

BASH AT THE BEACH

Twenty teams participated in Bash at the Beach, hosted by fellow team Techno Ticks, where the winner gets all the bragging rights. One of the main goals at Bash at the Beach is to involve new students in team activities, and show them what a competition feels like. In total, 33 students from 2168 attended the event.

Bash at the Beach was a success for the Fitch Robotics team and all around great event! Fitch Robotics placed in 9th individually, but the team showed their strengths and was paired with the 4th alliance, leading to winning the entire competition. During the competition, the robot had fallen twice in two separate matches, But experienced driver Stephen Cloudas kept his cool and came back in the last couple of matches. The Drive team worked well with FRC Team 1991 and 2067, to help coordinate the autonomous modes in the beginning of each match.



BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

On October 22, 2018, 25+ students supported the team at the BoE meeting. Julianna, Ingrid, and Anthony presented a slideshow displaying our challenges and successes in the 2018 season to the Groton Public Schools Board of Education.

There was a short video compilation of last year's season as well. Our 2018 robot "Bruhhh" was also demonstrated at the meeting.

This meeting with the school board is an important moment to showcase the team's previous season and let them know what to expect for the upcoming year. The team would like to thank the Board of Education for their continued support and sponsorship. Without them, the team would not have been able to achieve our success this season without their support and the ability to use Pleasant Valley



PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

Every year, team 2168 hosts a pancake breakfast and basket raffle, which largely helps fund the robotics season. The 9th annual pancake breakfast was hosted on December 1st, 2018 at Fitch High School. This event is very important to the team as it not only serves as a fundraiser, but as an opportunity to raise awareness of the team. This year, 30+ students helped with setup, cleanup, serving food, and educating guests about STEM and FIRST. Many of our robots from previous years were on display, including our 2013 robot, Phoenix, and our 2018 robot, Bruhhh. The team also hosts an FLL area for younger children in attendance to get a hands on experience with small robots. This year's event helped raise the team over \$7,000, which will be dedicated to funding student travel to New England Championships. Thank you to everyone who came to the event and supported our team, and will hopefully join again next year!

MYSTIC WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING

Last year, three female members of 2168 attended a meeting of the Mystic Women's Club. Julianna, Deidra, and Ingrid presented a slideshow capturing last year's season and thanked them for their donation. Our mentor, Nicole, also spoke about her job at Pfizer, and her role as a mentor on the team. A short video was then played showcasing our robot, "bruhhh" and our victories this past season. We presented the club with a plaque thanking them for their donation. The women were very interested and asked many questions about the robot and robotics in general. Overall, the presentation went well and they wanted us to return next year with our robot for a demonstration!

