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Fifth-Grade Lego/Robotics Team Hosts Lithium Battery Recycling Event

Who:  
Fifth-grade students from Enrico Fermi School No. 17

What:  
Lego/robotics team project on lithium battery exchange

When:  
Thursday, June 15, 2023, 2:30 p.m.

Where:  
Enrico Fermi School No. 17  
158 Orchard Street  
Rochester, NY 14611

Details:  
Fifth-grade students from a Lego/robotics team at Enrico Fermi School No. 17 are teaching the community about the harmful effects of pollution.

Students on this team are hosting a lithium battery recycling event to show that when batteries are thrown into a landfill, the ground can become contaminated. The students are hosting a battery exchange event for tickets to play games at the school’s carnival/spring expo.

Students on the Lego/robotics team recently won an award for an innovative idea at a scouts/robotics competition where they came up with the idea of holding a carnival where people bring dead ion-Lithium batteries for the purposes of recycling. The battery exchange will be done in partnership with Waste Management, Monroe County’s ECO Park, Sunnking, a Brockport business, that focuses on reducing the amount of e-waste in landfills and promoting responsible reuse, repair, and recycling of unwanted electronic equipment. Additionally, School No. 17 is working with Li-Cycle, a leading lithium-ion battery recycler in North America, whose company recently donated laptop computers to students at Edison Career and Technology High School.