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## Wildcat Students!

My name is Jacqueline Tellez, and I am the Learning Design Coach at Weightman Middle School. We are launching our Wildcat Innovators Club at our school! Which is an amazing research - based program that focuses on science, technology, math, arts, and engineering. (STEAM).

The Wildcat Innovators club, also known as “maker space”, will be learner-centered and focused on the process of learning. Since learning is interactive it builds upon students’ prior knowledge. The space will consist of **thinkers** who can solve real world problems, and have emerging ideas about the world with **students’ interests driving the learning**. Students will use critical thinking, make cross-curricular connections, communicate and collaborate, self-organize, and self-direct are just some of the skills enhanced in a maker space. Students participating in this club, will be able to build things, re-create from something already created to make it better, they will work with recyclables, technology and 3D printing! Wood, cardboard, computer game design, sewing, and much more! There will be lots to tinker with for both boys and girls, even some robotics!

### ➤ It’s easy to volunteer!

**Moms, Dads, Grandparents! If you would like to teach, share your creative skills and talent, we would love to have you as part of our club! We will meet before our club launches. Please e-mail me ([jtellez@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:jtellez@pasco.k12.fl.us)) if you would like to be a part of this awesome club!**

- As with any club, we are asking for a \$15.00 fee for the year, which will cover the cost of materials used to create and design.
- Wildcat Innovators club will launch on September 27, 2016. It will meet every Tuesday from 3pm-4:30pm. Students will need to be picked up right at 4:30 pm. Pick up will be in the front of the school. We hope that you will be part of this awesome club and become the next 21<sup>st</sup> century Innovator!

\_\_\_\_ Yes, I will participate in the Wildcat Innovators Club

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I want to Volunteer \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact # \_\_\_\_\_

You may pay the \$15.00 fee through school pay or bring it to Mrs. Tellez. (room 731)

Will pay using school pay \_\_\_\_\_ I will pay Mrs. Tellez \_\_\_\_\_

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Tellez, Teacher and Learning Design Coach