



# a hands-on learning EXPERIENCE

FIELD TRIP TO DINOSAUR RIDGE GIVES SEVENTH-GRADERS A NEW PERSPECTIVE

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**ON THE COLD DAY OF OCTOBER FIFTEENTH**, part of the seventh grade student body visited Dinosaur Ridge. The outing not only gave students a unique break from traditional learning, but it allowed them to form connections between history and geology. "It helped me understand how fossils can show the behavior of animals and how we can understand what the dinosaurs did," Warren Dix, 07, said. During the field trip, students visited various stops near the notable fossil bed at Dinosaur Ridge, with each one focused on a different aspect of their studies. "We were learning about fossil evidence, so when I saw the fossils, it was helpful," Heather Bradford, 07, said. Samuel Ahl-Hinson, 07, felt his interest peak when he reached a stone wall of preserved remnants, which was his favorite part of the outing. "Seeing trace fossils and the bones of animals in stone helped make the science unit fun and hands-on," Ahl-Hinson said. Because of their firsthand geology experience, many students won't forget what they learned on the trip.

**1. STUDYING GEOLOGY**, Samuel Ahl-Hinson, Jewel Lopez and Aiden Purcell, 07, explore fossils at Dinosaur Ridge. After several weeks of learning in science, students visited various stops at the Colorado monument. "The field trip was my favorite part of the unit. It helped me review some of the subjects we had been learning," Purcell said. *photo by k. norton*



**2. IMPROVING THEIR COMMUNITY**, Elora Seipp, Allie Morgan and Violet Larson, 06, work with Tate Mitchell, 07, on a poster during a Sources of Strength training. Morgan enjoyed spreading positivity throughout school. "Helping other people makes me happy," Morgan said. *photo by s. damiano* **3. SOLVING PROBLEMS**, Lakyn Wilkinson, 06, tackles a project in Destination Imagination. During the club, participants improved their critical thinking with interactive activities. "I enjoy doing the challenges and working on our projects," Wilkinson said. *photo by p. meadors* **4. EXPRESSING HER CREATIVITY**, Madelyn Laushman, 08, paints in Art Club. The after-school activity helped students relax while creating artwork. "I never got Art during the year, so it's awesome to be able to have it," Laushman said. *photo by k. sweezey*



**5. LEADING THE PACK**, Austin Shepherd, 06, participates in the annual Puma Provl, followed by Callahan Davis and Benjamin Pangborn, 07, Madison Groth and Abigail Harrison, 08. Because of his track experience, Shepherd was able to place second overall in the sixth grade. "My friends helped me pace myself," Shepherd said. *photo by a. evangelista* **6. INDUCTED INTO NJHS**, Jane Griffin, 08, receives her certificate from Mr. Wolf, principal. After working to get mostly "A"s, Griffin was selected as a member of the National Junior Honor Society. "I enjoy being in NJHS because I love serving others," Griffin said. *photo by y. manculich*

*now we're*  
**TALKING**

WHAT MOTIVATED YOU TO JOIN TECHNOLOGY STUDENT ASSOCIATION?

"My mom's an occupational therapist, so it sounded really cool because I wanted to build something to help other people."  
**BENJAMEN SPIELMANN, 06**  
*photo by j. donahue*

"My teacher, Mrs. Gaston, runs TSA, and she asked me to join because of how much effort I put into my classwork."  
**PARKER WEDDING, 07**  
*photo by j. donahue*



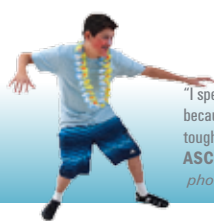
**7. WORKING AS A TEAM**, Michael Purfield, 06, Carson Troupe and Isabella Sandoval, 07, answer trivia questions at Brain Bowl. The group practiced after school for their tournament in January as they competed for points. "I enjoy being able to work with a team," Troupe said. *photo by j. donahue*

## more than MEETS THE EYE

For Katherine Pallman, 06, it's all about horseback riding. "Horseback riding is my new favorite sport. I'm excited to enter a show with my horse," Pallman said. Because Pallman has been riding for several months at the Soda Lake Stables, doing various stunts has become her favorite weekend pastime. *photo by s. pallman*



