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Powhatan Middle School January 2022

General Information

6th grade history classes went to innovation Lab in October after studying the geography, climate and nature resources available to each of the regions. Students had to build their own shelter and then discuss what adaptations they could make in event of a natural catastrophe . The 6th grade history teachers planned together with Dr. Spott for this activity.

For the first semester, the Innovation Lab has hosted 2063 student visits for 20 different lessons. Nearly every student has had at least one lesson in the lab already, including six collaborative teams and multiple self-contained classes.

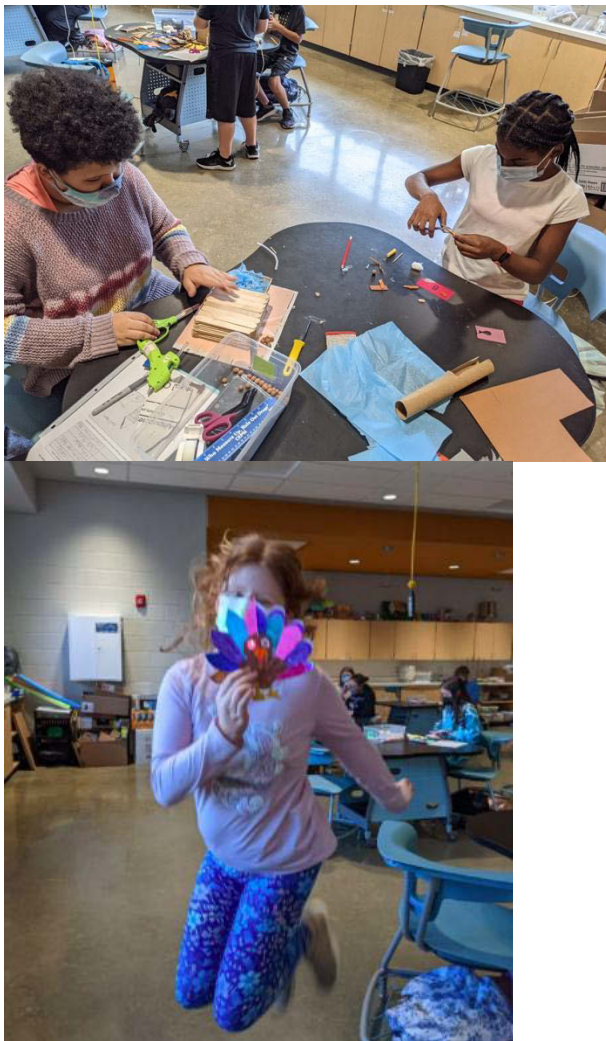




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Even with COVID-19 mitigation procedures in place, teachers focused on providing students with collaborative learning opportunities.

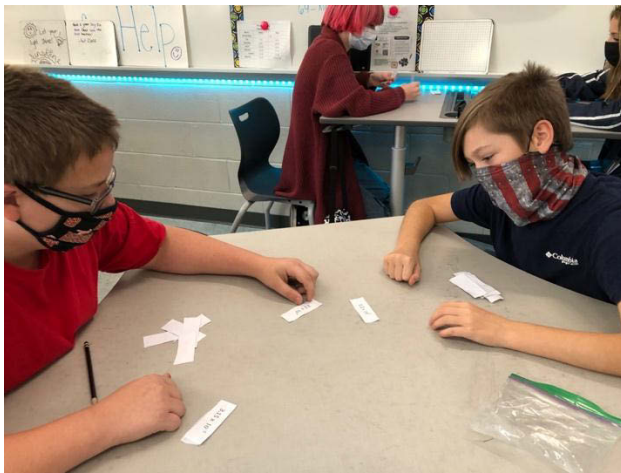
This is an example of 7th grade students playing scientific notation war.



