

## IN THE MIDDLE: 'Technology Explorers' combines fun with learning

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iPhones, computers, laptops, tablets, iPods — they all have something in common: They're technology!

Technology is something that we use in everyday life, nowadays. Much more advanced than the newspaper and daily show on the telly? I can agree with you on that. What if you didn't know how to use technology? Well, let's say that you'd be pretty far behind. Lucky for KMS students, Krueger features a



specific club to learn and experiment with technology and robotics: The Technology Explorers.

"Technology Explorers" might seem like a "cheesy" name, but it definitely doesn't have a cheesy purpose. Schools like Lake Hills Elementary and Krueger Middle School have taken advantage of this very hands-on program,

which includes third- through eighth-grade participants. Using computers, iPads, computers, robots and even Spheros (a remote-control, clear ball that is controlled by an iPad) to educate students in a

fun way, the robotics club helps kids think critically and give them exposure to the technology that we are surrounded with every day.

According to Mrs. Samelson and Mr. Nfr, the Michigan City area adults who provide this opportunity for the district's students, not only does this program aid students in learning about technology and cool gadgets, but it also helps to make students better observers, analyzers and problem solvers. With this club, you seem to never get bored of doing the same things over and over again. There always seems to be a new activity or competition in store. One week, you're using a CAD to manipulate a Cool Bike. Then the next, you're programming a remote control sphere to go through a maze. Not only are there fun activities, but there are also competitions featured. Who knows, you could be the next Steve Jobs.

Boring? Far from it! This club was made to be both resourceful with a little kick of fun. The Krueger Colts are provided this opportunity with the outstanding club named "The Technology Explorers."

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