

# West Essex is Proud to Present



The maker movement in the United States isn't just a hobby; it's having a significant impact on school curriculum development. NJ Makers Day is designed to be a statewide event that celebrates, promotes, and in many cases may introduce maker culture, as well as the values associated with making, tinkering and STEM-based learning.

We are ecstatic to be able to bring this type of programming to the West Essex community! We are committed to finding new and innovative ways to help students learn new skills and to work collaboratively on exciting hands-on projects. Most importantly, we are interested in developing lifelong learners that have "brains in their heads" and "feet in their shoes" that "can steer themselves in any direction they choose" (Dr. Seuss). In the spirit of Dr. Seuss and in honor of this year's spring musical, West Essex is proud to host our **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Seussical Themed Makers Day on March 10, 2018 from 10AM-1PM!**

Community members of all ages are invited to join us for an exciting day filled with activities focusing on maker culture. Children under 12 must be supervised by an adult. The goal of the day is to encourage participants to experience making and tinkering through design thinking and hands-on activities such as **building free standing towers and bridges, designing birds nests, experimenting with robots, creating slime from scratch, and much more!**

Community members are also invited to attend the matinee performance of this year's spring musical, *Seussical: The Musical*. The matinee performance begins at 1PM following our Makers Day event.

For more information, please contact **Elizabeth Ricafort**, Instructional Supervisor of Science, at [ericafort@westex.org](mailto:ericafort@westex.org). We hope to see you Saturday, March 10 **anytime** between 10AM-1PM at West Essex Middle School. Find out more about New Jersey Makers Day at [www.njmakersday.org](http://www.njmakersday.org).

**\*\*RSVP is requested but not required, click on the [RSVP Form](#) or @ <https://tinyurl.com/ybzlkxyg>\*\***