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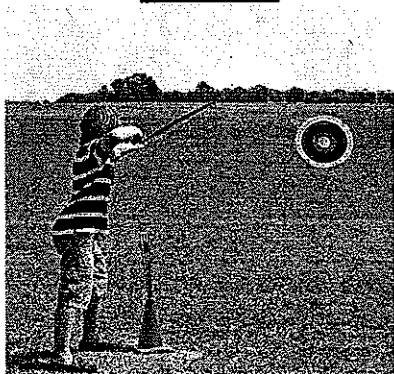
ALL ABOUT KIDS

Do you just love kids? If so, All About Kids is the right class for you. In this class you learn great tips for babysitting and you get CPR certified! This is a great class for learning how to baby-sit. You get to go on a field trip to a day care center and help kids. You also get to bring in your own baby doll and take care of it. Cydney Moneypenny says, "I love this class because it's really fun. I took it last year to get my CPR certificate renewed." This is Cydney's third year in Enhancement. If you want to be a babysitter or just learn more about kids, this class is the one for you!---Madison Anderson, Savannah Daly, Katelyn Royer



Marley Carlyon performs CPR in All About Kids as Maggie Wallace looks on.

ARCHERY



Michael Stewart prepares to shoot the target in Archery.

Michael Stewart is one of the many kids who is lucky enough to learn the art of archery everyday. Archery is a sport that requires concentration, exertion, and agility. As Mr. Swartz coaches the kids, he says, "Shoot your best!" "It's fun and I've never done it before," says Michael when we asked him why he joined Archery. His favorite part of Archery, which sounds like fun, is popping balloons on the target! This is his third year of Enhancement and his first time in Archery. He said he was glad he chose Archery. So if you want to have fun and shoot arrows at things, Archery is the class for you!---Sarah Abushanab and Olivia Ericson

Around the World in Ten Days

In Around the World in Ten Days you learn about different countries such as Thailand, India, and China. Anna Mobley says "You definitely learn unique things about these about different countries," One day you learn a Mexican dance and you watch a lot of cool movies. Believe me you will have a lot of fun in it while you learn. Just imagine...you traveled the world in two weeks without even leaving home!---Maegan McMahan and Emily Bowlin



Anna Mobley enjoys some delectable cuisine from Around the World!

ART WITH THE MASTERS

In Art with the Masters the kids focus on making projects such as a landscape by Vincent Van Gogh. Their teacher, Mrs. Heller, shares the styles of many different famous artists, and the students get to try their hand at creating works of art. When I visited them, they were working on finishing their portraits of themselves. Kelsey Hollis quotes, "This class is really fun."---Emily Bowlin and Maegan McMahan



Kelsey Hollis enjoys creating works of art in Art with the Masters!

Basketball

Slam Dunk! Basketball, taught by Coach Squires and Coach Jackson, is a great way to learn the outrageous ways of passing, dribbling, and shooting that occur in basketball all the time! Layton Sheets, one of the many kids in basketball, says, "Basketball is amazingly fun and awesome!" Sideline basketball is his favorite part of the class. The way you play is: You line up on the sideline, and the coach gives you a number. When he calls your number, you go onto the court and play. The

object of the game is to get the most points. This is Layton's second year of Enhancement, and he has loved every minute of it! If you want to have as much fun as Layton, basketball is the place to be.—Olivia Ericson and Sarah Abushanaub



The Basketball class poses for a shot during Enhancement. Hoop it up!

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

It's going, it's going, it's out of here!! Baseball/softball is out of this park! You learn all of the basics of this sport. You may already know the basics, but you get a chance to improve on what you know. There are many different things that you can learn from this opportunity like throwing, catching, and hitting. When I asked Claudia and Katie what they do in this class, they answered, "Watch videos, go outside, and practice the basics." This class is great for those who have never played this sport and for people who have played before. So next year think about taking this class! It could be your favorite class yet!—Cameron Black and Alexa Bennett



Claudia is about to hit in a different format than the usual batting stance.

