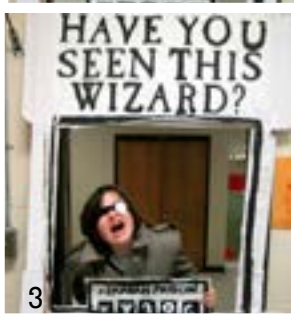


# HAVING SIRIUS FUN



1. With quill in hand Chloe Lein (6) acts as reporter Rita Skeeter, her favorite character in Harry Potter. "We had to act like our characters all day and we got to talk to the other characters!" Chloe tells us. 2. Rosalind Yang (8) loves getting to pose as Cho Chang acting as if she was actually in the book. 3. Mad-Eye Moody portrayed by Brian Sawyer (8) jumps right out of the poster! 4. Holding Tom Riddle's book from the Chamber of Secrets is Nate Carlson (8). Photos Courtesy of Colleen Kepner

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Pasting shape cut-outs onto his poster, Asahi Jige (7) has to make sure that each piece of paper is meticulously cut so that every cutout fits perfectly together to make an amazing and beautiful piece of art. Photo by Sydney Kelley



In the unique class called "Zombie Survival Guide" is Holden Murphy (8) is attentively watching "The White Zombie." Photo by Addy Lemoine



In Girl Power students study the influence of powerful women on society. Here the class visits the Austin Courthouse. Photo Courtesy of Cindy Stewart



Students in Explore Austin take a trip to the sound room at the moody theatre during ACL Live. Photo Courtesy of Cindy Stewart



## CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

### Eccentric electives give new meaning to choice sheets

One virus, a dozen mutations—a societal collapse: the zombie apocalypse. You have to ask yourself, will you be prepared?

Students who took *Zombie Survival Guide* just might make it, brains intact. "We learn about the different versions of the zombies and how they're perceived over time," said Emma Cross (8).

Some weren't too worried. They chose to better their quiddich skills in *The World of Harry Potter*. Just like at Hogwarts, students were sorted into houses that allowed new friendships to emerge as students discussed the popular book series; like an eHarmony chat room for wizards, "I wanted to take this class because I thought it was interesting since it is project based as opposed to being all about research and sitting in desks," said Jason Kolbly (6). Highlights of the semester long course included quidditch and the grand Yule ball.

These weren't the only electives that appealed to students' creative sides. Young, mathematical artisans signed up for Math



and the Arts, a course that connects problem solving with artistic creation. Constructing origami masterpieces was the main gist of the creative class. "I like art and learning about math in a visual way, so it was a really engaging class," said Erica Moomaw (7).

With a course catalog that closely resembled a "Choose your own Adventure" book, students selected electives based on specific interests and engaged with material that will likely stay with them throughout their education, and might just save their lives.

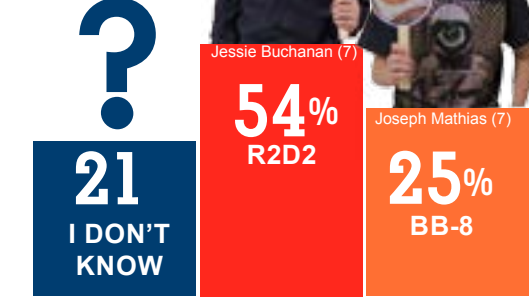
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## THE CLASS AWAKENS

### Teachers propose courses for the upcoming year based on current student interests.

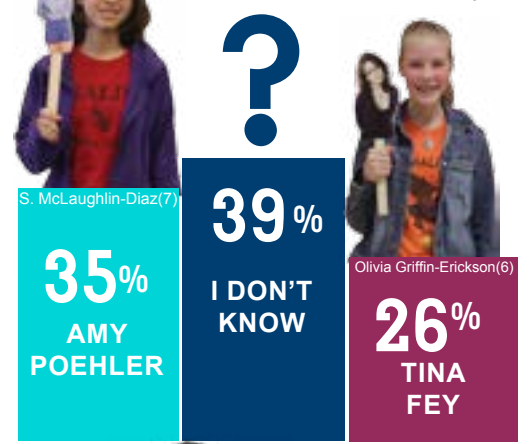
#### BB8 or R2D2?

