



Summer Enhancement 2014

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Fine Arts



Art with the Masters

From beginners to master artist within only two weeks this class has given students the ability to create works of art just as Van Gogh, Picasso, and Banksy have done. When interviewed, Will Dean stated he took the class because “he was not good at drawing, and wanted to work on his art.” Emily McGlamry recommends the class to students next year who like to draw because it is a lot of fun.



Get Innovative

Pop art, collages, silhouettes, and other works of art are what these students did for two weeks. They experimented with tempera paint, watercolors, acrylic paint, and oil pastels while creating works of art. Dallas Jackson says that his favorite piece to make was the owl. Carigen Fouse says she took the class because “I love Art.”



Beginning Guitar

In Guitar students learn the basics of guitar, while also learning about different genres of music. During an interview, the students had nothing but wonderful things to say about this class. William Rankine said he took the class because “He wanted to learn guitar.” Brianna Brodzinske says she has been playing for four years and that the class has enhanced her skills.



Beginning Keyboard

Students learned the art of keyboarding on state of the art Yamaha equipment allowing them to show their creativity through music. Alex Dorr took the class because he thought it would be a fun activity and he enjoys being able to play songs. Brooklyn Lienderman likes working together to make music into a story.



Sing It!

Ever dream of being in a music video? Sing It! explores the behind-the-scenes of making a video and singing with other singers. The Sing It! students experienced all of the above by singing the National Anthem every morning and running around the school shooting a music video. Abbi Rainwater says that “Making the music video has been the best part so far, also Mr. Gonzalez makes it fun.” Khristian Carson said of the class, “We’ve learned new techniques that have helped improve my singing.”

Crafts and Food

Cake Decorating

The students have become Cake Bosses during this two-week interactive decorating class. With the curriculum combining baking and creativity, it is the class to take for the creative baker. Carolyn Harper says that “Artistic and Creative people would enjoy this class.”

Fun with Food

All of these Chefs in Training have become Cooking Masters these two weeks. With the use of math and science they have created culinary masterpieces in a safe, creative, and hands-on environment. Emma Kalch said she took the class because, “I like to cook, and my dad said that I should take the class.” Lauren Desilets said her favorite part of the class was making stuff and becoming a talented chef.

Got Chocolate?

These Students have discovered the world of chocolate, learning about where it comes from, and its many uses. They have created chocolate masterpieces and they all enjoy using their creativity and cooking skills. Gavin Opegard says he took the class because “It’s fun to make food, and enjoy it after.” McKenzie Gilbert says her favorite thing about the class was the “Chocolate cake that fell apart, but it was still good.”

Kidz Fashion Design

During these two weeks these kids have become real life Fashion Designers by taking seemingly normal clothing and turning it into designs worthy of Fashion Week in Milan. Christianna Moore says of the class that she “Likes making different clothes.” Roxie Davis discovered by taking this class that she’s great at it saying, “I’m a natural at making designs.”

Let’s Get Crafty!

From Flip Flops to collages the Let’s Get Crafty kids have explored the world of crafts. Their creations are beautiful and practical - meaning they can use them in the real world. Marissa Melnick says, “I love crafts and this is a good class for people who are crafty.” Olivia Renfroee says that the Father’s Day patch was her favorite thing she made during these two weeks.

On A Roll!

These students have created wonders from common items and rolls upon rolls of duct tape. From flowers to backpacks the students have used their measuring skills and their creativity to create works of art. Cassius Wilson says about why she took the class, “I wanted to try it out and make things out of duct tape that I didn’t know you could make.” Emari Andico says of the teacher Mrs. Schneller, “She makes things fun and easy to understand so we can make really cool things.”





On Pins and Needles

From where it comes, to how to use it-these students have explored the art of sewing, weaving, knitting, embroidering and crocheting. They have met some real life fiber friends and investigated fibers in a CSI lab. Emma Hughes says she took the class because, "I didn't know how to sew before and I wanted to learn for myself and to teach my children someday." Cassie Holmese says that her favorite part of the class was "Sewing and creating the drawstring bag."

Drama

In this class the students got to experience the thrill of the big stage. They also learned the inside work that goes into producing a show. These students spent both class periods perfecting their skills, creating costumes, learning lines, and creating sets so at the end; they could put on a production worthy of a Broadway stage. Emma Copenhaver says "I have been putting on my own plays since I was little so this class is a lot of fun." Payton Schwartz says the class is great because, "It's a fun way to show your personality."