Beanie Babies, Dolls, and Stuffed Animals

Snip, snip, snip. Beanie Babies, Dolls, and Stuffed Animals is the place to be. Everyone in this class is having so much fun. These girls are making all kinds of great things such as Larry the Cucumber and Miss Bear. Mrs. Clay, the teacher, is making this class so much fun for everyone. These girls are getting a chance to show how creative they are. Madison Jones and Alexa Boyd say, "It's fun to make whatever you want!" They both agreed that this class is super fun. Everyone says, "If you love to be creative then this is the class for you!" —Alexa Bennett and Cameron Black



Madison Jones is having fun making stuffed animals.

BUGS, BUGS, BUGS!!

This program is a great time to hang with the crazy and cool bugs on this earth! You have lots of fun searching for bugs too. You make projects and there are a lot of other things to do! Even though it's fun, you also have chores to do. Cleaning up is important when you are dealing with bugs! This group is also really creative! They paint dead bugs! They spend a good bit of time outdoors searching for bugs and other critters. This is a group that is always on the go, so if you like that then you might enjoy this class! —Jakira A. Alexander-Gray and Katie Sinatra



This is a buggy group!!! Watch out!

Cake Decorating

Cake decorating? you mean I get to have the fun of decorating cake then we get to eat it?! Count me in!

Some of the students in cake decorating said their teacher, Ms. Squires, was funny, cool, and very nice! A fun class and teacher? Are you kidding me?!

Sometimes you have homework in this class, but it's fun homework! You have to bake a cake to decorate! They don't just decorate it to look like anything though! One day they decorate a cake to look like a smiley face, and then the next day it might be flip-flops or pants! If you're someone who likes to decorate cakes to make them look cute (and then eat them) then this is the class for you!—Katie Sinatra and Jakira A. Alexander-Gray



Ashley Derr is making flip-flops out of cake.

Cheerleading

5-6-7-8! Do you like to cheer? Do you like to be loud? Well go on down to room 402 with Coach Sloan and Coach Heller because cheerleading is the class for you. Brandon and I interviewed two girls, Taylor Hancock and Myah Campbell. Taylor said cheerleading is fun and she thought it would help her with her cheers. Myah said she loves cheerleading and, of course, the cheers. So, if you like to cheer very loudly and to scream come on down to 402!—Nia Bester and Brandon Mincey



Cheerleaders are jumping by the count of Coach Sloan in Cheerleading class.

Chocolate Fever

Do you have a disease for chocolate? Well it might be Chocolate Fever. In this class your teacher, Mrs. Hardy, will introduce you into the world of CHOCOLATE!! We interviewed 3 students in her class. Claire Whelan and Amelia Reily said they joined to see how chocolate was made. Brick Bentley said she joined because of her love for chocolate. Brick also said her favorite part was when she made it and then ate it. Mrs. Hardy told us that chocolate is naturally bitter. If Chocolate is your thing, this is your class.—Brandon Mincey and Nia Bester



Claire, Brick, and Amelia pose for the camera in Chocolate Fever.

Cool and Crazy Science

YOU WOULD NEVER THINK THAT SCIENCE COULD BE COOL LIKE THIS!!!!!!!

Do you think that science is boring? Well I don't now that I have seen cool and crazy science!!! Both of the students, Cam'ron Martin and Jay Andino, say that they rate this class a 10 out of 10 because "You learn, but you're having fun at the same time. It's very fun and yet its educational!"

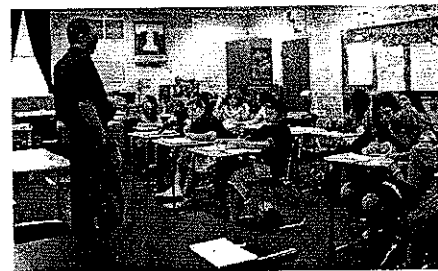
If you like dissecting things, then this is the class for you because this year they dissected worms, owl vomit, and other cool things. The greatest thing about it is that you get free food to make the educational plant and animal cell cake!!! And you also make the Newton's law theory come to life at cool and crazy science, so join this class next year and have a cool time!!—Stephanie Stout



Jay is all smiles in Cool and Crazy Science.

