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ALL ABOUT KIDS

Do you like little, cute, three-year olds? Well then you would have loved being a part of "All About Kids." One day they had a guest speaker who was a three-year old girl named Chloe. She was there to show the future babysitters what a real child would be like. Through guest speakers and some "hands-on" training with baby dolls, the babysitters learned many helpful strategies to use when babysitting. When visiting the class, we asked some of the students what their favorite part of the class was. Yes, you guessed it... Chloe!! --- Brooke Pennington and Amanda Guimond



Students in "All About Kids" get some "hands-on training" with Chloe, a young volunteer.

ARCHERY



Look out!! Here they come!!

Bang! Shoot! We talked with Ross one day in his Archery class, and we actually got a chance to watch him practicing! Boy, he was pretty good!! We asked him a few questions while he was taking a break. He signed up for Archery this year because he didn't get it last year and he really wanted to. Archery is always a popular class. Ross says, "It is really fun and we have a blast!" His favorite activity is shooting. "Mr. Swartz is a good teacher," says Ross. There was even one day when the students were able to practice shooting at balloons! Sounds like a BLAST!!!---Amanda Guimond and Brooke Pennington

ARTS WITH THE MASTERS

Splash, there goes the paint! What are we going to do? Enhancement Daily News reporters Benita Scott and Haley Netchaeff went to "Arts with The Masters". We had an opportunity to talk with Victoria McDougall. When asked why she chose the class, Victoria responded that, "she likes art, and she enjoys using her creative skills and imagination." We also asked about her favorite activity which is painting. "I like using paintbrushes and getting all messy," she said.

Students had plenty of opportunities to perfect their artistic talents. The students studied some famous works of art, and then attempted to create their own works of art using many different materials.

Who knows....we might see one of these "masters" in the Metropolitan Museum of Art one day soon!!--- Benita Scott and Haley Netchaeff



Bailey Rogers, T.J. Anderson, and Brandon Mincey are busy working on their masterpieces.

Feature Article SURPRISE VISITORS AT ENHANCEMENT

--BY MEG TAYLOR AND PIPER HUTCHINSON

Flash, snap, the press is here! Reporter Mr. Jacobs and his handy-dandy photographer from the Macon Telegraph came to hear the news and tell the world about Summer Enhancement.

We shadowed these journalists as they walked the school to get the inside scoop. Reporter Mr. Jacobs asked us inquisitive questions about our relationship with photography and journalism. Then we had the chance to ask him some questions about his career in journalism. Mr. Jacobs has been in journalism for over twenty-two years! He has been a reporter for about six years.

We asked him why he liked journalism, and he answered, "When I first walked into the newsroom, I just loved the atmosphere."

We inquired if he believed journalism was changing and if so, in a good or bad way. Mr. Jacobs answered, "I do believe that

journalism is changing, in a both good and bad way." "I like newspapers better because they can explain in more detail of how and why the story happened," he stated.

During our interview, the star photographer was just snapping away to get photos of the Archery students, who were trying very hard to amaze the press.

Mr. Jacobs and the photographer both work for the Macon Telegraph and will be producing an article on Summer Enhancement, so be on the look out for the article in the Macon Telegraph!



We felt like celebrities when the media showed up to interview us!!



T.J. Anderson is practicing the fundamentals of baseball.

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

Home run!!!! We were excited to cover the activities that were going on in Baseball/Softball here at Enhancement. The class has two coaches. The coaches are Mr. Hinson and Mr. Jordan. This class is for girls and boys.

Sydney told me that her favorite thing about softball is pitching and throwing. She also said that she took this class because she plays softball and thought that the class

would be fun. Also, this is Sydney's first year at Enhancement.

We had the opportunity to talk with Mr. Hinson, and we asked him why he wanted to be a coach. He replied, "I have a love for baseball, and I like to see young people learn the game." I also asked him what his favorite part of the practice is, and it turns out that he likes the drills the most. Obviously, fundamentals are important in any sport, so keep on practicing!! Who knows when our city will take the next Little League World Series Championship!!

--- Layne Dorough, Colton Dishman, and Lauren Brock



Kira Bowden thinks making stuffed animals is fun!!

