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COOKIE CONFUSION

Math teacher Ms. Mandy Sykes made cookies for her students to help with a statistics project. For the project she had her students decide which cookie brand they thought was their favorite before having tasted them all. Afterward they were instructed to compare their original favorite to the brand they thought tasted the best.



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BARBIE BUNGEE

Attempting to see what it takes to safely bungee jump a Barbie doll, Dane Roe, 12, throws the Barbie from the top of the stairs. "It was really funny seeing all the Barbies flying around," Roe said. "I like doing interactive labs. I learn better that way." Sykes collaged pictures from the lab and posted them to her personal Instagram account.

TASTE TESTER

In attempt to determine her taste buds, Kendall Martinson, 12, licked a taste strip for her AP Statistics class. "To me, it tasted like perfume or chemicals," Martinson said. "I learned that my tasting is better than others. We had been learning about this for weeks before we did it."



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GENE-IOUS

Mixing up gene juices from a jellyfish, Connor Spencer, 12, prepares to insert them into bacteria on a later date. "It was so tedious. Everything had to be measured out precisely," Spencer said. "It was enlightening because you always get to listen to teachers talk about experiments, but when you get to do it yourself, it's completely different."

A SEARCH FOR ANSWERS

While taking notes for her English class, Keicey McKinley, 11, learns the best ways to research for her upcoming paper that would prep her for college. "In AP classes you're surrounded by people that actually care about their grades, so it makes it more interesting in class," McKinley said. "You try to be the best you can be. It's interesting to see everyone try to one up each other."



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BUBBLE BLOWER

After completing an experiment with bubbles for her AP Biology class, Shamiran Prater, 12, plays around with the bubble water. "We were supposed to be making a model of the cell membrane, but after we finished, we just started goofing off," Prater said.

A HISTORICAL DATE

Acting as a reformist in his AP US History class, Brice Faison, 11, interacts with his classmates as he learned more about historical figures for a "speed dating" assignment. "I liked how much I really got to learn about the other characters because I didn't read the book like I was supposed to, so it was my first time learning about them," Faison said.



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HOW WE LEARN

English

To study for her AP English class, Fiona Hoang, 11, used her own tactics to make sure she obtained as much knowledge possible. "I make flash cards, take notes and look over PowerPoints," Hong said. "We aren't treated like kids. We are treated like college students." Every other week, English teacher Rachel Ryan had her students search current events and had class discussions.

Math

AP Statistics teacher, Ms. Mandy Sykes, gave her students an opportunity to receive extra credit by having them take a selfie during a study group, so she could ensure students were learning outside of class. Breton Hawkins, 11, took advantage of this. "Study groups help because they allow students that know more about one subject than others share their knowledge," Hawkins said.

History

AP Government classes here had different ways of sharing knowledge such as reading, quizzing and current events. Kennedy Wynn, 12, attended this class. "I've always been in AP classes, so it's normal for me. I like that it is a more fast-pace environment," Wynn said. "My teacher Mr. Rabalais takes pride in us as a class and motivates us everyday which is helpful in my learning."

Science

Learning was made interesting, simple and independent in Mr. John Davis' AP Physics class. He had his students, including Brock Mudie, 12, study in groups as well as on their own. "It's a learning process that's as independent as possible, although if we as a class need help after trying to figure something out on our own, Mr. Davis is always there for help," Mudie said.

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