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## **Local manufacturers and artists provide hands-on education to elementary students to promote creativity and curiosity in the science and engineering fields.**

***Tree nest drinking fountain with custom eagle bubblers and mural designed by students was unveiled June 5 at Veterans Elementary School – STEM Academy.***

[Sparks, Nevada USA] – Together with Veterans Elementary School and other local manufacturers, Haws Corporation's Research & Development team created and implemented a custom drinking fountain project for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students for the 2016-2017 school year. After working with the STEM Academy faculty and students for several years, Michael Joyer – Haws R&D Manager, developed a new project idea that would allow the students to fully engage with an engineering project to help make the connection between the creative and technical side of science, technology, engineering and art. A drinking fountain was a natural choice for Michael Joyer and Mindy Haffke, Haws R&D Engineer, given Haws' 110 year heritage as the inventor of the original drinking faucet in the Berkeley School District. "From the beginning, this project was something our students held dear," said Ron Jones, a fifth-grade teacher at the school who worked directly with the engineers. "They took great joy in considering their ideas, collaborating with their classmates, and creating something that will be on our campus for many years to come."

Throughout the process of creating the fountain, the Haws team met with the students and helped guide their project by melding individual student design concepts to create a bird's nest drinking fountain with nests for the water bowls, eagle head bubblers - a tribute to the STEM Academy's eagle mascot - and a water mister. The process involved 3D models, castings, and design changes with students participating monthly to finalize the creation. [B&J Inc.](#) donated the material and metal fabrication services to bring the students' unique design to life and additional support services were donated by NeoMek and [Zevado Corporation](#). In addition, students created a mural under the direction of art teacher, Elizabeth Brooks, and resource teacher, Alita Lutrick. "It was a fun project to help the kids design their own fountain," said Mike Joyer, R&D Manager of Haws. "We really enjoyed teaching them the engineering process from start to finish and we hope this project inspires all of them to consider engineering careers when they grow up."



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