Beanie Babies, Dolls, and Stuffed Animals

Have you ever wondered what the secret is on how they make beanie babies? Well this class "spills the beans." The teacher, Cheryl Clay, taught her students what kind of fabrics are good for making beanie babies and which ones are good for dolls. She even helped them learn how to sew.

I talked to Alaina Culpepper, one of the hard-working students. I asked her why she chose to take this class. She said, "Sewing is fun to me." These girls are having quite some fun and sewing a ton too.

In this class we saw beautiful dolls, angels, finger puppets, and many other wonderful creations!! This class is working hard to fill the world with fun and beauty!!

---Meg Taylor and Piper Hutchinson

Blankets and Beyond

To infinity and Blankets Beyond! A group of fun-loving girls are having a ton of fun making blankets and crocheted chains. They are doing a fleece project and a crocheted chain race. Sounds interesting, doesn't it?

We interviewed fun-loving girl Elizabeth Albriton. She was having a lot of fun when we disturbed her work to get an interview.

We inquired why she wanted to take this class. She replied, "The teacher is awesome." We can agree with that! Mrs. Smith takes the extra time to help her girls make beautiful crafts and to make sure they know the techniques.

We also asked what her favorite activity in the class was, and Elizabeth replied, "Making fleece blankets."

The students in this class were able to walk away with some beautiful, useful works of art as well as some wonderful new skills that they can put to use at home!!

---Piper Hutchinson and Meg Taylor



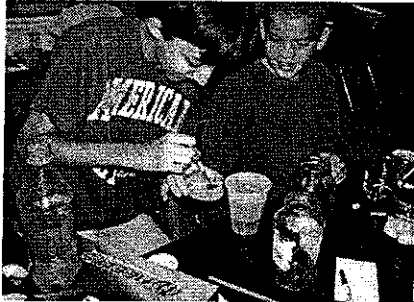
This group is hard at work learning a fun, new talent which will also keep them warm!

BUGS, BUGS, BUGS!!

Bugs, bugs, bugs, here they come! In this class taught by Floyd Jolley, students learn all about bugs. They draw bugs, catch bugs, and do everything fun that one could actually do with bugs! Their classroom is decorated with bug posters, plastic bugs, and books about bugs! These people are crazy about bugs!

We interviewed Tyler Julson. He seemed to be very interested in bugs. He says, "I love bugs." I guess it is as simple as that.

When we asked him what his favorite activity was in the class, he replied, "I like it when we collect bugs."



Josh Wrie and Donald Brand are having fun with bugs!

This class is ideal for people who love bugs. Not only do you get to learn about different species and the different parts of bugs, but you also get to draw fun bugs with really cool designs on them. Students also learn how to classify them the scientific way. Mr. Jolley says "I hope that kids will have a love for science after the class is over."

--Meg Taylor and Piper Hutchinson

CHOCOLATE FEVER

Chocolate Fever is taught by Mrs. Suzanne Hardy. You'd think there wouldn't be a class for chocolate, but there is!

When we stopped by for a visit, Mrs. Hardy was giving a wonderful lesson on melting chocolate with steam. We almost couldn't resist, but we knew we had work to do. We got down to business with an interview with Rachel, one of the students. We asked Rachel what her favorite activity had been. She said, "I like Chocolate Fever because we get to make cool recipes!" We thought the same thing when we watched them creating their delicious masterpieces. The best thing about their masterpieces is that they get to eat them!!

--Daniel Walker and Logan Gregory



Cooking up the cure for Chocolate Fever!!!

Cool Science

Some people might think that science isn't *COOL*, but one quick visit to Enhancement would change their minds!

These students had a blast trying out some cool experiments, creating rockets, and making their own colorful shirts using Sharpies and rubbing alcohol.

Kelly, a student in this class, said that she has a lot of fun. Her favorite experiment is the "water wiggles" where they took samples of lake water and looked for worms or leaches. The students also made slime and squeeze-bottle rockets. Sounds "cool" to us!!

--Logan Gregory and Daniel Walker



Nia Bester anticipates the outcome of her Cool Science experiment!

