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## We ♥ Bruce the Robot!

N.O. Science and Math robotics team showcase self-made “Bruce the Robot” at fundraiser demo to help fund trip to robotics competition

**WHAT:** Move over Wall-e, Bruce is on the loose! This Valentine’s Day, the N.O. Science and Math High School Robotics Team will show off its love for all things robotic with a demonstration of their new robot, “Bruce,” who was built from scratch by the students.

The competition begins each year in January with a kick-off workshop where teams are told what parts they will be allowed to use, what actions their robots will be asked to perform, and under what parameters the robots must be built. The competition then becomes a race to the finish, culminating in the competition in the Southeastern Regional in the Atlanta area in Mid-March.

**WHEN:** Saturday, February 14, 11:30-1:00pm

**WHERE:** N.O. Science and Math High School, 5625 Loyola Avenue

Sci High students and supporters will show the agility of “Bruce the Robot” with a demonstration of his fully functioning maneuvers. This year is the first time that alternate teams get to launch projectiles at opponents.

The Sci High program is supported by NASA through a program called FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and technology). The FIRST program is a competition designed to give high school students hands-on experience in robotics engineering and aims to get people not only involved in, but enthusiastic about, science.

The demonstration is part of Sci High’s educational community outreach and is also a fundraiser to raise money to get the students to and from the conference. Tax deductible contributions begin at \$25 to help support our student team's trip to Atlanta.

*Sci High's mission is to create a safe yet rigorous environment for any interested student to master the science and mathematics skills essential for lifelong competence, and to grow as leaders and active citizens in our society.*