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"I spend time with my sister because she helps me through tough times."  
**ASCHER BITNER, 08**  
*photo by j. donahue*



"I go support my brother at his football games."  
**ASHLEY SEAVALL, 06**  
*photo by m. murphy*



"I'm expanding my knowledge."  
**EVAN DIMMICK, 07**  
*photo by l. grier*



"I am being more positive."  
**CADYN PRICE, 06**  
*photo by s. miyazaki*



"I like running because I gave it a chance."  
**GRAYCEE BOHLEN, 06**  
*photo by j. donahue*



"I'm worried for our nation's future."  
**WALLIS SPRAGUE, STAFF**  
*photo by s. pallman*

**026** OCTOBER STUDENT LIFE & CLUBS

EVENTS **027**  
ART CLUB, BRAIN BOWL, DESTINATION IMAGINATION, DINOSAUR RIDGE FT. HOBBIES, NJHS, PUMA PROWL, SOURCES OF STRENGTH, TSA

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**MOMENT EVER**  
ON THE OCTOBER D.C. TRIP  
8TH GRADERS DESCRIBE THE MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT

"When we left Mr. Teruel at a restaurant and we looked back and saw him trying to catch up to the bus."



**JENA BERNDT, 08**  
*photo by m. barylka*

"On Bob's bus because everyone was singing on the bus. Also, I loved being at the Holocaust Museum."



**GUSTAV McINTOSH, 08**  
*photo by m. barylka*

"When my bus driver Ellis danced down the bus walkway to 'That's What I Like' by Bruno Mars."



**LAUREN SABATO, 08**  
*photo by m. barylka*

"We were at Mount Vernon and my friend bought a snow globe and right before we boarded the bus, he dropped it."



**RYAN DOLAN, 08**  
*photo by m. barylka*

**1. BEYOND EXCITED**, Tessa Upah and Reagan Parker, 08, express their enthusiasm in front of the Supreme Court building. "I enjoyed the FDR Memorial the most because of how the waterfalls showed the different stages of his life," Upah said. *photo by p. gobble* **2. DURING THE CEREMONY**, Katharine Tucker and Leah Grier, 08, lay the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Grier

wanted to lay the wreath because it was a once in a lifetime opportunity. "I wrote my essay on how I want to be a nurse in the military," Tucker said. *photo by a. genson* **3. CAPTURING THE MOMENT**, William Donahue and Cade Huggins, 08, spend the morning touring George Washington's residence at Mount Vernon. "In addition, students toured George and Martha Washington's grave site," Huggins said. *photo by a. genson*



**4. BEFORE THE CEREMONY**, Leah Grier, Sophia Pallman, Peyden Gobble and Katharine Tucker, 08, receive instructions from a marine. With nerves running high, the girls tried to stay calm before the event. "It was a little nerve-racking at first, but then the soldier calmed us down and asked us questions," Gobble said. *photo by p. brinkhuis* **5. ACKNOWLEDGING THE PAST**, Andrew Schneider, Jake Peterson and William Donahue, 08, end the first day of the D.C. trip by touring the FDR Memorial. "At the FDR Memorial, I liked when I saw all the lights reflecting off the water," Peterson said. *photo by a. genson*



*a glimpse into*  
**OUR NATION'S PAST**  
LEARNING ABOUT HISTORY  
FIRST-HAND IN WASHINGTON DC  
FOR FOUR DAYS IN OCTOBER, PACKED FULL OF HISTORICAL SITES AND EXPERIENCES OF A LIFETIME, eighth grade students journeyed to our nation's capital and beyond.

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Arriving at the school's parking lot at 3 in the morning, 147 8th graders started the adventure of a lifetime, traveling to Washington D.C. for four sleep-deprived days. "I got to school at 4:30, which is insanely early, and even though I was tired, it was still such an exciting experience," Tabor Birkholz, 08, said. During the four very eventful days exploring D.C., the students were able to visit many memorials and museums, including the Holocaust Museum. It was a tearjerker for many, and it gave students an inside look into the Holocaust. "The Holocaust

Museum made an imprint on me for life, it was such a great experience for me," Lydia Dallapiazza, 08, said. The Lincoln Memorial was also a favorite site. "The reflection pool was so pretty and made the Lincoln Memorial my favorite memorial," Haleigh Kuhl, 08, said. The last day contained the Arlington National Cemetery with the wreath laying ceremony, presented by Peyden Gobble, Leah Grier, Sophia Pallman and Katharine Tucker, 08. All four girls earned the honor of representing the school. The whole experience was life-changing for many students.

