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Fifth graders take on engineering challenges at May 2nd event

On Thursday, May 2, 2013, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., fifth-grade students will explore the field of engineering and related career opportunities during the first-ever Family Engineering Night at R.R. Oehrli Elementary in Montague.

Students and their parents will participate in a variety of activities including testing and improving on the load capacity of an arched bridge, and building a grabber device from a limited number of supplies. The grabber will have to be capable of picking up various items including marbles and erasers. Volunteer engineers, teachers, and National Honor Society students from Montague High School will help guide students and parents through the activities.

Sarah Coleman, Science Consultant from the MAISD Regional Mathematics and Science Center said, "This is an opportunity for students and their families to become more aware of engineering practices and career paths. We want to get them excited about engineering and their bright futures."

The Muskegon Area Intermediate School District's (MAISD) Regional Mathematics and Science Center and Montague Area Public Schools are sponsoring this event. A second engineering night will take place on Tuesday, May 7, 2013, at Velma Mattson Upper Elementary School in Newaygo, Michigan.

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