CRYPTOGRAPHY

If you don't know what Cryptography is, we got the inside scoop along with everything you need to know. Cryptography is the study of hidden messages! In this class you spend time looking in books finding hidden words in some of the pictures! An insider, Will, says that he chose this class because he thought it would be fun. Jordan, another class participant, says the same!

Both Will and Jordan say that this is their second year of enhancement

and they definitely plan on coming back!

The teacher, Mr. Richard Kilburn, says that this is a class to learn and have fun along the way! If you want to learn about hidden messages and have fun at the same time this class is for you!!!!

--Zayna Al Husein and Morgan Davidson



Alex Goldstein is searching for hidden clues in Cryptography!

Debate

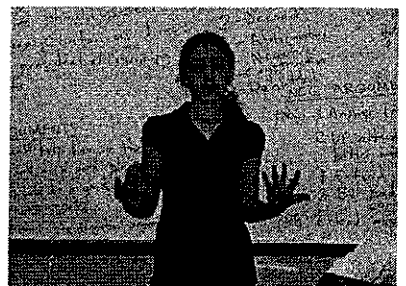
If you like to argue and speak your opinion, this class is for you. In this class you get to write pros and cons on a topic and then debate about them with a partner.

Armani Bibbs says, "This class is very exciting and very complex!" Armani took this class because he says it teaches you many things in life! This is Armani's first year in Enhancement and his favorite activity is getting up in front of the class and debating.

Another insider, Paige Huffman, says that in this class you learn a lot about pros and cons and you learn how to build your speech and how to answer your opponent's questions.

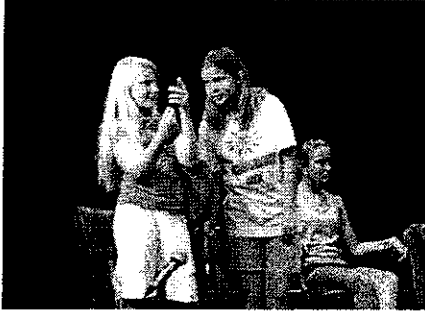
Paige says that if you like to argue, then this is the class for you!

--Morgan Davidson and Zayna Al Husein



Sara Abdulla is working hard to get her point across in Debate!

DRAMA



Cameron Hall and Rebecca McClellan are rehearsing for the play in Drama.

When we went into Drama they were doing acting exercises. I talked to a girl named Tyra who is the Queen in the play called "The Mysterious Case of the Missing Ring." When I asked Tyra what she likes about drama classes, she said, "I like this class because I like acting, and I am very dramatic." When I interviewed another girl named Autumn, she said, "The play is going to be mysterious, yet funny."

We also had the chance to interview the drama teacher, Mr. Billy Thomas. When asked about his favorite quote, Mr. Thomas responded, "Everybody is an actor, and life is a stage." We thought that was very inspiring, and true. We are excited about the upcoming play, and look forward to a great review!!
--Colton Dishman, Layne Dorough, and Lauren Brock

FLIZ, Float and FLY

Blast off into the world of fizzing, floating, and flying! When we visited this class, we saw all sorts of interesting and amazing things. These students had a chance to show what they knew about science through cool experiments like making ice cream, testing how many drops of water would stand on a penny, and making crystals. When we asked Ms Herbal, the teacher, how many years she has been teaching Enhancement, she told us that she had been teaching Enhancement for eight years!! She said she loves all the kids she teaches every year! What a

great way for kids to have fun and learn about science!!

--Maddison Carter, Taylor Brown, and Rachel Allen



Deborah Sue Guzzardo is working with Ms. Herbal to create "Goo" in Fizz, Float, and Fly.

Fun with Food

What class bakes fresh pizzas, cakes, brownies, gingerbread houses, and dipped Oreo crumbs? Fun with Food, of course! We had a chance to talk with a participant and learn all about how to make all of this cool stuff! Mackenzie Franklin said that she loves this class because she loves making crazy foods. Her favorite project was dipped Oreo crumbs. There was another great opportunity for snacking with chocolate chip fudge brownies! They were fudge brownies with chocolate chip cookies on top! I got a taste and they were "melt in your mouth" good! These students will have a wonderful new "talent" to share with their families!! Time for a yummy summer!!
--Rachel Allen, Taylor Brown, and Maddison Carter



Bailey Rogers is mixing it up in Fun with Food!

