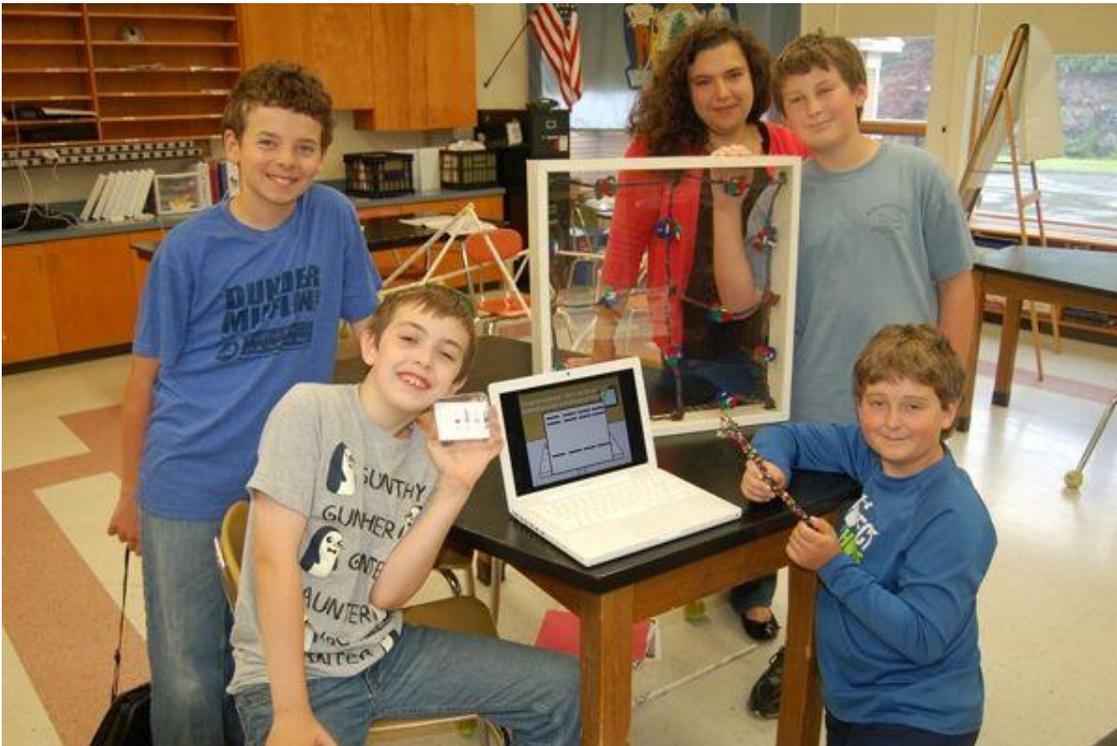


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Dedham School students make scientific discovery

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Dedham Middle School Gifted and Talented students, from left, Braeden Ward, Lucien Jellison, science teacher Rhonda Tate, Ricco Call and Jaxen Call demonstrate the slide and model used during the scientific discovery presentation made during the American Society for Biochemistry's international conference.

DEDHAM — Four middle school students from Dedham School's Gifted and Talented program recently discovered that the sea-dwelling creature metridium has the same ability as star fishes to regenerate lost or damaged body parts.

Lucien Jellison, Braedan Ward and Ricco and Jaxen Call made the discovery on Oct. 12 as part of a Vanderbilt University research study.

The impact of the students' discovery may result in scientists learning why some creatures can regrow body parts and others, like humans, can't.

The students presented their finding in April during the American Society for Biochemistry's international conference.