

# Babies invade campus

The sound of a baby crying in the classroom become a routine sound as the Child Development students tackled parenting on a robotic scale. The infant simulators that students took turns “raising” cried periodically and had to be fed and soothed to calm. It gave students a small taste of what parenting is like by forcing students to feed, burp, change, and hold the simulator, making sure to treat it gently and support the head correctly.

“I felt that the babies were a bit easier than a real one for the fact that you didn’t have to actually change the baby or really feed it,” teacher Wendy Neyland said. “After this experience, the girls might think twice about wanting to have a baby.”

Taking care of the baby was frustrating for students who had to wake up in the night to

soothe the baby.

“I was very excited to see how it would be to be a mother for a few days and dress up my little girl,” junior Diana Guerrero said. “Going into the second day, I was tired and ready to give her back.”

The simulators cried and needed attention at random times and required different activities to quiet each time, which meant students never really managed to get into a rhythm with the simulators; each round of crying meant trying everything to get the baby to stop.

“My baby girl was fun to dress up, but after having to hear her cry multiple times at night and in the day, I was ready to say goodbye to her,” junior Ally Gaskins said. “Now I’m questioning if I want a baby.”

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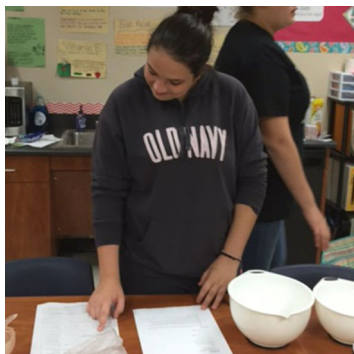


**Sshhh.** Junior Ally Gaskins spends a few minutes during activity period trying to quiet her assigned baby for Child Development class. (scott photo)

## Cooking in the Classroom

### Working together.

Sisters Katelyn and Kortney Cannon team up while using the mixer in class. (scott photo)



**What next?** Sophomore Victoria Harrison double-checks her recipe before moving on to the next step. (scott photo)



**Following directions.** Freshmen Madison Rowan and Nadia Garcia watch teacher Wendy Neyland’s directions as they cook in class. (scott photo)