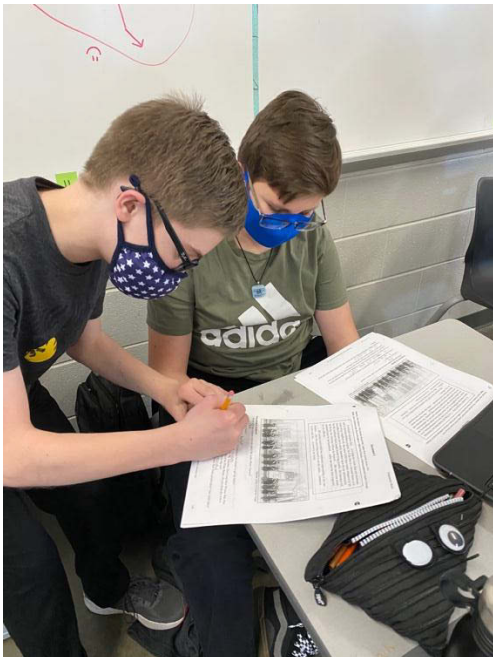
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This is an example of students in a 7th grade social studies class working collaboratively to analyze and explain documents and photos of social reforms presented during the Progressive Movement.



The stromboli from Family and Consumer Science class smelled delicious!



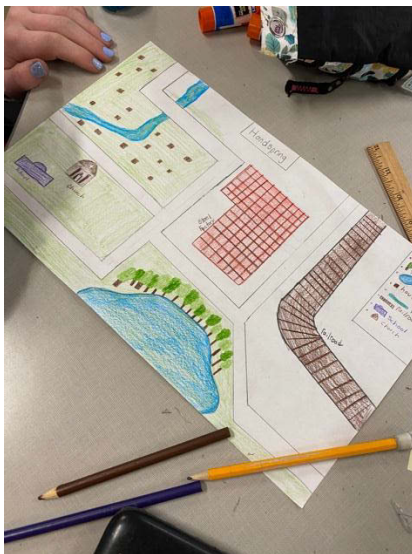
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In 7th grade social studies, students had learned about urbanization, industrialization, and immigration and how they all contributed to the rise of and growth of cities. Students became city planners and had to create their own cities that met criteria for housing, jobs, industries, transportation, and recreation.



7th grade science classes created their own biomes.



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The last 5 days before winter break, the students and staff had winter spirit days, including Character Day.





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PE classes got into the winter spirit with a “snowball fort defense”



The PTO spoiled the staff with breakfast spread



The SCA collected items for donations for the Christmas Mother



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Sports are back in full swing with ACE, Soccer, volleyball, and cross country in the fall and basketball in the winter.



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Performing arts held chorus and band concerts and band students participated in Friday Night Lights with the high school marching band.



Student and Staff Recognition

Mrs. Audrey Cabezas, 6th grade social studies teacher, achieved National Board Certification.



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Soccer (coaches **Jessica Minnix and Will Miles**) and volleyball teams (coaches **Dawn Monson and Phil Nusbaum**) were Southside Middle School conference champions.

Powhatan Middle School was recognized as a School to Watch.

- Schools to Watch is a national program that recognizes high-quality middle school programs. <https://www.middlegradesforum.org/schools-to-watch>
 - The Virginia program is facilitated by the Virginia Middle School Association
- Powhatan Middle School was recognized for the first time in December of 2021 and will retain the designation for three years (2021-2024)

Important Upcoming Events

- Second semester electives began for 6th and 7th grade students on January 4th
- January 8th – all district band auditions
- January 20th – parent program on adolescent development
- Scheduling for the 22-23 school year events
 - Week of January 24th – 8th grade field trip to visit the high school
 - February 10th – Parent scheduling night for rising 7th and 8th graders
 - February 28th – Parent scheduling night for rising 6th graders
- February 22nd – Black History Month Assembly
- February 24th – STEM night
- March 3rd – Instructional Showcase
- Week of March 22nd – 8th grade writing SOL assessment
- Week of March 29th – whole school field trip to the science museum

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Samantha Martin, Principal