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class. The Eggies, which survived the 8th floor drop, was designed by Kaitlin Foster, Emmy Kelly, Carissa Corrigan, and Brittney Mitchell.

But even the teams that didn't make it to the Amelia Earhart Building finals still had fun and learned about the field of engineering, Ergenekon said. "We think it is important for the students to realize their effort was not in vain, even if their egg broke."

In an e-mail from Ergenekon to the school, she wrote the challenge generated confidence for the school's students and teachers as well as the Europe District volunteers. She also wrote she was glad to hear comments from the students such as "engineering is kind of fun" and "I wouldn't mind being an engineer."

The vice principal was equally supportive of the event and added that the students, "see [engineering] as a career. It gave them an appreciation for the career field."

He added that the partnership between the District and the school was very positive. "We have made a connection."

► District volunteer Katie Ergenekon triumphantly displays an egg that remained intact from the two-story drop behind the Wiesbaden American Middle School.

▼ District volunteers Kellis Nobles and Katie Ergenekon reveal to eager students the messy consequence of an unsuccessful device.





◀ Col. Margaret Burcham, district commander, prepares to drop “The Phoenix Reborn” from the second story window of the Wiesbaden American Middle School during the egg drop competition there while sixth-grader Anya Holvanic looks on.

▼ A egg-shaped gravestone, commemorating the yolk spilled on the parking lot behind the middle school, congratulates teams on a job well done.



◀ District volunteer James “Dusty” Stehr proudly informs a student waiting on the second story about a successful drop.