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Fontana Unified Students Advance to World Robotics Tournament in Denmark

after their success at a WRO Tour

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"Our schools are constantly assessing how we can inspire innovation in our students and we have seen tremendous growth in a positive culture on campus, creative problem-solving and an excitement for learning," Randall Pepper, Principal of Dr. Annette Basley said. Our students are thrilled to be part of this historic moment and to showcase the skills they have learned in such a short time."

Through a partnership with Engineering for Kids, Randall Pepper Elementary launched its robotics program in January forming a team from a lottery of second - to fifth-grade students with strong attendance rates. Wayne Ruble Middle School's program - also founded in partnership with the local organization - has bolstered students' coding, robotics and computer science skills since 2012.

Over four days, the novice robotics students will tour the original LEGO LAND in Billund and explore the city of Aarhus before preparing for today's of competition and mini challenges. Randall Pepper students will compete in the WeDo robots they build and program themselves, the LEGO Mindstorms students will build and program EV3 robots.

Fontana Unified has expanded learning opportunities in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) at all educational levels, inspiring students to develop a diverse skillset to thrive in a variety of academic and professional fields.

"Our students have demonstrated tremendous STEM skills and continue to impress our parents, staff and community with their ingenuity," Fontana Unified Superintendent Randal S. Bissett said. We are tremendously proud of our students who will represent Fontana at the international level and we are deeply appreciative of the hardworking educators who supported our students every step of the way."

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FUSD_WRO: Randall Pepper Elementary and Wayne Ruble Middle School will advance seven students to the World Robot Olympiad (WRO) Friendship Invitational Tournament in August.