

Re/Max hot air balloon visits Wyandot Middle School



The fully inflated Re/Max balloon on the football field at Wyandot Middle School in Clinton Township. David Dalton--**For The Macomb Daily**

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Hot-air balloon pilot Marty Gauthier begins to inflate the Re/Max balloon at Wyandot Middle School. David Dalton--**For The Macomb Daily**

Students from Wyandot Middle School in Clinton Township got an up-close look at the power of hot air, even though there was very little talking, Thursday thanks to a visit from the 80-foot-tall Re/Max hot-air balloon.

Balloon pilot Marty Gauthier assembled and fully inflated the craft on the middle school football field to explain the science behind hot-air balloons, including how hot air rises. He also demonstrated the mechanisms that launch and navigate the balloon. Gauthier, along with assistants Ted Gauthier and Shawn Raya, attached the balloon by rope to their van so the craft wouldn't lift off.

The event was organized by Wyandot Middle School seventh-grade science teacher Heather Porter. She was presented the opportunity by the mother of one of her students, Pam Bellante, who works for Re/Max.