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Wii sports team joins RHS line-up



Freshman Michelle Scribner and sophomore Skyler Snyder-Pitts prepare for the new Wii sports team at Roosevelt. The first competition will be on April 15 in Lansing. Photo: Emily Noble

Students prepare for virtual competition

BY EMILY NOBLE

Students can now virtually ice-skate, bowl, golf, box, play tennis, volleyball, baseball, and more on the new Wii Sports team.

The team consists of 18 students who practice together every week in the cafetorium with a school-owned Wii system. They will soon participate in state-wide competitions.

The team is coached by gym teacher Colleen Minor.

"I think that the Wii Sports team is a great way for students to exercise and play their favorite sports indoors," Minor said.

The first competition will be held in Lansing on April 15.

"We will be competing against other high schools from all around the state," Minor said. "Our team is registered to be in six different events."

All the team members show great enthusiasm for the new Wii Sports team.

"The Wii Sports team is awesome," said freshman Anthony Michael. "Even if it is in the middle of winter or if there is bad weather, you can still golf or play baseball."

Some students have found that the Wii Sports have enhanced their game on other sports teams.

"The team is so much fun," junior Haley Cable said. "I can practice tennis on the Wii and then apply it to the real tennis team. I've actually improved my skill on the court since I have started practicing on the Wii."

Freshman Shelly Scribner finds it convenient that she can also practice at home.

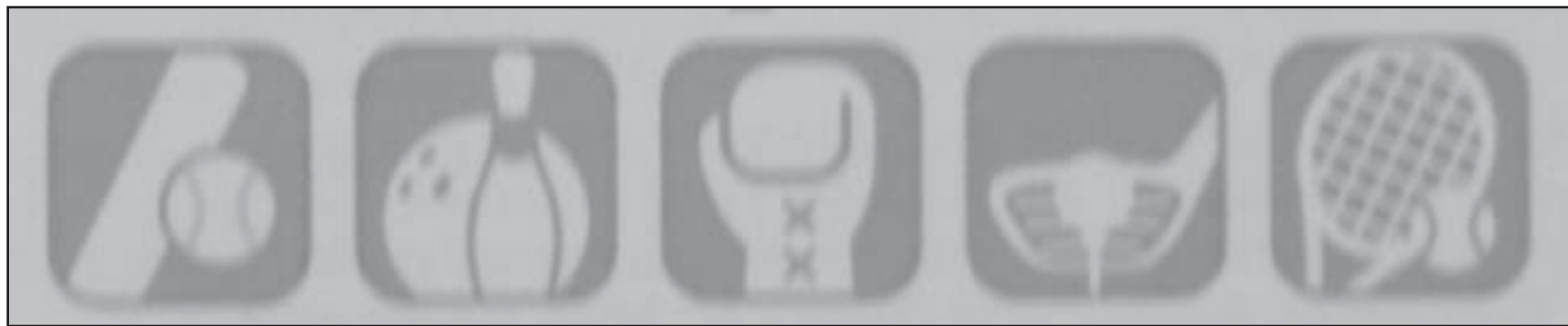
"I have a Wii at home so I can practice there for competitions as well as at school," Scribner said.

Minor believes that the team builds character and skills together.

"The kids work with one another and help each other," Minor said. "I'm just there for further support and encouragement. They all decide what their goals are and then they set out to accomplish them."

Both students and teachers think that the Wii Sports team is a great addition to RHS.

"I think the new team is great because it brings together students from all areas of expertise, and lets them work together towards a common goal," said junior Emily Belleman.



Rock, paper, scissors spring tournament

BY ALYSSA BEAMISH

This spring will be the first year in Roosevelt history that the school will be holding a Rock, Paper, Scissors Tournament open for all students to participate in.

The tournament will be held on April 23 in the gym for anyone who can bring their best game. The game is rock, paper, scissors and it will be played traditionally, best two out of three. It will be refereed by English Teacher Robert Keast. He has a lot of experience in this sport.

"I love rock, paper, scissors. It is my passion and I know the rules like the back of my hand," Keast said "I think I will be a good referee."

For all people interested in competing you must sign up with Keast before April 19. When you sign up you will be given rules and all participants must understand them.

Competitors can have one coach of their choice. The coach can be a friend, parent, or a teacher. The coach is there to cheer for competitors and help them along. They can also help participants choose their next move. Whatever a player needs help with, the coach is there.

"I am not very experienced with the sport," said senior Kristen Fronczak. "But I am looking forward to trying it for the first time."

The rules players must remember is that paper covers rock, rock smashes scissors, and scissors cut paper.

"I am so excited for the tournament to come," sophomore Jordan Yerrick said. "My hope is to bring home the first place trophy."

"I am going to compete in the tournament," Fronczak said. "And I chose my best friend to be my coach. She is always there to cheer me on and I think she will be good help for me."

For the competition competitors must be prepared, it will be very fast pace.

Currently there are about 55 people interested in participating in the tournament.

"Once it gets to finals it will be very intense," said English Teacher Lela Blake, "I am so excited to see what the outcome will be."

Just like any other competition there is a first, second, third and fourth place. Prizes will go to the last four people standing. First place will receive a large trophy and they will also get an article dedicated to them in the next issue of *The Wy-News*.

"I did really good at thumb wrestling last year," Yerrick said. "I am looking forward to trying a new sport."



Sophomores Alex Carranza and Jordan Yerrick practice for the Rock, Paper, Scissors Tournament on April 23. Photo: Alyssa Beamish