

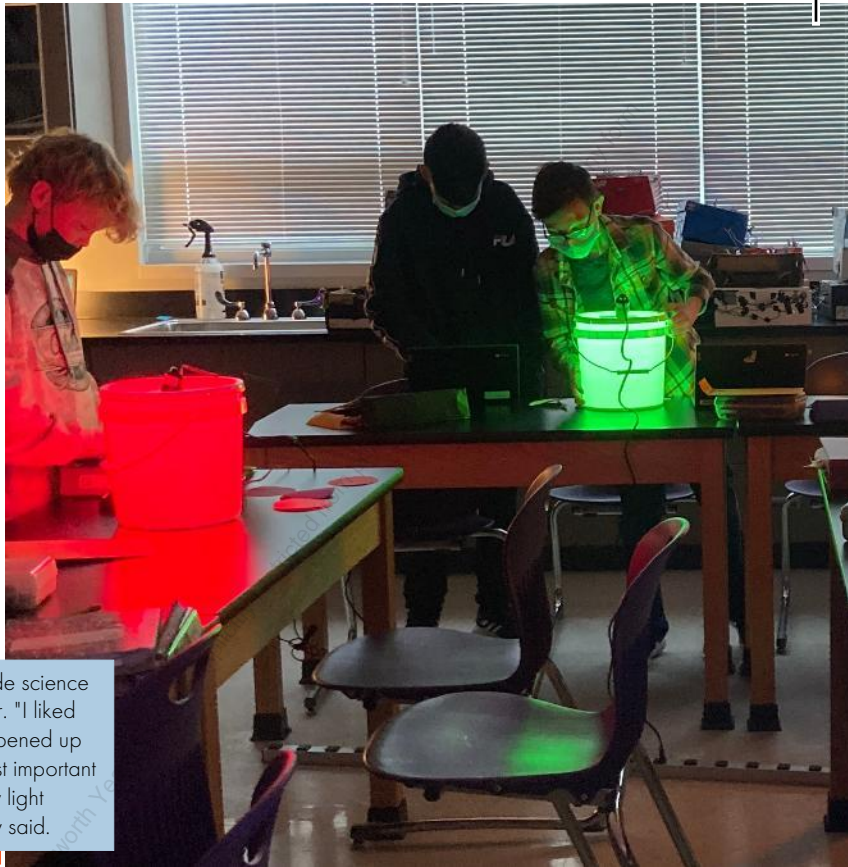
THE HERE AND NOW

Jack Morton (7) talks all thing science.



A SCIENCE GUY. Jack Morton reads the instructions during the eyeball dissection lab. "What I liked about the eyeball lab is learning how animals' eyes work and the different parts that come together to allow a animal to see."

- Q** Why is science your favorite subject?
A I love science so much because my dad was really into science, and I kind of wanted to pursue what he did for a living. I just think it's really fun.
- Q** How might you use science in life?
A I kind of want to become an engineer, and you need a lot of knowledge and science to do that.
- Q** Which lab is your favorite?
A All of the labs in science are my favorite, but I liked the bone lab.



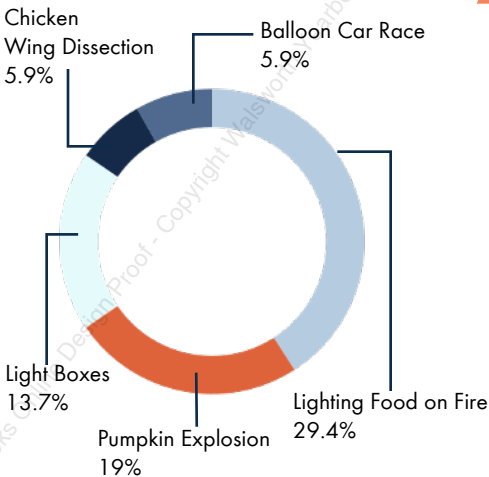
BRIGHT LIGHTS. Mr. Hippley's 8th grade science class studies the perception of light and color. "I liked teaching this lab because it was new, so it opened up new opportunities for learning. I think the most important thing they learned is the general idea of how light interacts with matter," teacher Calvin Hippley said.

A MOMENT of science

Science is favorite core class according to poll. Story by Rebecca Mundell

let's EXPERIMENT

8th graders voted for their favorite science lab EVER. Here's the top 5.



A According to our survey, science continued to be a favorite core class. Dezi Nirvelli (8) said, "I enjoy science because it is interesting, and there are many different things you can learn." Teachers played a big role in students' appreciation for the subject. "Science is my favorite core class because Mr. Kelsey made it fun and entertaining," said Emme Molinaro (8). Henry Cox (7) agreed, "Science is my favorite core class because I like my teacher."

Students looked forward to the hands-on experiments that science class offered. "I like science because we get to make cool things in the lab," Riley Christensen (6) said. "I like science because it's fun, and we get to do cool labs," said Amilya Pollard (7).

Since labs were a continual topic, we asked students to name a favorite. "My favorite was the "Drops on a Penny" lab because it was an ultimate challenge between all of my classmates to see who could get the most drops on," said Avalon Wilmes (6). Brody Welling (8) said, "I liked the box project in science because the circuits were fun." In a poll of the eighth grade, the "Lighting Food on Fire" lab came in at number one for their favorite lab of all time.

While labs were favored, some kids preferred the fun brain exercises that they were able to do. "In science I like doing puzzles," Logan Gansen (7) said. With all that it had to offer, from dissections to exploding pumpkins to brain teasers, science continued to excite.



IT'S A RACE! Seventh grade student in Mr. Léon Vasquez's science class race cars they built to see who could reach the finish line fastest. The point of the lab was to think creatively, problem solve, and learn how to use the materials and resources around them.



READY TO ROLL. Elana Campo (8) and Ben Belmear (8) make a ramp that experiments with how matter works. "It was a fun experience seeing how you can change things in a experiment to alter other things," Belmear said.
SCIENCE? OH, PUKE. Mr. Jacob Underwood watches a Halloween experiment closely that included elephant toothpaste. "Science lends itself to being really interesting and fun and hands on," Underwood said.



LET'S GET CHEMICAL. Ellie Wallace (6) and Katie Warren (6) experiment with slime in science class. "I liked doing this experiment because I liked seeing how all the materials combine to make slime and how they all relate," said Wallace. **CAREFUL CALCULATIONS.** 8th graders in 5th period science class in Mr. Kelsey's room burned food to find out how many calories different foods have and how to calculate them using a formula. Sienna Burford (8) said, "It was really fun because we got to burn chips, nuts and beef jerky"

curious minds WANT TO KNOW

Young scientists share why science is their favorite subject and what they've learned.



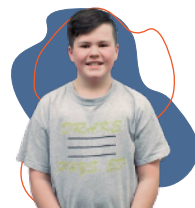
"Science is my favorite because Mr. Kelsey makes it fun, engaging, and as hands-on as he can. My favorite thing we have learned about is the energy unit because it shows you how everything around works."

-Dezi Nirvelli (8)



"I would probably say my favorite unit in science is where we learned about how an atom can break down and make objects smaller. I like science so much because it's just cool to learn about how chemistry and atoms work, and I really like my teacher."

-Riley Christensen (6)



"The physics unit is probably my favorite because I like learning how things work and how things move. I've always been fascinated about that stuff. Science has always been a passion of mine since the third grade. I've always loved learning about bones and flesh."

-Liam Kobar (7)