Need of Earlham Schools

The K-5th grade teams need 30 minutes of no student interruptions, while reviewing their grade levels strategic plan.

Problem

When the teachers are busy in a meeting who is in charge of the students.

Solution

Kristin Sheffield, Director of Teaching and Learning, and Casey Wenstrand, Madison County CYC, partnered to offer hands on STEM activities during the strategic planning for each grade and offer all the elementary families a night of Family fun at the STEM Festival.

Benefits

The in-school program, Time for STEM, is a blast to plan and facilitate especially since the numbers don’t lie. When all is said and done, we will have reached 180 youth with 7.5 hours of education. This in-school program is small, but has a high impact, with little staff time. This partnership helps the Earlham Community School District strives to provide their youth with the experience they don’t have the chance to partake in by providing the students with hand on STEM activities and a STEM Festival focused on STEM based careers. After years of Madison County attempting to offer in school programming to Earlham Community School, this is a new program that shows great potential for growth and longevity.
It’s Time for STEM
How Earlham Schools and Madison County Extension partnered to meet the needs of Youth.

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