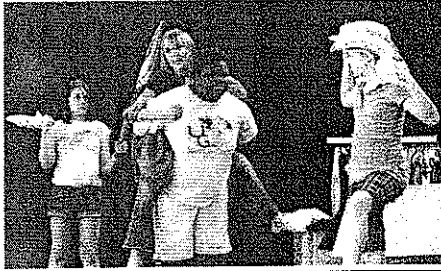
Debate

Skittles or M&M's? You choose! This class is a place you can argue nonstop without getting in trouble. In Debate, the students are given two opposing subjects (e.g. Mandatory Spanish vs. Choosing Spanish class) and write an argument about the side you choose. Then, in class, you recite your reasons why it's better than the other side in a short time limit. (e.g. The Iraqis deserve better treatment because most of them are innocent.) The boys and girls love their class, despite the work. Grant Hutchinson states, "I wanted to join the class because I want to be a politician, a person that must have the basic skill to argue." On one day, they invited the Warner Robins High School Debate Team. For the whole period, they argued about the Skittles vs. M&M's case. They were geniuses, talking the whole time about unity, individuality, nuclear wars, world peace, health issues, and the age old "melting in your hand" argument. The kids in this class have no doubt learned as much as we have. We encourage you to join this class, because most people who join Debate teams become successful lawyers. ROCK ON, DEBATERS OF THE WORLD! —Dylan Quintal



Mr. John McClellan explains to the class about affirmative and negative arguments.

DRAMA



Autumn, Danny, Mojo, and Julia ham it up while practicing for the play.

When we went into Drama they were rehearsing the play, "After Hours." It looks like it is going to be a very good play. I spoke to Carter who is the security guard in the play. "I like to act in front of people and that's why I picked this class. This is my first year and I am really enjoying it," We also got to interview one of the directors, Billy Thomas, "I chose this class to teach because I love theater and I have been acting since I was about 10." We also interviewed two really good friends named Mojo and Katie. "We both love acting and that's why we picked this class. At first we thought it was hard to remember the lines, but now it is easy"-Mojo. "I love my part as a burglar but at first I was disappointed I didn't get the lead role. But now I have got a super cast supporting me."-Katie. I am looking forward to watching the play and I think you will enjoy it too.—Lauren Brock and Elizabeth Locke

Fun with Food

Fun with food is a class that you get to learn how to cook, but instead of just learning the recipes you actually get to cook them. While we were in the class we asked a student named Madison Butler what she thought about it, and she said, "I picked this class because I enjoy cooking, and I want to become a better cook." This is Madison's first year at Enhancement and she is enjoying it. The teacher, Mrs. Wilson, said "I enjoy cooking. It's one of my

hobbies. I've been teaching this class for 6 years." This class sounds fun to me. I might take it next year! — Elizabeth Locke and Lauren Brock



Savannah Daly gets cheesy in Fun with Food!

Geology

In geology you learn about rocks, stones, and other interesting scientific things. One day they looked at different types of stones. Another day they grew crystals that were different colors. They also made fossils with clay. Nytia Williams says "it's always fun and messy." If you want to do hands on science experiments, then this might be the class for you.—Maegan McMahan and Emily Bowlin



Michaela Heide is busy making fossils in Geology.

Golf

"Golf is a game for life," says Mrs. Goggin, the Summer Enhancement teacher. Mrs. Goggin has played golf her whole life, and now she shares her knowledge of the sport with her students, Garrett Roberson, Sam Clark, Dan Taylor, Jake Conner, Allie Payne, Taylor Oxyer, and last but not

least Nathan Armes. "Hit 'em straight n' smooth," as Sam Clark said. Mrs. Goggin's favorite part of teaching golf is seeing her students succeed. "Never stop trying" Allie Payne quoted. Or as Nathan Armes said "Always be honest with yourself" these kids really gave us some great advice. GOOD LUCK FUTURE PRO GOLFERS! --Leah Crick and Heather Stewart



Mrs. Goggin helps Sam Clark with his swing. Hit it far, Sam!!

