

taking Learning
TO THE NEXT LEVEL

FROM LABS TO LAUGHTER, SCIENCE WAS EDUCATIONAL & ENJOYABLE

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AS THE CURRICULUM PROVED MORE
DIFFICULT WITH EACH DAY, SCIENCE PROVIDED
HUMOROUS TALES OF MISHAPS AND COMIC
RELIEF FOR STUDENTS DURING LABS.

FOR EIGHTH GRADE STUDENTS, the science curriculum was difficult to master, but most agreed, it was fun to get their hands dirty during labs. During the Thermometer Lab, Maria Ester Rivera, 08, and her partner, Shelby Miyazaki, 08, put their thermometers in the snow after immersing them in hot water. "Shelby did not know that is was going to explode, but lucky for her, she didn't fully get covered in the liquids. All she kept saying was 'oh no, oh no, oh no,' over and over again," Rivera said.

It got even more interesting when food was involved. "In the first couple of weeks of school, the 8th graders learned about the Moon phases in science. One day Mr. Sprague gave us a lab consisting of Oreos. We were supposed to use the Oreos to make Moon phases with the white frosting still on the cookie, but my partner and I misheard the instructions. We used the Oreo filling and put it on the paper instead of leaving it on the cookie. Our paper was all greasy. I walked around to look at other people's papers and realized that we were

supposed to leave the filling on the cookie instead of the paper. After that we just couldn't help ourselves from laughing," Gabriella Pulido, 08, said.

And there were countless other examples gone awry. "I sit right behind Dean Lauffer, and he started drifting off in class. Mr. Genson grabbed a ball, casually walked over, and chucked it at Dean's head. Then Dean sat up and said, 'What?' And everyone just burst into laughter," Sierra Cromar, 08, said.

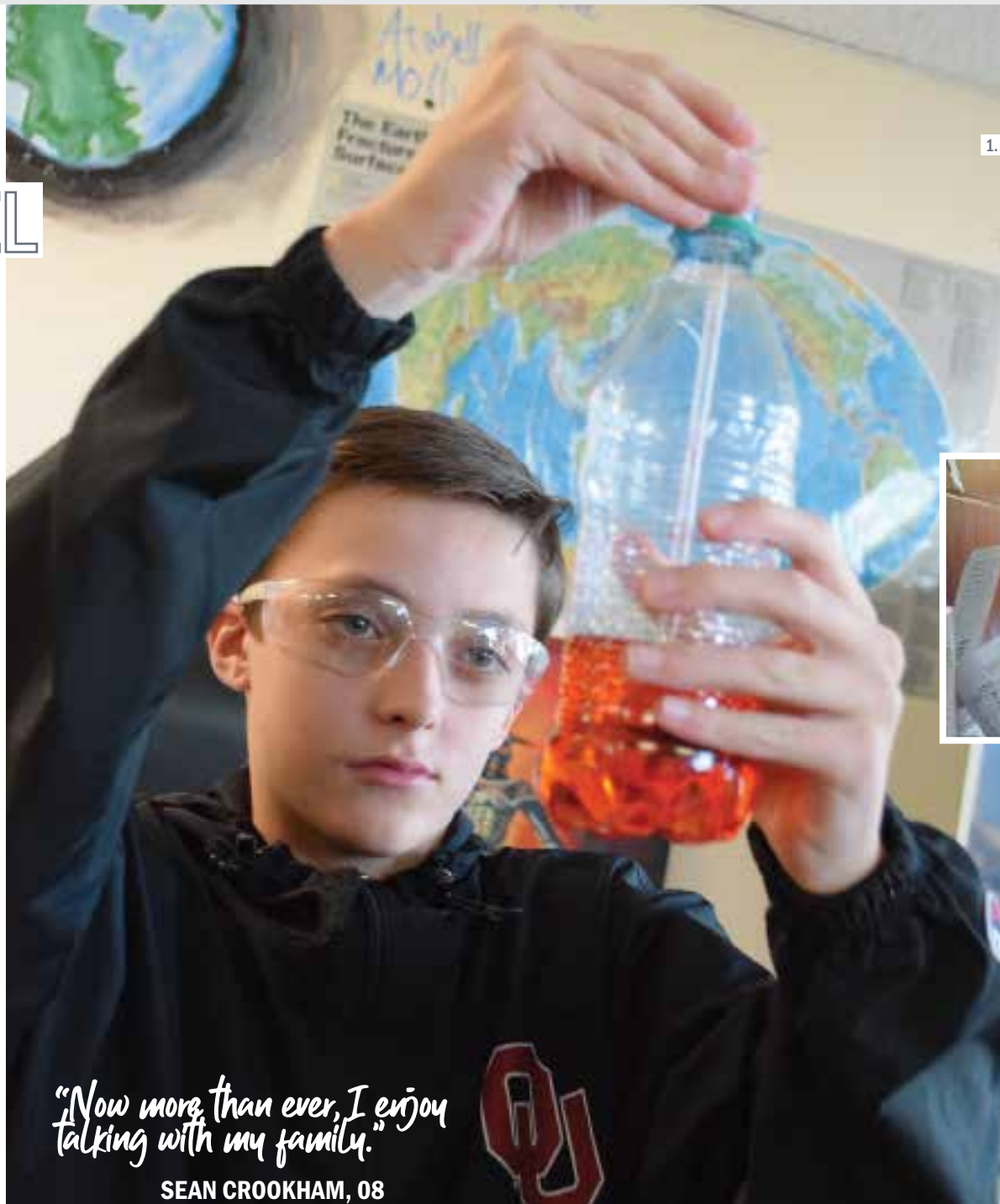
There were embarrassing moments as well. "We were learning about balanced vs. unbalanced forces. I was pulling on a chair and Mr. Sprague was pulling the other way. If I pulled more, it was unbalanced for Sprague, and if I pulled less, it was unbalanced for me. He decided to show me more and asked me if he could pick me up. I was kind of surprised. Mr. Sprague then told me to raise my arms. He picked me up and said, 'You're a big boy!' And everyone started laughing," Andrew Salthouse, 08, said.

