# Worcester Elementary

Home & School Association

# Ag Lab

- Mobile laboratory for hands-on agricultural science lessons
- Important educationally and also culturally, because of Worcester's ties as a farming community
- Home & School brings this program to Worcester Elementary on a yearly basis

- Partnership between the highly trained and skilled Worcester Librarian Mrs. Debra Cherry and Home & School.
- STEAM-inspired & -focused challenges
- Promotes and encourages exploration in Science, Technology, Engineering , Art, and Math
- During Monday recess periods
- Teachers rotate interested students through









Examples of Student Challenges:

- Programming robotics
- Writing and filming skits using iPads
- Designing structures with a myriad of materials like Legos, K'nex, straws, and cardboard
- Creating story lines based on children's literature in a collaborative setting
- Textile crafting
- Circuitry
- Testing hypotheses

Maker Mondays Committee:

- Researches ideas
- Establishes monthly challenge themes
- Plans each day's multiple challenge stations
- Supervises student participants

Each year, Maker Mondays begins with the Global Cardboard Challenge, an event to foster

- Exploration of interests and passions
- Teaching of critical thinking, resourcefulness, perseverance and teamwork
- Community-building
- Celebration of childhood creativity.

Source: <u>www.CardboardChallenge.com</u>

Maker Mondays builds from this event and sustains those goals throughout the school year.















#### Worcester Home & School Events

#### Year Long Sponsorship

#### **Events**

Lunch	Book it Reading Program	Back to School Social	Mother/son Event
Working Wednesdays	Assemblies	4th Grade Picnic	Father/Daughter
Weekly Happenings	Directory	Field Day	Science Fair
Emergency Provisions	Veterans' Day	Walk a thon	Staff Appreciation
Agenda Books	Field Day	Kinder/1st Grade Mixer	Family Game Night
Field Trips	Grants		,,
Families in Need	Library	Pillows Popcorn and PJ's	Talent Show
Methacton Coordinating Council		Holiday Workshop	Fun Day