

Monthly News Letter



EdCo Calendar

September Meetings

Admissions Directors

9.19 9:00AM @ Oishei Office

Board of Directors

9.21 8:30 AM @ Park School

STEAM Coordinators

9.22 4:00PM @ Nichols School

October Meetings

School Heads

10.5 8:30AM @ Canisius HS

Librarians

10.14 8:30AM @ Sacred Heart

Computer Science Teachers

10.18 3:30 PM @ Nichols School

STEAM Coordinators

10.25 4:00PM @ St. Mary's HS

School Heads

10.26 8:30AM @ UB South – Allen Hall

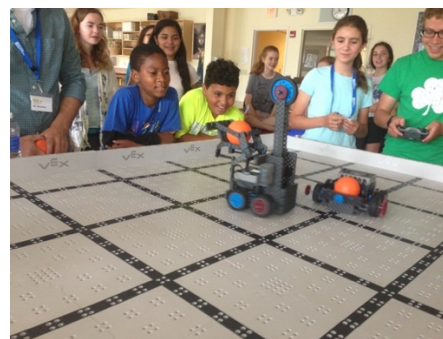
This Summer was STEAMing!



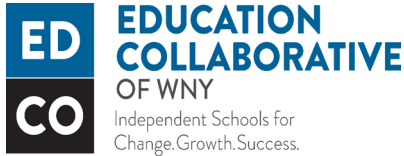
WNY STEAM Conference

Over 225 teachers, professors and other educational professionals attended the third annual event on August 1st and 2nd at Hilbert College. Attendees from WNY schools took part in presentations and workshops that addressed various aspects of STEAM education, including: technology integration, inquiry learning and more.

STEAM Summer Experiences



Forty-two middle school students attended one of two week-long Summer STEAM Experiences hosted by Nardin Academy and St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute. Students explored robots at the Battling Bots Experience, by building their own battle bots in teams while also traveling to various WNY sites such as the General Motors Powertrain Plant. In the Are You Healthy? Sports Science Experience, students learned about connecting healthy living and the connection to exercise and sport through activities such as a food chef challenge and by traveling to are sports facilities like Impact Sports.



EdCo Professional Development

The Equity and Inclusion, and the Technology Integration programs are facilitated by Monica Ridgeway, Ph.D. and Eric Yarwood. Both programs offer various opportunities for teachers to learn about education trends, obtain new skills and integrate new content and technologies into their classrooms. Monica and Eric will be visiting the EdCo schools beginning in October. In addition, workshops will be offered at various EdCo schools on a regular basis and are open to all teachers. Please visit the EdCo website for more information and to sign up for visits and workshops.

<http://www.edcowny.org/professional-development>



Digital Citizenship and Social Media

On June 6, thirty-two people met to discuss social media and digital citizenship from 14 of the 15 EdCo schools, as well as our partner Buffalo Prep. In attendance were: school heads, tech coordinators, counselors, admissions directors, teachers, and student deans. The collaborative session allowed attendees to form groups where they discussed the following topics: policy, use and misuse of student social media, parent education, and student education. The shared ideas among all the schools have left them to work on individual school plans over the summer. The group is reconvening in the Fall to share results and collaborate on new ideas.