It's a Small World

Have you ever wondered what it is like in another country? Well, these people have and OBVIOUSLY they've had fun in this class! From India to Egypt these kids have "seen it all"! Let's hear what they have to say about this class!

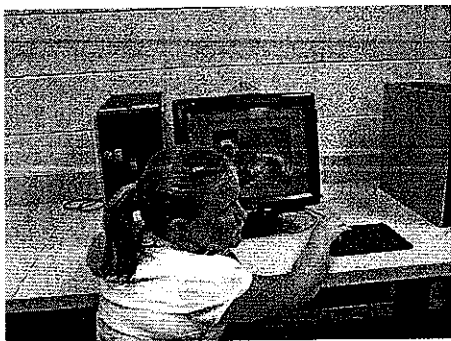
Emily White says her favorite activity is doing all the crafts and she chose It's a Small World because you can learn about different countries. The teacher, Mrs. Johnson, says her favorite activity is the clay mummies, and she chose to teach this class because you make lots of crafts and visit lots of places. Kaleb Hall says his favorite part is the crafts, and he chose this class because you get to taste different foods and make lots of things about that culture. After all, IT'S A SMALL WORLD!—Heather Stewart and Leah Crick



Mr.s. Johnson helps Emily White with her clay mummy. Way to go Emily!

It's All About Me!

In It's All About Me, the kids focus on trying to discover what was going on in the world when they were born! They search the internet and scan pictures of themselves to use in a Powerpoint display about themselves. Some things they discovered were: Who was President when you were born? How much did a house cost when you were born?. These nifty tidbits of information along with pictures of themselves created some interesting diplays. Taylor Oxyer says, "This class is really fun!"—Emily Bowlin



Taylor Oxyer is learning all about the world when she was born!

Jump Rope

Jump rope is awesome! You will learn a lot and the coach is great! I enjoyed going to their class because they were always laughing and enjoying the morning. There were many outstanding jumpers there and we interviewed a few of them. Kaitlyn

had the most to say. "I chose this class because I wanted to learn the basics about jump rope." She also likes to do the "brakes", which means stopping the jump rope with your foot. Connor chose the class because he knew the coach and has done jump rope with him before. He likes to do tricks. Sara did this class last year, and enjoyed it so much she decided to do it again! Avery was on the jump rope team at her school, so she knew this was the class for her. Great job!!—Taylor Hancock



Kaitlyn is working hard in jump rope.

let's get crafty!

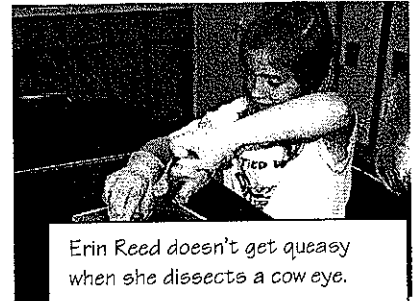
Let's get crafty is a class where kids can express themselves and show their style. This class is fun, creative, and cool. Ms. Mosely is an awesome teacher who inspires creativity everyday! They made everything from clip boards to flip flops in their own unique style. Alexa says that it's fun and different than the other things. "This class is so much fun and there are a lot of things to do," says Breanna. If you like to be crafty, then this is the class for you!!—Maggie Garrett



Jasmine is working on her clip board.

MYSTERY SCIENCE

Is science your favorite subject? if so, then you need to join Mystery Science. Mystery Science is a fun & great way to learn about science. I interviewed a student named Jacob and asked him what his favorite activity was in this class. He responded, "Making fireworks!" In Mystery Science you are able to do great activities like dissecting a cow eye and making fireworks. I also interviewed a student named Ashlyn and asked her why she wanted to take Mystery Science. She said " I just love science." Every student I interviewed said it was their first year at Enhancement and they would like to take Mystery Science again next year! —Shauna Boydston



Erin Reed doesn't get queasy when she dissects a cow eye.

Myths and Legends

I asked Kira why she chose to take Myths and Legends and she said, "Because of all the fun projects and because I was always fascinated with myths and legends." In this class you make a lot of creative things. When I visited, they were making necklaces and other things out of clay. They were working towards getting ready to paint them. Myths and Legends seems to be a very interesting class where you can learn a lot! —Sarah Ziegler



Jacob works on his Greek calendar in Myths and Legends.