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THE 8TH GRADERS attending the Washington D.C. trip got the opportunity of a lifetime. "I have only gone on this trip for 16 years, but from all the 25 years we have gone to D.C., we've experienced the Garden Tour twice," Andrew Genson, the D.C. head chaperone, said.



**1. ON THE LAST DAY**, Ms. Brandy Nath, Cole Garside, Joshua Tharp, Aaron Maloney, Benjamin Little, Reese Goldinger, Max Zadvorny, Madison Groth, Sydney Cohen, Sutton Damiano, Ava McHale, Tessa Upah, Reegan Parker, Abigail Harrison, Avery Lang, Gavin MacKendrick, Ian Thompson, Corbin McDermott and Hudson Bade, 08, visit the White House. "This trip was a great experience because it was my first time ever being on a plane," Tharp said. *photo by d. davis* **2. WHILE ON THE GARDEN TOUR**, David Oswald, Gavin MacKendrick, Sean Sullivan, Ian

Thompson, Joseph Hickey and Marynna Church, 08, tour both the National Garden and White House. "I was very honored to be able to tour the White House Garden because it is a rare opportunity," Church said. *photo by a. genson* **3. READY TO BOARD THE BUS**, Ms. Brandy Nath, Cole Garside, Joshua Tharp, Max Zadvorny, Reese Goldinger and Sutton Damiano, 08, took one last picture. "Being a chaperone is a great experience. This was my second year being a chaperone and I felt that I had a better idea of what was going on and helped out more," Nath, assistant principal, said. *photo by a. genson*

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"I will play Fortnite."  
**JACOB LARSON, 06**  
*photo by m. barylka*



"I enjoy swimming."  
**ESHA WICK, 07**  
*photo by m. barylka*



"I like hanging out with my dogs."  
**NOAH RONDON, 08**  
*photo by j. smith*



"I swim."  
**ANNIKA YAWORSKI, 06**  
*photo by s. damiano*



"I want lines in the hallway."  
**DEVIN KENNEALLY, 07**  
*photo by m. barylka*



"I like sleeping."  
**SHANTA RECHKEMMER, 08**  
*photo by m. barylka*

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# Learning Takes COLLABORATION

FROM WOODS TO SPANISH, PUMAS EXCELLED ACROSS THE BOARD

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THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, STUDENTS STUDIED NEW SUBJECTS IN EACH OF THEIR CLASSES, such as the student Assessment Lab, the Pythagorean Theorem and Reading Logs.

In Science, Jackson Keys, 06, chose the Growing Beans Lab from one of three options for his assessment. "The hardest part about the lab was remembering where we placed each of the plants," Keys said. In language arts, Karter Dominguez, 07, loved reading logs. "Reading logs have helped me become a better reader and expand my reading genre," Dominguez said. Mrs. Marie Hayes, 7th grade language arts teacher, strove to have students

learn in different ways. "We are constantly changing what we do, which keeps it interesting, exciting and challenging," Hayes said. Mrs. Kelsey Dondelinger, 8th grade math teacher, planned out her lessons for her students. "A lot of my students appreciate having a class where they know what to expect such as the order of each lesson, how homework works, work completion expectations, and that it is consistent on a day to day basis," Dondelinger said.



**1. COLLABORATING**, Savannah Sandoval and Anna Visscher, 08, work on a cutting board for their project. "I signed up for Wood Tech because I had it in 6th grade and I really enjoyed the class," Sandoval said. *photo by m. barylka*

**2. WORKING AS A TEAM**, Rowan Hughes, Tyler Tholen, Henry Nickless, Spencer Rogers and Elizabeth Dimig, 07, collaborate on a project in FACS. "I chose to sign up for FACS because it was a fun class and helpful for life skills," Rogers said. *photo by r. hunt*

**3. EAGER TO LEARN**, Samuel Sokolowski, 06, completes a travel brochure in class. Each student had to plan a brochure with many different pieces depending on the location they chose. "It was challenging because we had to plan for a hotel, restaurants, flights and destinations," Sokolowski said. *photo by m. barylka*

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What will you remember most about the elective "Speech"?



