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Allard Students Experience Space in Annual Olympics

Allard Elementary students rocketed into learning last week during Allard's annual Science and Math Olympics.

Each of Allard's more than 200 students forged new education frontiers last week with activities geared toward their grade level with a focus on the event's theme "Space." The building itself was decorated as an out-of-this-world habitat with student-made Moon habitats dotting hallways and questions about astronauts lining the walls as part of a trivia competition.

During the school day, students challenged one another in math and Jeopardy competitions on the building's interactive whiteboards, raced rocket cars powered by air from balloons and participated in measuring activities tailored to their grade level with kindergarteners identifying shapes and fifth-graders calculating radius, circumference and diameter of various objects throughout the building.

The Carnegie Science Center also taught children about the world beyond Earth through a special, interactive "Space Encounters" assembly and some lessons pertaining to astronomy with the "Unisphere Planetarium," a portable, inflatable display piece that showcases various constellation programs for students of all ages.

Learning continued at home as each student harnessed their imagination and ingenuity as they created science projects assigned to their grade level. Those projects with first-grade rocket ship designs, second-grade alien descriptions, third-graders' new planets, fourth-grade's alien community shadow boxes and fifth-graders' space station models were on display throughout the building during a special parent night.