

### Bi-weekly Adolescent Update III



Two weeks ago, we had a fun trip to Johnson's Farm for a hayride, apple picking, and apple-cider-donut-eating. Last Wednesday, the students continued their bi-weekly yoga lessons with Ms. Kim, working on the "Stacked Dog" pose. This week for PE, we went to the Springfield Golf Center for 18 holes of Chip and Putt. The students enjoyed themselves and did quite well, however the shot of the day was a hole-in-one, had by Ms. Julia. ☺

The students continued their work in Occupations (Chemistry) with Ms. Louise. They particularly enjoyed the flame test, burning various compounds, to test what color certain elements burn. They completed that unit this week, finishing up with the building of their own atomic models, and the creation of a large Periodic Table that will be finally put together in the Cape Cod.



We have begun a statistics unit in math, working on data collection and representation. The students have been working on experiment design, considering how best to represent different types of data. They have begun their data collection, and are just beginning to analyze the results.



Ms. Caroline was out last week, and so the students did cultural explorations of different regions of France. They worked in small groups to research and present on regions of their choice. We also finished reading our first novel, To Kill A Mockingbird. We had three Socratic-style seminars on the book, during which the students made some very insightful observations, and became accustomed to the seminar format.

Last week, the students created beautiful Earthworks, which inspired many of the younger children at the school to do the same. This week, we followed up, focusing specifically on Leaf Art. Check out the pictures of all the Earthworks by clicking on the link on the Middle school website.



In an effort to improve the quality of the coffee at the café, the students have been experimenting with various methods of making coffee, and different brands of beans. Last week, we spent a caffeinated afternoon trying out four methods: French Press, Pour Over, a Mocha, and drip.



This week, the students did community service both on and off campus. Four students went to Riverview Estates in Riverton, to serve ice cream, and play bingo with the residents. Five students stayed on campus to clean out and organize the coffee closet, clean the fish tank, gather gourds, and take care of the animals.

