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Bobcat Coders at Mapleview Intermediate School Hosted an Open House to Share Their Projects

Kimberly, Wis. – Feb. 23, 2017 – At Mapleview Intermediate School, members of the Bobcat Coders computer science club shared their talents with their family and friends during their open house on February 16, 2017. During the open house, the Bobcat Coders were proud to showcase their computer projects, animations, games and other creations for their guests. Those in attendance were able to see a glimpse of the computer science field through the eyes of a sixth grader.

Chris Fitzgerald, sixth grade teacher at Mapleview, started the after-school club last winter as a way for students interested in technology, computer programming and coding to learn more about computer science. “This is a great way for students to get a taste of computer programming in a way that they can feel successful,” said Fitzgerald. About 15-20 sixth graders now participate in Bobcat Coders.

“For these students, computer science is their niche or their thing,” said Fitzgerald. “Bobcat Coders is a good way for them to find and connect with other students with the same interests that they have.”



Dominick Copeland shows his dad, Lee, the computer project he has been working on.



Paxtyn Meyer and Emily Rohde explain their computer coding projects to Bob Mayfield, Superintendent of the Kimberly Area School District.

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Co-curricular activities are one way that educators are helping students reach their potential in the Kimberly Area School District. “We’re very



April Spielbauer listens to her son Bret as he explains the computer program he is working on.

fortunate to have the resources to offer programs like this. In addition to having Chromebooks, we are able to organize after-school programs

with the help of many people who are willing to support a variety of intramurals at a young age.”



Patricia Wakeland looks on as her granddaughter Morgan Wilder demonstrates her coding skills.

About the Kimberly Area School District

The Kimberly Area School District is a progressive public school district committed to providing the best possible education available to students. Its responsibility is to help lead the way in developing well-rounded students and future citizens. The District wants every student to be given the opportunity to reach their potential through academics, the arts and co-curricular activities. It encompasses approximately 17 square miles and serves over 5,000 students in one 4K center, four elementary schools (5K-4), two intermediate schools (5-6), one middle school (7-8) and one high school (9-12). To learn more about the Kimberly Area School District, call (920)788-7900 or visit www.kimberly.k12.wi.us.

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