



Harrison Bay Future Ready Center Featured Club of the Month for October

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E-Sports

This is our first club feature of the month. It is our largest participated club and sponsored by coaches Ms. Pickett and also Mr. Stracener.

I sat down with Ms. Pickett to get to know more about this club and an official sport in Tennessee.

“What is E-Sports?” was the question I first asked Ms. Pickett. “E-sports is a sanctioned video games treated as a sport,” she replied.

“How are the teams chosen?” Ms. Pickett responded, “The teams are volunteer based teams, but if there was more than enough for one team then they will compete against each other. If there is enough for a second team, another one can be formed.”

“When are the games played?” She shared, “The games have their own set days of the week. There are three seasons; Winter Open, Fall Majors, and Spring Majors.”

When I asked her what they were playing for, her response was surprising. “They are playing for college scholarships.”

“How much do they get if they win?” She explained the following, “1st place is awarded \$1000 per team member and it goes down from there, but if they win two years in a row, the prize money is doubled to \$2000.”

The last question I asked Ms. Pickett was, “What if they don’t want to play a team or in a tournament?” Ms. Pickett said that they do not have to participate on the team. It does have a slight monetary cost to play. They can just be a part of the club and play against their classmates for fun and talk game play.

Next Month, our featured club of the month for November will be Skills USA/Robotics with Mr. Bright.