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### MAMS Sixth-Graders Race Handmade Battery Cars



*Moon Area Middle School sixth-grade students created battery-powered cars to compete in the annual Battery Car Race. Students involved included Allison Ulven (front row, left), Gabriela Marsh, Maria DeBastiani, Amanda Mapel and Abby Mapel, Emily Malsch (middle row, left), Emily Padgett, Alayna Trice, Kelsey Hall, and Kiera Zacher, Logan Radcliff (back row, left), Ethan Harrington, Patrick Crago, Stevie Kotok, Sam Henry and Ben Elkins.*

Moon Area Middle School students recently participated in the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Battery Car Race on Jan. 21 at North Allegheny High School. This engineering event welcomed sixth-graders from across the region to race student-designed vehicles head to head on a 20-meter track.

The car designed by Moon Area students Stevie Kotok, Patrick Cargo and Sam Henry placed sixth overall and only missed the semifinal round by four-tenths of a second. This also was the first time every Moon Area Middle School vehicle finished at least one race in this difficult competition.

The competition is sponsored and organized by the Middle School Gifted Department at Ingomar Middle School and is endorsed by the National Science Teachers Association.