Eclectic Choices

Debate

These students have learned the fundamentals of arguing their point. They utilized evidence to answer questions in mock debates. This class is fun to students because they are given the opportunity to display their speaking skills. The students gave speeches and participated in mock debates. Zoi Murray states that she enjoys arguing even when she is wrong. Zoi suggests this class to future enhancement students because the class provides students with the experience and different techniques to argue their best.



Savvy Strategies

This enhancement course challenges the minds of its students. Niyah Brown says that she chose Savvy Strategies because, "I like a challenge and I like to use my brain." Payton Hamilton explains that his favorite part about the class is the board games because they incorporate competition. The students learned how to think and operate as a team, use their critical thinking skills, and play all sorts of games ranging from chess to Mancala.



The Great Outdoors!

These students have learned how to survive in the wilderness these past two weeks. From learning how to make fires to learning how to fish, these students have been prepared for any camping trip. "Everyone should take this class to learn more about the wilderness." says Joshua Holovach of the class. Mia Anagnost said, "I wanted to learn more about surviving in the wilderness. So far I've learned how to purify water, make fires, and cook marshmallows with a pizza box and aluminum foil."





TV Video Production

When asked why he chose the class, Jaren Zimmerman replied, "It's my first time at Summer Enhancement and I wanted to learn how to make a movie." This class allowed the students to walk around the school and observe, interview, and edit movies they made of the Summer Enhancement Experience. Nafisa Bangura's favorite part of the class was "Going into different classes and taking videos."

Another Time and Place...

Egyptology

These students traveled the centuries and landed in Ancient Egypt surrounded by pyramids, pharaohs, and a sphinx. When asked what his favorite part of the class was, Tray White said "Building the canopy jars and painting them." They are jars the ancients used to put in the organs taken from the dead." Mummification of students, writing in hieroglyphics, and enjoying an Egyptian feast were just a few of the fun activities that the students enjoyed. Abigail Harris says "I signed up because I wanted to become an Egyptologist and this class makes me want to do it even more."



Greek Mythology

From Zeus to centaurs, the students of this class have immersed themselves into Greek mythology and Ancient Greece. When asked about the class Averil Martin said, "This class will help me understand allusions and references in future readings." They have studied constellations, created shields, and sculpted statues of Zeus. The students got to learn a lot of Greek mythology. When asked about his favorite god Donovan Duncan said, "Zeus is my favorite god. I love how he defeated Kronos."



Medieval Times

These students have traveled to a time full of Knights, Nobles, Raids, Castles, and Feasts. Whether they were raiding other classrooms or learning how to dance these students have had a blast learning the customs and history of Medieval Times. Callie Wilson thought the field trip to the Medieval Times restaurant was the most interest.



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Archery

They came in as students and left as master bowmen with skills of Robin Hood, aim of Hawkeye, and accuracy of Katniss. Within the two weeks the students have learned the fundamentals of archery through various archery games such as popping balloons, shooting rings and most arrows in the target. When asked what her favorite activity was, Brenley Fouse stated, "The balloons because when they pop! It's great and makes me want to shoot better." Ryan Stewart said "The joy of hitting a target is my favorite part."



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Baseball/Softball

And... it's out of here! Do you love baseball or have ever wanted to try a sport out? This class provided a reliable way of learning the sport in all its glory. Fundamentals and drills were presented to these kids in a way where they could easily be introduced to this American pastime. The objective of this class is stressed by Kiram Harrison, who explained that, "It teaches you the fundamentals which is really important." There is no doubt that this will allow anyone a chance to find out the enjoyment of pitching or hitting a home run.

Cheer 101

The students of Cheerleading101 highly suggest this interactive course to enhancement students next year because the teacher is very helpful and it is fun to learn new cheers and techniques. If you're spirited and plan on continuing cheerleading, this class is a right fit for you. Hannah White says that she enjoys the jumps and knew the fundamentals of cheerleading before she took the class, but the course has still taught her many lessons in



It's a Circus: Gymnastics

Ever wanted to perform under the big top? Stir crowds with amazing stunts of acrobatics? This class has strived to stimulate all of that and more! Selena Spielman says that she loves doing the partner stunts because she enjoys working with a partner. Selena strongly encourages future enhancement students to take this new class because it helps you get in shape and it has been the most fun she has had all summer.



Crazy for Crossfit

Exercise has never been this fun before! In Crazy for Crossfit the students are introduced to the world of crossfit through gameplay and fun activities. Students such as Noah Myers love that they, "get to work out and have fun with friends". Amy Clark explains she chose the class because she, "she wanted to exercise."



Fore! (Golf)

Students learn the fundamentals of golf in Fore! Through various drill. The students also take a trip to a real golf course to play a round. Campbell Lewis told interviewers he chose Fore! Because "it's a sport I've never played before and it's interesting." Wick Lee stated that, "Playing at the course has been the best!"