Golf



This hard-working golfer is working on perfecting his swing.

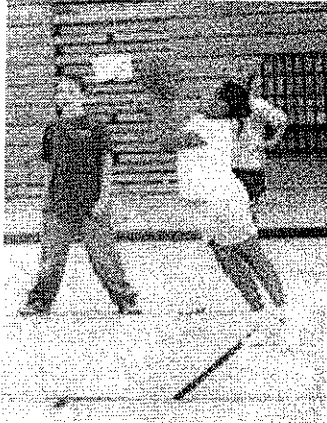
Students in Golf had a chance to improve their skills and learn new ones under the guidance and direction of Mrs. Marie Goggin. Some of the fundamentals that were covered were grip, swing, and stance. Once they spent some time practicing in the field at the school, these students were able to try out their newly learned skills on a real golf course. Mrs. Goggin said she grew up with golf as a little girl and has loved it ever since! She is happy to share her love of golf!! Look out Tiger Woods!!
--Taylor Brown, Rachel Allen, and Maddison Carter

Hoop it Up

Bong, Bong, Bong! 3,2,1 GAME OVER. Enhancement Daily News reporters Haley Netchaeff and Benita Scott went to "Hoop it Up" (which is basketball) and learned quite a few things. We learned from Clyde Jackson, the coach, that "Excuses are monuments of nothing." Mr. Jackson also said "His favorite activity in "Hoop it up" is dribbling. When talking with Mr. Jackson, we found out that he has been working in Summer Enhancement for seven years!! Wow, he must really like Basketball! When we walked in the room we heard basketballs dribbling and coaches and teammates encouraging their side of the team to

make shots. It was like we were at a real basketball game. Even though basketball may seem like hard work being sweaty and yelling at each other, it can still be a lot of fun!!

--Haley Netchaeff and Benita Scott



Jasmine Hillchrist is eager to practice her jump shot.

HOW SMART DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?

Wow, these kids really are working hard everyday, and they are SMART!! The students in "How Smart Do You Think You Are?" were able to use the buzzers to play academic games to get ready for the Academic Bowl and other competitions. Ms. Kohn, their teacher, gives the students the opportunity to work together and helps them if they need it. We asked Madison, a student in the 2nd period class, about her favorite part of the class. She responded, "My favorite part of this class is the buzzers!" She decided to do this class because she likes answering questions and having fun!

--Caroline McCoy and Cydney Moneyppenny



Madison Andrews and Olivia Ellgass are busy trying to show how smart they are!

Jr. Apprentice

Do you like the idea of owning your own business? Well these kids do! In Jr. Apprentice these kids use A LOT of teamwork. Delaney, a student, says "I love doing business things!" These students became young entrepreneurs by working together to create their own products and advertise their businesses. They also made commercials to advertise their businesses. We asked Collin why he picked this class and he said, "I like money!" Well, hopefully this is just the beginning of a bright future for these students! Keep up the good (and fun) work!

--Cydney Moneyppenny and Caroline McCoy



Collin Hensly, a budding entrepreneur, hard at work on his next new product!

Jump Rope

"Swish, Swish". Grab your jump rope and let's get jumping! Coach Richard Jordan has been teaching at Enhancement for 25-30 years and coaches Centerville's jump rope team. Right now the students are learning new skills and having fun. I interviewed one of the students. Her name was Rachael. This is Rachael's 2nd year at enhancement. She has been on Centerville's jump rope team, and wanted to be on jump rope at Enhancement to see her coach again. Her favorite moves are tornadoes and back walkovers with the rope. She enjoys jump rope and is having a great time. We can't wait to see the jump rope team perform for us on Friday!

--Alexa Boyd and Breann Bowden



Sydney Broxton is smiling and jumping!!

Let's Get Crafty

"Snip, snip!" Pull out your scissors, because it's time to make some crafts, and Melanie Mann is teaching some girls how to make them! "I love to make things and it gets most of the stuff out of my house," says Mrs. Mann. Looking around the room, we saw fun and colorful cards and papers cut into odd shapes. The kids in Let's Get Crafty seemed to be loving the class! One said, "I like this class because we learn to make new things." Another one said, "My favorite thing to do is to make the cards." Some of the students were actually working on cards with the words "celebrate" stamped on the bottom in a cool font. Another group was stamping little bubbles onto a card that said "happy birthday." This is certainly a "crafty" group of students!

