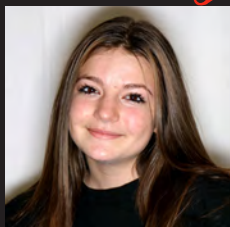


PASSION FOR SOLO PRODUCTIONS

Students get the chance to make a film of their choosing



"I like that the 20% gives you your own freedom to express your creativity and it shows how much you've grown over the years. It's kind of just a 'you' project."

Amelia Mensing (8)



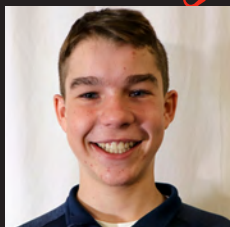
"My 20% was a rap about Crocs and how awesome they are, I like how you have the ability to follow your passions and do whatever you want. Mr. Melanson doesn't limit you, so you can really express yourself."

Hadley Simington (8)



"My 20% project is a funny elevator scene, I think it'll turn out great. I like how you can choose your project's genre, it can be a public service announcement, drama, comedy, thriller, whatever you want."

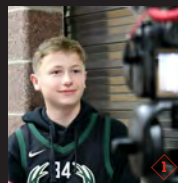
Ellie Alvey (8)



"My 20% is a PSA about not smoking or vaping because it's not good for you. I like my 20% because it has a good script and a good story and we get to choose the project that we do."

Spencer Schlagel (8)

1) **Thrilled Thespian** Actor, Lincoln Meuli (8), performs for the camera Jan. 24 for his public service announcement. "It's a really fun class because you get a lot of freedoms and you're allowed to explore what you want to explore," Meuli said. Photo by Kellan Larson



2) **Extraordinary Editing** Editor, Taylor Willingham (8), works on her video with her group. "I really like videography and the editing aspect of it, but I also love how creative you can be. It's a really great way to learn something you won't learn everyday," Willingham said. Photo by Kellan Larson



3) **Behind the Scenes** Broadcast operator, Karli Stefanik (8), looks over the equipment Jan. 24 during the live show. "I like working in the broadcast because I get to meet new people and get to teach others about video production," Stefanik said. Photo by Benji Reichler

4) **Camera Crew** Videographer, Brennen Callaghan (8), sets up a camera Jan. 24 for a green screen scene. "I enjoy the freedom in being able to choose what project you'd like to do," Callaghan said. Photo by Benji Reichler

5) **Live Performance** Newsman, Ayden Rovner (8), reads his script from the teleprompter Jan. 24 for the live show. "I like being on the broadcast because it's a way for me to show my school spirit and it's very fun," Rovner said. Photo by Benji Reichler

6) **Clay Creator** Animator, Isabel Roguske (8), molds clay Jan. 24 for her clay-animation video. "I like the Colt Cast's community and how it's a very open class," Roguske said. Photo by Kellan Larson

7) **Planning Ahead** Artist, Jered Turner (8), roughly draws his storyboard Jan. 24 to plan for what he's going to film. "I like being free during class, you can really do whatever you want," Turner said. Photo by Kellan Larson



Colt Cast participant, Cara Dale (8), films for her project Jan. 29. "I like making videos and editing. It's really fun to get closer with everyone in the class and think of fun ideas to make in videos," Dale said. Photo by Kellan Larson

B.Y.O.C.

Bring Your Own Computers



Film maker, Colin Flaherty (8), edits his film Jan. 31 on his personal computer. "The computers in the Colts Cast room don't run the software I prefer to use as well as my own computer does," Flaherty said. Photo by Kellan Larson

Editor, Garrett Kezlan (8), revises his film Jan. 24 using his own laptop. "I bring my own computer because it's a little bit more powerful than the Macs we have at school, and I'd say it runs things quite a bit better," Kezlan said. Photo by Benji Reichler



COLT CAST

Student made media

Cimarron is a school where you can make a change and kick-start your ideas. Whatever activities you may be involved in, as long as you can get an adult to supervise, you can be the start of a new club, class, or even more. "I think it's amazing how kids at Cimarron can start whatever they want, like what we did with the podcast. It gives people a



Norah Sturm (8) Photo by Kellan Larson

really great **creative outlet**. More schools should give their students those **opportunities**," Norah Sturm (8) said. A group of Colt Cast students, Abigail Reis (8), Emma Poole (8), Lauren Shafer (8), Norah Sturm (8), and Payton Mayer (8), exercised this **exclusive freedom** when they decided to create the "Cimarron Unplugged" podcast about sports and school events/topics. They bring on guests, including Cimarron staff and students, to bring light to discussions and increase the podcast's audience. "The podcast is a really great way to get messages across

a b o u t clubs and sports going on. We came up with the idea to make one when my group and I went to J-Day (Journalism Day) and we noticed the podcast section. We thought it was very **interesting**, and then we noticed there was a podcast category we could compete in. We were like 'Hey, why can't we do that?' So we started talking to Mr. Melanson about it, and he helped us **make it happen**," Payton Mayer (8) said. The Unplugged podcast is a great example of kids starting new things. If a student wants to pursue something, they have the ability to make it a **reality**.



EMERGING STATS

32

NUMBER OF NEW COMPUTERS

AVERAGE NUMBER OF SD CARDS IN THE BOTTLE OF SHAME

12.5