## **Ashford School News and Happenings**

## A Note from Troy Hopkins, Principal

Science and engineering activities allow students to be creative and engaged at Ashford School. Our students our fortunate to benefit from highly motivated, innovative teachers as well as have access to many forms of technology. Here are just a few examples.







Aerospace and Cardboard Engineering Night was held Thursday, January 11th. At this event, students build their own space themed creations, view 6th grade science projects and learn about aerospace engineering. The students had lots of fun creating with cardboard, scissors and tape!

Ashford students competed at the VEX VRC and VEX IQ competitions at Bolton High School on Saturday, January 13th. Eighth grade students competed in the VRC division. Fifth grade students competed in the IQ division. Students pictured here are trying to release the tray of rings for 20 points with their robot. Competitors also score points by placing the rings on the poles.







Students in Media and Tech practice their drone flying skills on mini drones. As they develop their skills, the students will start operating an intermediate racing drone, a DJI phantom with HD video and a drone that students built themselves.

## **Up-Coming School Events**

Thursday, Feb. 1st	Talks with Troy	7:45am
Thursday, Feb. 8th	PJammin Fundraiser (a fundraiser created by the American Childhood Cancer Organization to help children in their fight against cancer.)	Don't forget to wear your pajamas or the color yellow to school!
Friday, Feb. 16 <sup>th</sup>	No School for Students Professional Development Day	
Monday, Feb. 19 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday, Feb. 20 <sup>th</sup>	No School	
Thursday, Feb. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Take Apart Night and Invention Showcase	6:00pm
Feb. $26^{th}$ – March $2^{nd}$	Spirit Week	