Wagner Ranch holds biggest ever Makers' Faire

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Elementary School Makers' Faire on April 19-20 expanded to include a family night with food trucks, with over 200 people attending that evening, and all 19 classes of students given the opportunity to attend the two-day faire in cycles of two hours each. trepreneur and inventor, works The faire was started four years as a substitute teacher and volago by Andrew Anagnost, CEO unteered at the faire. Holding of Autodesk, whose children at- a doctorate from Cornell in entend Wagner Ranch. This year of- gineering/physics, he offered a teacher at Wagner Ranch] is a sufered a variety of STEAM (Sci- variety of activities, including ence, Technology, Engineering, working with pieces of "Olive," Art and Mathematics) projects an olive tree that had to be cut now a hybrid of company reps, from which the students could down. Students sanded the piecchoose. Students could fly drones es to make pendants, key chains, or paper rockets, use coding to and other items. At his table, operate robots, observe different students could also construct effects on a water wall, a marble dodecahedrons. Strickler noted wall, help make furniture in the that there are a lot of brilliant stugarden, and construct harmoni- dents in Orinda, and the goal is to cas from tongue depressors, as keep them challenged and lever-

his year's Wagner Ranch teachers, volunteers and company representatives, including employees from Autodesk and Maker Lab Extreme, a company that offers science, art, engineering and design camps and classes in Walnut Creek.

James Strickler, a retired enwell as many other choices avail- age that to have them help other

teaching standard is not a speed

Anagnost spoke of the development of the event. "It's amazing," he said. The first year was just a few tables for two grades, and it has grown tremendously, now offering a plethora of tables and time for all 19 classes of students to cycle through. "Parents bring amazing ideas," he added, "and Megan [Natal, fourth-grade per star."

Natal said that the faire is parents and volunteers, including former teachers and former students. The faire, she summed up, "gives kids a chance to create and build, and use the sense that, if something doesn't work, try again. It teaches perseverance."

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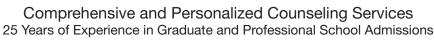
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