MEDIA ADVISORY: February 19, 2021
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WHERE: 4th Grade classrooms at Solheim Elementary School, 325 Munich Drive, Bismarck

WHEN: Friday, February 26, 2021
9:00 – 10:00 am: Classroom 1 – Forensics / Classroom 2 – Bucket Towers
10:45 – 11:45 am: Classroom 3 – Forensics / Classroom 4 – Marble ZiLines

WHO (onsite): Janet Rosario, Programs Director - Gateway to Science contact for on-site interviews
Brooke Kemmet, STEM Educator
Shelly Swanson, Solheim Elementary Principal

WHAT: Gateway to Science brings STEM workshops to Solheim Elementary classrooms

Gateway to Science is bringing a hands-on STEM workshop to each classroom at Solheim Elementary School in Bismarck. That’s a total of 25 workshops for 534 students!

The workshops resulted from modifications made to the science center’s popular outreach programs due to COVID to address students’ and partners’ health and safety. STEM workshops delivered to schools allow students to engage in hands-on, high-energy learning experiences in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) while maintaining a safe environment for everyone.

“Many classrooms that have field trips to the Gateway to Science interactive gallery also take part in a STEM workshop while at the science center,” said Janet Rosario, Programs Director. “The pandemic has made it difficult for schools to participate in field trips, so we decided to bring the workshops to them.”

Gateway to Science workshops are offered for grades K-12 with expectations and degree of difficulty appropriate for the participants’ age/grade. Workshop descriptions are available on the Gateway to Science website. Recognizing that delivering education during these extraordinary times is an ever-changing process, Gateway to Science has the ability to be flexible and works with each school to meet their specific needs. Six Fridays beginning in January and running through March have been designated for the Solheim Elementary STEM workshops. A Gateway to Science STEM Educator delivers the workshops to one classroom at a time. Workshops are 45 or 60 minutes in length, and all materials are supplied.

The workshops at Solheim Elementary are made possible through the partnership between the ND EPSCoR State Office and Gateway to Science to deliver quality STEM programming throughout North Dakota.

Gateway to Science is North Dakota’s hands-on science center and is located in the Frances Leach High Prairie Arts & Science Complex, 1810 Schafer Street, Bismarck, North Dakota. In addition to an interactive exhibits gallery, they offer STEM educational outreach programs serving people of all ages, including out-of-school time clubs, camps, and workshops. Gateway to Science is open Monday-Thursday 1-6pm; Friday 1-5pm; and, Saturday 10am-5pm. Visit gatewaytoscience.org for more information.

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