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Poplar Bluff, Missouri - Six graders were issued surgical masks and latex gloves upon entering math class on Thursday, Dec. 6, at the Poplar Bluff Middle School.

A scenario about a zombie outbreak was detailed over the SMART Board using the online tool Flippity, and students had to problem solve in groups in order to unlock the cure.

While it appeared to be a game upon first glance, the purpose of the activity was to prepare students for an exam the following day that would involve unit rates, proportions and measurement conversions.

“They’re reviewing without realizing they’re reviewing for the test,” teacher James Hunt explained. “I try to help them study without making them feel like they’re studying.”

Hunt, a third-year faculty member, goes over the top transforming his classroom the day before each chapter test. Other classroom themes this semester have included Legoland to review ratios and the ‘decimal diner’ in which Hunt dressed as a chef wearing an inflatable suit with self-contained ventilation. He said he is willing to “look ridiculous” if it means improved outcomes.

Student Elerik Stotts’ favorite activity was when he got to be an agent of the FBI and catch a diamond thief in a makeshift jewelry store, he said, noting he did very well on that unit.

“I don’t like boring classrooms because I can’t sit still long enough,” the 12-year-old said. “It’s probably one of the best math classes around.”

The parent of sixth grader Kassidy, Tori Russell, commented how she likes hearing about the creative learning techniques after her daughter returns home from school.

“Kassidy has told me several times how much more she enjoys school this year and her grades have shown improvement,” Russell said. “Thank you, Mr. Hunt, for finding ways to keep our kids engaged and wanting to learn!”

Having the appropriate administrative support is also key for an unconventional teacher. As luck would have it, Hunt’s boss, Dr. Brad Owings, could recently be spotted greeting students in the morning while wearing a red and white Christmas suit that illuminates, and the principal is known to swap the color of his neon shoelaces to coincide with the seasons.

“Rita Pierson, notable educator, says ‘Kids don’t learn from people they don’t like,’” Owings said. “Mr. Hunt does a great job in engaging students and making them like school.”

A time commitment that goes above and beyond is also necessary to maintain Hunt’s teaching style as well as out-of-pocket expenses, but the young educator has a number of online sources such as Teachers Connect and We Are Teachers that he frequents to secure materials. He has had iPads and Kindle Fires crowdfunded in the past through the channel Donors Choose. To avoid “teacher burnout,” he said he networks with other instructors across the country and shares lesson plans through social media platforms like Instagram and Twitter. “It’s about following the right people,” Hunt suggested.

Besides the changing ambiance, Hunt’s classroom features flexible seating – video game chairs and miniature barstools. He and colleague Krystal Dover, a fourth-grade teacher, are experimenting this school year with self-paced learning. Students take pre and post-tests, and advance in small groups only after they have obtained a given skillset.

“I feel like when the students are engaged and expectations are set high, students will reach their fullest potentials,” Hunt stated.

Pictured: Middle School students complete an online scavenger hunt using Google Chromebooks on Thursday, Dec. 6, in James Hunt’s math class.

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Thursday Dec 13

8th Grade Finals ELA/Sci

Band Concert 6:00

Friday Dec 14

8th Grade Finals Math/SS

Tuesday Dec 18

Cafeteria and Crossing Guard Pizza Party

MS Choir Concert 6:00 HS Gym

Wednesday Dec 19

2nd Quarter Ends

Locker Clean out - during SS Classes

Operation Santa Gift Delivery

12:00 Dismissal

Thursday Dec 20-Jan 2 NO School

Wednesday Jan 2 PD Day-NO Students

Friday Jan 4 Report Cards Go Home

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DHS Daily Announcements for Wednesday, November 28, 2018

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Wrestling vs. Sikeston & Notre Dame at Sikeston, match 5:00 pm

FFA Fundraiser

District Canned Food Drive

Celebrating Birthdays this week

Olivia Alford, Nov 26th

Nevaeh Johnson, Nov 26th

Cory Ezell, Nov 27th

Travis Waldner, Nov 28th

Michelle Reeves, Nov 29th

Shawn Robards, Nov 29th

Rylie Frizzell, Nov 30th

Danielle Morgan, Nov 30th

Chelsea Lee, Dec 1st

Mia Williams, Dec 1st

Kenton Pope, Dec 2nd

Damon Helton, Dec 3rd

Damon Stearns, Dec 3rd

Abigail Thompson, Dec 3rd

There is not a Kicking Cats practice today, Wednesday, November 28th

November 29th is the last day to order PTO shirts.

Juniors should check the form on the Prom Classroom or with Miss Colley to sign up for concession stand work nights.

FBLA Meeting & picture in the BEC on Wed, Nov 28th during advisory

Student Council meeting during 5th period in the auditorium on Thursday.

Congratulations to the girls basketball team for their victory over Saxony last night in the Semo Conference Tournament. The girls varsity team will play in the Semo Conference Championship on Thursday at 8:30 pm.

The Community Health Fair is Thursday from 1- 6 pm in the DHS gym. Juniors and seniors may attend with their teachers either during 6th or 7th period. Juniors or seniors who do not attend with their class may visit the fair after school.

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Calendar

Monday Dec 3

Beta Operation Santa Begins

Wrestling @ PBluff 5:00/3:45

7-8 Grade Choirs to the Mall in Cape

Tuesday Dec 4

BB @ Sikeston 5:30/4:30

Thursday Dec 6

Talent Search

Friday Dec 7

Stuff A Bus Pickup

Saturday Dec 8

Wrestling @ Jackson TBA

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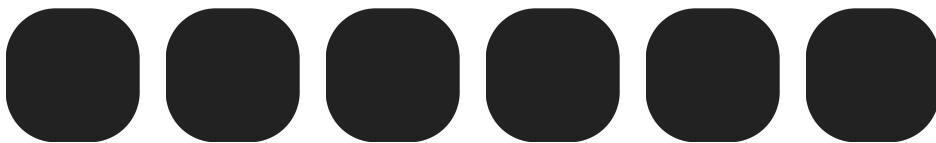
Friday Jan 4

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Southwest Elementary Celebrates 2nd Grade Positive Office Referrals

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Dexter, Missouri - Southwest Elementary honored 2nd Grade students, with Positive Office Referral certificates.

This award was presented to students who consistently showed the 3R's RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, and READY TO LEARN.

Each student received a certificate and a FREE Taco from Taco Bell.

Pictured from left to right are Owen Reed, Aspen Skiles, Eli Earnheart, Miley Gold, and Levi Hampton.

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