Oceanography

Do you like the ocean? Well, oceanography is the class for you! In this class you will get to study all about the ocean and all living things in the ocean. You also get to make some interesting crafts. The highlight of the class is the dissection of a Bull Shark! They found a comb, eyeglasses, a penny, and even an entire small fish! Pierce Kean said, "I want to learn about the ocean and I wanted to dissect a shark!" So that's the scoop on Oceanography!—Harrison Sutton



Brett Danforth and Nathan Arms are excited to share their dissected shark with us when we visit.

Outdoor Life



A group of Outdoor Life students learn how to build a tent!

Outdoor Life is about how to survive in the wilderness alone. The teachers teach you how to do a lot of stuff if you were ever camping, fishing, or doing anything outdoors. Mr. Toppings said about the kids "I think they're doing a great job in this class. I believe they'll be independent when they go out alone. I know they'll use the techniques we have taught them." And Mr. Tyler said "I think the kids are progressing really well in this class and we've done a lot of fun stuff with the kids. I also think that the kids could do really well with this in the future."—Madeline Roller

Photojournalism

"Say Cheese!" If you are the person who likes to take pictures, photojournalism is the class for you. We go all over the school to take pictures and interview people in the other classes. In the end we have a newspaper with a section on every class, and then everybody in Enhancement has the chance to buy the paper. As Heather Stewart said "I love to talk to people and see how they like their class. It's so fun to learn about the other classes." We all love this class. Jacob Allen says "It's fun because you get to walk around the school and take photos, and the teachers are really nice." Photojournalism is the best class ever!!!—Leah Crick



Heather Stewart and Leah Crick are busy collecting information for the newspaper.

Pottery

Do you like to sculpt, paint, and model clay through your style? Then try pottery. Heather Stewart picked this class because she thought it was a 10 from a scale of 1 to 10.

"In this class when using clay you need to lay out the artwork in the sun to fire it for a few days," recalls Mrs. McNiel. "You have to do that because it will bring out the color and work of the sculpture and not just a blob of bought clay from the store."

In this class you will have a lot of fun because all kinds of creatures from your imagination come to life from your skills with a piece of paper or clump clay.

You can make a sculpture, a painting or something a bit crazy from your mind. You won't get bored in this class. If you try it, you can't resist it!—Brandon Narsing



Heather Stewart ranks pottery as a perfect 10!!

Rocketry

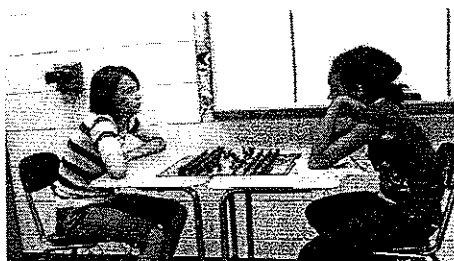
Ka POW! Boom! Crackle! Pop! This class is all about the excitement! In addition to getting to do an experiment almost every day, you also get to make your own rocket! Michael had this to say, "It's really fun." As an added bonus, you even get to go to the Museum of Arts and Sciences.—Cierra Elliott



Michael prepares his rocket for lift-off!

Sawvy Strategies

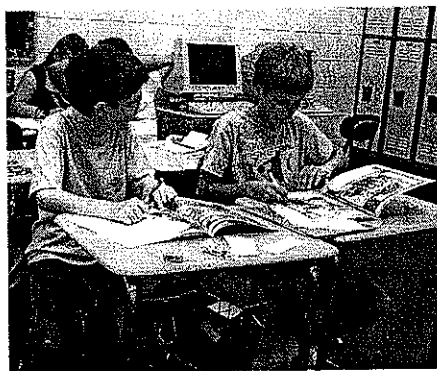
Are you ready to learn some great strategies? If so then Sawvy Strategies is the class for you! In this class students play games and learn different strategies. Mr. McClellan says, "Three years ago I was asked to teach this class because they needed a teacher, and I accepted. We play lots of cool games and learn lots of strategies!" One of Mr. McClellan's favorite activities is board games. "I love to walk around and watch the students use the strategies we've learned so far!" Mr. McClellan also teaches the debate class. If you're looking for lots of fun and games, Sawvy Strategies is the class for you!—Savannah Daly, Madison Anderson, Katelyn Royer



Elan Foy and Hannah McClellan are using their strategies on a Narnia board game.