--Breann Bowden and Alexa Boyd



Julia Otto is busy creating a cute clipboard

Myths and Legends

We were really impressed when we visited Myths and Legends. They were working on creating pottery of mummies, pyramids, and other objects. Students also learned about Gods and Goddesses. Garret Williams likes to play with the clay and Marrisra likes to learn about all the different Gods and Goddesses. These students certainly had a lot of fun learning about ancient people and events.

--Madison Maine and Amber Payne



Hunter Quintal shows off his star in Myths and Legends.

Outdoor Life

Wow! Look at the great outdoors! This year at Summer Enhancement program students learn about the outdoors with their teacher, Joey Brett. Students enjoy casting (a game in which they try to hook a hoop with a fishing pole) and watching videos about hunting and fishing. Cameron Black loves playing the casting game and Haley Stuckey enjoys watching interesting videos about the wild. Jason is enjoying his first year of Enhancement by learning about the life outdoors. What an interesting class. Maybe we will try this class next year.

--Amber Payne and Madison Maine



Cameron Black is getting ready to catch the "big one!"

Pottery and Painting

Are you ready to get your hands dirty? That's what you'll do if you're ready for the fun adventures that await you in pottery making. I noticed that they work hard in putting serious details into their work. One girl, Sarah, said she selected that class because she wanted to make cool creations and get her hands messy. We watched as the students created dogs, pigs, and even houses out of clay. Some students were even able to create letters to spell out their names. What a great keepsake!!

--D.J. Rumph, Michael Matthews, and Shawn Boswell



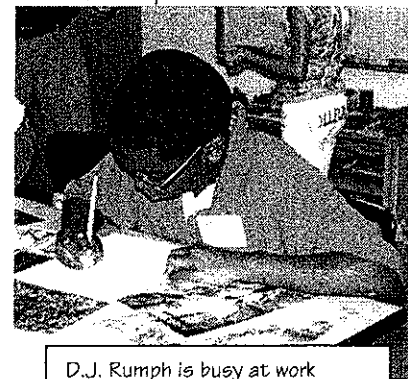
Meg Taylor is concentrating on creating a beautiful work of art in Pottery and Painting!

Photojournalism

We had a hard time keeping up with this roving group of reporters! We were able to interview one student who said that she chose this class because she loves taking pictures and interviewing people. Each day the photojournalists in this class were "on the job" working to cover the cool happenings that were going on every

day in Enhancement. "We always had to work hard and remember the deadline!" said Benita Scott. The students were also able to make powerpoint presentations of the photos they took to share with their classmates.

--Michael Matthews, Shawn Boswell, and D.J. Rumph



D.J. Rumph is busy at work getting interviews for our wonderful newspaper!

ROCKETRY

Boom! Zap! Whoosh! If you like action, then ZOOM on over to Rocketry! You have never seen so many rockets before. In every direction you look—North, South, East, and West, there's a rocket! We noticed in Rocketry how they use a certain rock in order to fire the rocket. The neat thing is that every time we visited someone showed me a burnt rock. We were able to talk with one of the students, Vivick, who chose the class because he enjoys blasting things. We were able to get some cool pictures of their hard work!!

--Shawn Boswell, D.J. Rumph and Michael Matthews.



Students stand by as the rocket takes off!

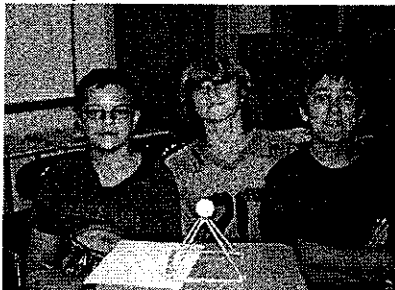
Savvy Strategies

"What is a strategy that we can use to be able to win the game of Jenga?" Well maybe you will know when we go on an adventure of "Savvy Strategies" Haley Netchaeff and Benita Scott visited the "Savvy Strategies" class and got some interesting information. We spoke with Mr. McClellan, and asked him what his favorite activity was in the class. He shared with us that he likes Human Checkers and Human Battleship. Mr. McClelland has been teaching Enhancement for about seven years.