"I will never forget getting up in front of people and talking about what I do and like. I also gained a lot of self confidence, and it was fun to share my experiences with my peers." *photo by a. harrison*

EMMA POOLE, 06

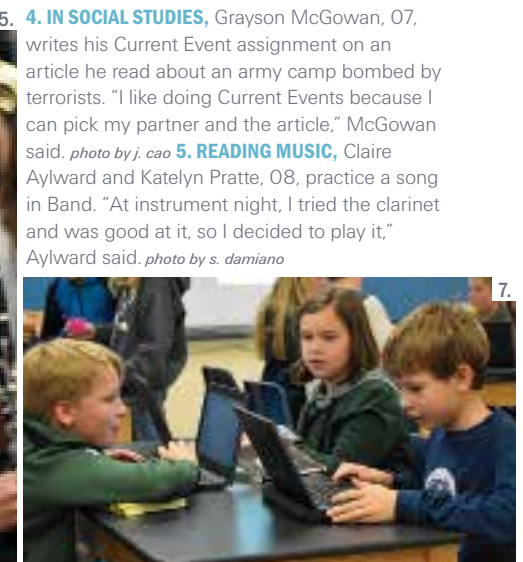


"I loved to participate in the 'Table Talks' in Speech because they allowed me to engage with my classmates and friends, and we were able to express our opinions during every class." *photo by a. harrison*

SETH McCLENDON, 06



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**DEMONSTRATING HER CREATIVITY**, Morgan Berrett, 08, enjoyed Art the most because of the projects. "I like painting because it's very soothing for me," Berrett said. *photo by s. damiano*



**4. IN SOCIAL STUDIES**, Grayson McGowan, 07, writes his Current Event assignment on an article he read about an army camp bombed by terrorists. "I like doing Current Events because I can pick my partner and the article," McGowan said. *photo by j. cao*

**5. READING MUSIC**, Claire Aylward and Katelyn Pratte, 08, practice a song in Band. "At instrument night, I tried the clarinet and was good at it, so I decided to play it," Aylward said. *photo by s. damiano*

"Now more than ever, I am focusing on my schoolwork." RILEY McHALE, 06

## new language NEW CONCEPTS

**SPANISH, A POPULAR ELECTIVE**, was taught by Ms. Yantze Zastrow and Ms. Rachel Phillips. Phillips loved opening the eyes of students to foreign cultures. "I really enjoy changing my students and making them better people through a second language," Phillips said.



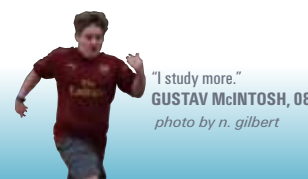
**IN SPANISH**, Gage Glover and Hogan David, 06, practice their vocab together in class, a challenging part of class for many students. "Ms. Zastrow is my favorite part of Spanish because she is super helpful and nice," Glover said. *photo by g. juergens*

**GETTING PHYSICAL**, Ian Thompson, 08, uses body motions to better understand the words and concepts of a foreign language. "The motions help me remember the words better," Thompson said. *photo by m. barylka*



**6. FOUR WHEELING**, Danielle Kretzschmar and Corbin McDermott, 08, play a competitive game of scooter pin-ball in PE. The goal of the game was to be the first team to knock all of the other team's cones down. "During the past three semesters of PE, I was able to learn about new sports and learn how to pace myself," Kretzschmar said. *photo by m. barylka*

**7. USING THEIR COLLECTIVE BRAIN POWER**, Andrew Kirk, Evie Rogers and Wass, 06, complete a Gem Lab, making crystals with sugar. Each team had to measure a certain amount of water and sugar in order for the crystals to grow. "I like working on a lab with a team because they can help me if I'm confused and I can ask them what they think," Rogers said. *photo by m. barylka*



030 OCTOBER ACADEMICS & ELECTIVES

CLASSES 031 ART, BAND, FACS, LANGUAGE ARTS, MATH, PE, SCIENCE, SPANISH, SPEECH, SOCIAL STUDIES, WOOD TECH

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