Secret Codes

Secret Codes is a cool class where you can learn about secret messages and codes. While I was visiting, I found out about the Caesar Cipher where you move a letter in the alphabet forward three spaces. There are so many codes and secrets to learn. These students will have the tools they need to be secret spies! If you want to learn codes in a fun way, then this is the class for you.—Madeline Roller, Robin Glefke, and Jacob Allen



Ian Clester and Camden Funkhouser try to decipher some secret codes!

Tennis

Tennis is about having fun and learning new things you didn't know before. The tennis group goes on many field trips. The first day of Summer Enhancement Coach Bacon is already handing out permission slips. In tennis they go to HOCO, the Recreation Department, and a The Landings Country Club. In tennis you have to learn forehand, backhand, how and where to serve, and how to keep score. Tennis is the most fun and energetic sport you could play at Summer Enhancement. Coach Bacon always says, "When you have played for a while and you're just now playing someone who has never played before, you will win because you can tell them anything you want!!!!" Coach Bacon is so fun and funny when we

get out on the tennis courts. Tennis is so fun, so go play now!!!—Madeline Roller



Jake plays a singles match on the courts in Tennis.

TV Broadcasting

We all know everyone loves watching television, but have you ever wondered what it is like behind the camera? Well, now you can find out! The students in TV Broadcasting are making videos to share with people who are interested in attending Enhancement. We walked around the class as we saw these hardworking students discussing and planning video projects. We asked Cameron why he was taking the class. "I thought it would be interesting," says Cameron. We then spoke with Layton and Desmond who said, "We're making a video about Enhancement." We saw other students working on their videos, and it was amazing to see the action taking place every time we passed a computer. Whether it was about basketball or cheerleading, all videos seemed lively and exciting because the students seemed so focused on what they were doing in their classes. So, if you would like to learn more about movie magic then this is a great class for you. Have that special experience you've always

wanted!—Mirakle Stillman



Sarah Abushanaub and Valerie Davis work on their video in TV Broadcasting.

X-GAMES

X-Games is a fun and exciting class. You get to play a series of soccer and football. You also play games like kickball, speedball, and punt ball! "It's fun and exciting, and the coach is very nice!" says Mya. This is her first year of Enhancement, but Zachary has been in Enhancement for two years. He likes to run ground and punt back. As you can see, X-Games must be really fun, so don't judge a book by it's cover! Come on out and try it!!—Allie Payne



X-Games pauses from their intense workout for a group photo.



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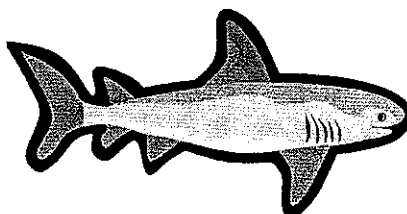
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Shark Attack at Enhancement

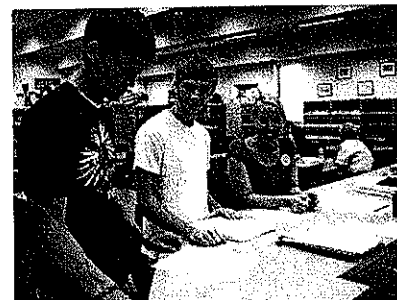
Reporters Nia Bester and Madeline Roller are here to give you the inside scoop on THE SHARK BITE!!!! Payton Johnson was dissecting a Shark in Oceanography, and he reached in to get the jaw out and sliced his finger. He said, "It hurt, but I didn't cry." How brave of him. We wish him luck with his finger.



Payton and his bandaged-up finger ☹



Stitches on the boo-boo ☹



The office staff is hard at work everyday to make Enhancement fun!!



Mrs. Carpenter helps to keep the office running smooth!



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