it's more than
JUST A FIELD TRIP

INTERNATIONAL TOWNE provided 7th grade students with a real world experience. "In a relevant and hands-on way, students learn the importance of interdependence, globalization, cultural exchanges and economic principles of supply and demand through a realistic market of trade with countries around the world. This simulation is a result of weeks worth of experiential lessons in preparation to be world consumers and travelers in a culminating field trip to International Towne," Ms. Lisa Calkins, social studies, said.



SERVING AS PRESIDENTS, Isabella Sandoval and Halle Travis, 07, enjoy blue slushies at the International Towne Field Trip. "It was a long process to go to International Towne, but it was worth it," Travis said. *photo by r. hughes* BUYING JEWELRY, John Nicolas Keran, 07, serves as President of Israel. "I prosecuted people for what they did wrong, which was mostly Fortnite dancing," Keran said. *photo by b. sandova* AS PRESIDENT OF PANAMA, Gabrielle Singer, 07, delivers goods and services to other countries. "My favorite part was peacemaking because you had to make sure everyone was following rules," Singer said. *photo by h. flanagan*



"Now more than ever, I enjoy
talking with my family."

SEAN CROOKHAM, 08

1. TESTING THERMOMETERS IN MR. SPRAGUE'S SCIENCE CLASS, Sean Crookham, 08, enjoys conducting labs. Although, the science curriculum was difficult, Crookham thought the activities were fun. "I liked learning about space because it's interesting to explore things outside of our world," Crookham said. *photo by a. varvarinecz* 2. LEARNING THROUGH EXPERIENCE, Julianna Ford, 08, is an exemplary science student. For Ford, the curriculum was entertaining. "My favorite lab in science was testing chemicals in the Bunsen burner to see what colors they burned," Ford said. *photo by a. varvarinecz*



3. ACQUIRING BILINGUAL SKILLS, Bethany Bradley and Grace Visscher, 06, complete a test review with the test questions' answers taped to the walls. "Ms. Zastrow makes Spanish fun because she is funny and really energetic," Bradley said. *photo by r. parker* 4. DEVELOPING NEW CULINARY SKILLS, Isaac Freking, 08, enjoys cooking new recipes in FACS. Freking's favorite dish to make was pancakes. "I didn't like the vegetables and the meats together. I like them separate and the pancakes were sweet and salty at the same time," Freking said. *photo by a. gaff* 5. IN STEM, Chloe Kalkofen, 07, drops a parachute from the third floor to test air resistance. For Kalkofen, designing on the computer was the most difficult aspect of the class. "My favorite part of the class would probably be just creating the projects," Kalkofen said. *photo by a. gaff* 6. MIXING CHEMICALS, Maria Ester Rivera, 08, performs a lab, one of her favorite activities in any academic class. For Rivera, adjusting to the District-wide start time change took some getting used to. "I hated the time change at first, but now I like the extra sleep," Rivera said. *photo by a. varvarinecz*



"I read more and do more dance classes."
CHLOE HEBERT, 06
photo by m. barylka



"I code computers and games."
LINCOLN TRAN, 07
photo by m. barylka



"I want a girl in my life because it's getting to the point where I need some compassion."
RYAN KARLSGODT, 08
photo by m. barylka



"I want to play Fortnite."
JOSEPH LARSON, 06
photo by m. barylka



"I love to swim."
SOPHIA CHAKOUNIS, 07
photo by a. varvarinecz



"I'm enjoying the school and the friends I have."
ERIN HILLEBRANDT, 08
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