

"I am Peruvian."
-Christopher Crowley, 9

"I love listening to '80s music."
-Samantha Isaacson, 9

"I have a mixtape."
-Bryson King, 11

"I'm still learning who I am, but I suppose we all are."
-Esther Kim, 11

"I can sing the periodic table song."
-Jules Kasper, 9

"I'm addicted to sweet tea."
-Hannah Hoffmann, 9

"I've wanted to be a doctor since I was two years old and still plan on being one."
-Kelsi Hugonnett, 11

"I'm learning German outside of school so I can go to college in Germany for free."
-Christopher Helms, 11



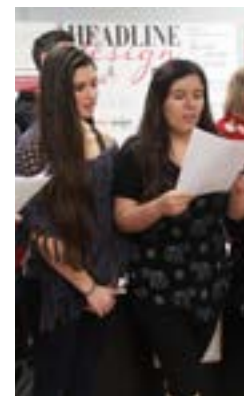
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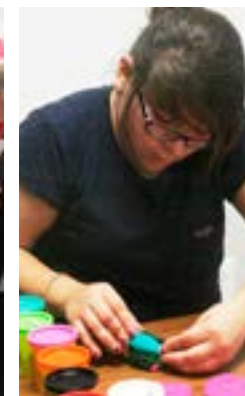
Using the R as a circular guideline, Jamie Maples' first period World History class use strings to learn about the European Union and how countries are connected. "I liked that we learned that what happens in one area affects others that are close by," freshman Anna Saler said (second from left in sweatshirt).

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Whether it was in the classroom or the hallways, classes find adventurous approaches to learning



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WORLD HISTORY

During the week before winter break, Cathy Smith's AP Calculus classes went around the school singing calculus carols. "It was a fun way to sing about a terrible thing," senior Julia Castellano (above left) said. The students changed the words of famous holiday songs to have a math connection. "It was fun and a different way to sing carols," senior Stephanie Gomez said (above right). "The teachers were definitely surprised."

Using Play-Doh, students in AP Psychology learned more about the brain by creating a model of it. "It was really fun and also gets you to apply your knowledge about what you've learned," senior Tabitha Solis (above) said. Each color corresponded to a different part of the brain. "We got to see the difference between the inside and the outside of the brain," senior Jessica Dozier said. "It was easier to understand it rather than looking at a piece of paper."

For their annual field trip, the Art Photo and PhotoJournalism classes went to Texas State University to see a photo exhibit by photographer Mary Ellen Mark. "The exhibit was really nice, the pictures were great and the presentation was interesting," junior Demi Barrington said. Afterwards, the group visited Graffiti Park in Austin to take photographs. "It was really fun," senior Adrian Salazar said (above). "It made me want to be a professional photographer."

As AP US History classes began to learn about the Civil War, teacher Michael Hjort (above) dressed up as Abraham Lincoln. "I thought it was cool, but it caught me off guard," junior Connor Neidhammer said. "I like having Mr. Hjort as a teacher because he's very knowledgeable and enjoys what he does." This was the second time Hjort has donned the presidential attire. "It started with No Shave November and I thought I would just tie it in to Lincoln," Hjort said.

To learn more about the Age of Exploration, World History classes participated in a scavenger hunt. "We walked around searching for hints about a person," sophomore Skye Wilson (above left) said. The students were given clues that described a famous explorer and competed to find them. "I liked that I had the opportunity to get out of the classroom and learn," sophomore Cora Neely said (above right). "It was fun to interact with everybody."

"We made a missing person's report for a book character in English, and it made me feel like a policeman."
-Quincy Slater, 9

"I liked senior project because my topic was very personal to me, and it felt good to teach the class about it."
-Allyssa Hullmann, 12

"In Professional Communications, we did a project over social media and it was cool to learn the good and bad of it."
-Zachary Tolliver, 9



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HALLWAY HELP

Sitting in the hallway, sophomores Isabella Moore, Charli Myers and Davin Gauze-Coffey read *To Kill a Mockingbird* for Kylie Cooper's first period English II class. "I like working with groups because you get to be with your friends," Moore said.



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BODY IMAGE

In the hallway, freshmen Alexandria Conner and Anusha Rayini label parts of the body in Pre-AP Spanish II class second period. "We got to work with partners and it was creative so we got to learn without books," Rayini said.



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COME TOGETHER NOW

Sophomores Ethan Blake, Canyon McDonald, Jackie Bennett, Hayleigh Bardin and Paige Wilson have a group discussion in Marguerite Swilling's English II class. "In Swilling's class, we reflect a lot," Blake said.

Now we're ready

"With the silent film project in Ms. Sneed's class, we could really express our creativity."
-Caleb Cornibe, Audio Visual Productions

"I really enjoyed senior project because I could whine and it was acceptable."
-Brendon Bosenbark, English IV

I like doing literature circles because I like to read."
-Victoria Permann, English IV