Hoop it Up!

The fundamentals of basketball helps players improve their skills, and this is exactly what Hoop it Up does! Students run drills, scrimmage other students, and play games that help improve their skills. Tacari Marshall exclaims he loves seeing the, "Crossover that shakes others players," and Shaunah Rutherford states her, "Favorite game so far is hotshot."





Tennis Rocks!

Over a hundred enhancement tennis juniors advance to high school tennis team play and 100% of the students enjoy every minute of the class. Here they have learned different tennis strokes, rules, and scoring. JD Caulley told interviewers that he enjoys, “The competitive tournaments,” and Kristin Brown stated that the class, “Is really fun and it’s helped with my tennis skills!”

Science Technology Engineering Math (STEM)

Robots and Building and STEM, Oh My!

Complexity of technology expands at an almost intimidating rate! But this robotics class proves that learning the useful skills of creative building and problem solving can keep up with the expansion. The students went on a trip to Georgia Tech, and built upon a very necessary understanding of competitive robotics. They built their own bot and took on very exciting engineering projects. Sydney Banks offered why she enjoyed Robotics saying, “I love how students can use robots in order to help our world.”

Starting from Scratch

Code is the backbone of every application and web page you’ve ever used or visited. This class utilized an introductory programming language called Scratch to provide a kid friendly experience for learning how to code. The class provided a fun experience by blending useful cognitive skills with game development, which is explained best by student Caleb Walthall that, “Getting to test out games and making your own has been the most fun.” The kids in this class coded their own games, interactive stories, and animations.

Mystery Science

The world of science provides a bunch of mysteries and new frontiers for savvy explorers. This class tasked itself with taking on several of these aspiring challenges, and did this in a way which is both engaging and fun. Macie Coffee told us about all the different specimens they worked with, ranging from a cow’s eye to a frog! They also built their very own Mt. St. Helens to understand how volcanos work.

Bridges and Towers and Oh Yeah, Minecraft – The Best of Engineering

Most of us have come across beautiful bridges and towers before in our life time. We behold their intricate designs and wonder how it was made. The students of Bridges and Towers set out to find the answers. They utilized Minecraft to display their creativity and architectural abilities. Jared Zimmerman states that he enjoys the class because he likes learning about the different towers and bridges around the world and, of course, being able to play Minecraft. When asked why he choose the class Carson Harp said “I choose the class because of the things we would do and I like it because we can share or projects.”





My iPad has a STEM?

Ever wondered about the uses of an iPad beyond playing games and socializing with friends? In this class the students explored the many uses and specializations that an iPad can provide for Mathematics, Engineering, Technology, and Science as well! During an interview, student Jordan Woodard explained that, "It's very interactive and it will help you understand technology and its uses".

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Rocketry

Up, up, and away! It's not rocket science, is it? During rocketry, it's all about designing and gaining a solid understanding of aerodynamics. Chloe Wilde took Rocketry because, "Seeing my own rocket blast off and zoom into orbit is a lot of fun." They also visited the Museum of Aviation to learn about the evolution of airplanes over the years.

Show it! Creative Technology

Do you love working with computers and finding innovative ways to incorporate technology into daily activities? Then Show It! is the definite class for you! The students learned how to work with useful software like Prezi, Voki, and PowerPoint. Drew James told us that the reason she took the class was because she wanted to learn how to use different applications, and that, "It has helped me a lot with computers." This is an excellent class for anyone with a biting curiosity for the usage of practical technology.

Cool and Crazy Science

Whether it is dissecting or creating slime, science is always fun - as shown in the class Cool and Crazy Science. The students dissected owl pellets and worms. Noah Harriman said about why he took the class, "My friend referred me and I love it because of the gadgets, like silly noise makers, we made." The students explored the world of science and found ways to express themselves through learning.

Fizz, Float, and Fly

Where do you put dirty dishes? In the Zinc! Glowing slime, analyzing bubbles, and amazing bouncing putty – what's the formula? How many drops of water fit on a penny? How does that work? How can a substance be both liquid and solid at the same time? DJ Johnson enjoys conducting experiments and seeing them explode. Ellie Kirkland enjoys her teacher and wants to be a scientist when she grows up.

Agriculture

This class observes and builds understanding about a science that makes up many of the most important mechanics of life. From robotics integration into agriculture to worm bed construction, Students learn about consumption, agriculture, eggs, and making ice cream. If you love gardening and enjoy learning about seeds, soil, and hydro systems, then you'll fit right into this class. Rachel Dowd suggested that, "Anyone who enjoys the outdoors will have a lot of fun in this class."