The students in this class were able to use their strategic skills playing games and building structures that required them to think hard and work together.

We also got a chance to speak with Tedra Rogers, one of the students, who says that she chose this class is because it helps you improve your thinking skills and learn more about the games that they play during this class. Tedra's favorite activity in Savvy Strategies is every activity!

--Haley Netchaeff and Benita Scott

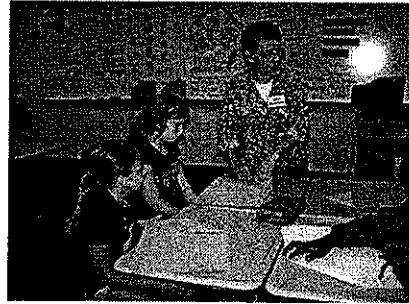


Some students in Savvy Strategies show off their "tower".

SPANISH ADVENTURE

"No habla espanol?" Well, then this is the class for you!! These students went on a two-week adventure and were immersed in the Spanish language and culture. Mr. and Mrs. Martinez introduced the students to the "Spanish World" through customs, folk dances, crafts, and foods of the region. They were also able to speak the language by

learning to say their names, their favorite colors, and much more. These students are ready for a great summer practicing their new language!



Students prepare to embark on a Spanish Adventure with Ms. Martinez!

Tennis

Did you have any idea that "love" is a score in tennis? Well, these students certainly knew it, and they also had the opportunity to hear it every day as they practiced and perfected their tennis skills. These students took a "field trip" every day to a local tennis court to put their training to work. They played tournaments and learned new techniques that will help them in the future.

Emily McDuffie, a student, said that she really enjoyed the singles games. These students had a chance to play with other students their own age and have fun doing it.

We look forward to hearing the name of one of our students announced as the next championship winner in the world of tennis!!



Caroline McCoy works on her tennis skills!

TV Broadcasting and Video Production

Click! "Great film guys!" This lucky class gets to go all around the school and film what they do in all the different classes. They also get to bring in their favorite music and add them to their movies.

"We're trying to get more people to come to Enhancement," first year student, Allison, from second period says.

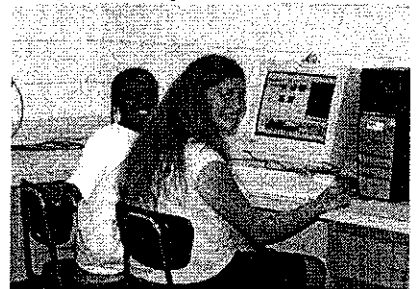
"My favorite part is taking pictures of people and getting to go on the computer."

Elizabeth from second period says, "I like to mess around with computers and cameras." Students could bring their own video camera or use the ones provided by the school.

You could also choose which classes you went to for videos and pictures. Emilee from second period loves this class. She happily said, "You learn how to play on Moviemaker and take videos clearly."

They also made a movie about nature and will be showing their movies on Parent Night. Overall, this class is a busy and hardworking class with lots to do. Who knows... someday, you might see these people as famous movie makers and directors!

--Ryleigh Carver, Sara Abdulla, and Emily Wetherington



Nia Bester and Elizabeth Sordillo are learning a lot about creating a television production.

X-TREME GAMES

They don't exaggerate when they say X-TREME! They play a combination of basketball, football

and soccer. The class plays different sports and games, such as Putt Ball and Speedball.

The team cheers when a star player makes the goal or scores the touchdown. They congratulate each other if someone makes a good shot. No bad sportsmanship here! SSSCCOORREEE!!!!!!

We asked some players just what exactly they did in X-treme Games. Payton responded, "We play sports such as soccer, football, kickball and Speedball." Matthew's favorite part of the class is actually being out on the field and playing. These students certainly appeared to be having an X-treme time!!

--Sara Abdulla, Ryleigh Carver, and Emily Wetherington



This group of athletes knows how to play hard in X-treme Games!



Our Roving Reporters!