The force awakened a renewed interest in Star Wars and the class, *The Mythology of Star Wars*, proposed for 2016-17.



#### POEHLER or FEY?

Funny ladies Tina Fey and Amy Poehler got students thinking about, *What's so Funny?*

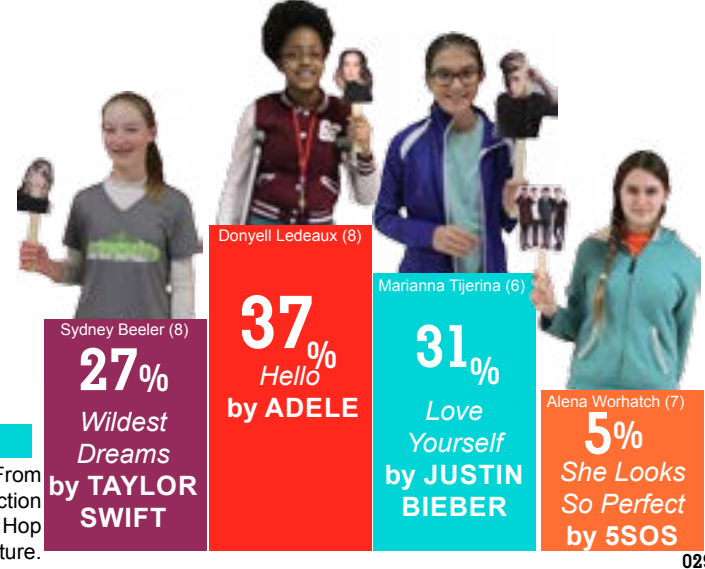


#### NEVILLE a dull moment

Trying to keep a straight face, Mason Jones (6) poses for the Camera in the "Have You Seen this Wizard" booth during the Yule Ball. Students enjoyed dressing up as their favorite witch or wizard to celebrate a favorite Hogwarts tradition. Photo by Sydney Kelley

#### FAVE SONG?

Music is always a hot topic. From Song writing to Music Production to the newly introduced, Hip Hop as Literature.



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Where would you go if you could spend hours in one place, anywhere in the world?

- Nowhere / Xavier Gordon (7)
- Space / Zachary Lee (7)
- Space / Zachary Hook (7)
- Las Vegas / Zeeshan Yazdani (8)
- Inside my TV / Zen Farris (8)
- Los Angeles / Zion Abrams (8)
- Home / Zoe Dubin (8)
- Unlimited Restaurant / Zoltan Freedman (8)
- Amari's house / Treyvon Johnson (7)
- Mexico / Guadalupe Vargas-Villafana (7)
- Paris / Joseph Tanksley (6)
- Mexico / Jordan Vences (7)
- Road trip / Aubrie Edmond (7)
- France / Asa Simpson (7)
- New York / Martha Zelaya (8)
- New York / Vishwa Aduru (8)
- Six Flags / Ali Abdulrazzaq (6)
- Beach / Elinor Rivera (7)
- The Bahamas / Sabine Sharp (7)
- Mexico / Alejandro Dominguez-Torres (7)
- Japan / Sofia Santos (7)
- Peru / Isaiah Hernandez III (6)
- Paris / Jorge Barrera (8)
- South Korea / Zigaboo Shin-Peterson (7)
- New York / Shyanne Aros (8)
- Paris / Sofia Schlaud (6)
- My Home / Nathaniel Yanez (6)
- Mexico / Hulices Velasquez-Diaz (7)
- Torchy's Tacos / Ian Hackworth (7)
- Hawaii / Caleb Walls Hernandez (6)

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