketball. There are 4 scoring hoops (regulation size) at 3 different heights. There are also 3 teeter-totter bridges you can crossover and balance on. Though it will take a lot of time, sweat, a little elbow grease, and maybe even a few tears, it will all be worth it to see the robot go out and win.

Many students and mentors met out at T.V.M.S.C (Treasure Valley Math and Science Center) to see the release of the video for the new season. Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, Woodie Flowers, Dean Kamen, and Will.I.Am (from the music group the **Black Eyed Peas**) all spoke about changes in rules, how great the game will be, and how important it is for young minds to go out into the world and make a difference with the knowledge they have gained from FIRST® Robotics.

The team is trying to create the best robot made yet this year, and with better materials and ideas from previous robots incorporated into this season's robot, the team is determined to win and make it to nationals once again.

Our old friend and alumni, Ben Nye, has been helping and kindly lending his services to help many students and even went all the way to Twin Falls to pick up the new parts that were provided to us through FIRST®.

These parts that Ben went to retrieve included various items to challenge the ways in which we design a robot.

The new robot is still a work in progress but 3D animations are being made in the workshop. Everyone is putting a little bit of themselves within the robot and you can really see the hard work they are putting into it.

There will be a timeline of pictures coming within the next couple of newsletters of the second annual "Build Beard", worn proudly by Cooper Urie. This beard is started at the beginning of the build season and will be finished at the first game.

Stay safe and warm in this cold weather. Go Tators!

