

&the Rad electives

Outdoor education participates in weekly archery

The 8th grade class crowded around in the gym, waiting for the passing period bell to tell them outdoor education has started, and their teacher, Coach Heise. As Heise walked in they all walked towards the doors and the equipment closet. After grabbing a bow, the targets, their quivers, and the rest of their equipment, they walked outside towards the practice field. The sun on their skin and the fresh air exciting everyone. After they set up the gear, they stood anxiously waiting to shoot their arrows at the lined up targets. Eventually, Heise blew a whistle and everybody fired their first shot of the day.

Once a week the 3rd period, 8th grade, outdoor education class went on to the practice field and practiced archery.

"I get to see my friends and go and

have fun. I don't have to sit around in a classroom, I get to go do stuff and move around," Audrey Barns said.

The kids met once a week in the gym, before going outside, during archery days.

"I think it's fun because I am decent at it, and it helps me with my competitions," Justin Hall said.

Archery is something the class did all school year.

"It's my favorite class of the day," Alexa Robinson said.

This isn't the first time this elective had been offered. It was offered in the first year then took a year off and is back on the course selections.

"I like archery but I get hurt a lot, like when the bow and arrow hits my arms, but it's fun to keep trying it," Barns.

The students wore protective arm gear, known as a forearm guard.

"I get a little nervous because I don't want to miss the target," Reid Finer said.



Ready, aim, & fire!

8th grader Audrey Barns aims at her target. "Archery was a struggle in the beginning, but in the end I was able to achieve it!" Barns said. After practicing for weeks during class, Audrey let go of her arrow and hit her target.

Discovering Our Future

College/Career Readiness classes did a project over a college of their choice—here are the results

68% of students had their college in mind before the project

42% of students picked their college based on its classes or sports.

13% of students that researched TCU

Today we learned...

The outdoor education class met under the tree to summarize their learning for the day in the form of a journal entry. "I felt that the journal entries were kind of silly, but I understand why we did them. They help you document and understand what is going on around you," Alexa Robinson said. This taught the group the importance of what they were doing and provided students with a recap of the day that they can look back on for future assignments.



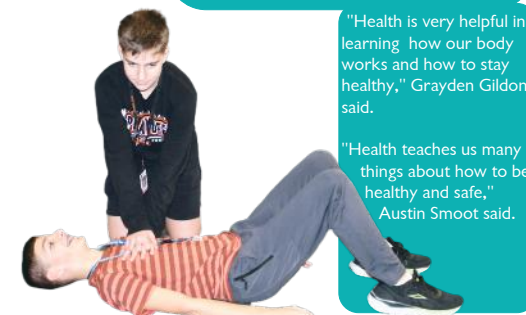
Photos by: Cooper Victry

Observing Surrounding The outdoor education class analyzes their surroundings by the creek. "It was very majestic," Cyrus Wills said. This taught students to be aware of the world, and observe the nature around them.

Fire skills

Justin Hall, Tristan Harris, Cooper Victry, and Cooper Gist, set up a rock formation for outdoor education. "It was really fun collecting rocks and learning about making a fire pit," Victry said. These students later used the knowledge they gained doing this to build a functional fire pit.

Health is Wealth



"Health is very helpful in learning how our body works and how to stay healthy," Grayden Gildon said.

"Health teaches us many things about how to be healthy and safe," Austin Smoot said.

Convertirse en Bilingüe

Language classes go
above and beyond



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What's that sign?

Rylee Vandenberg and Laela Dyke practice signing the word 'tree' in ASL. "When I do ASL I feel like I'm bringing the community together," Vandenberg said. Students later used this sign to go caroling to other classes, teaching other students to sign words like Christmas tree, candy cane, and reindeer.

Rima de Preposición!

Zackery Redmond and his 1st period Spanish class use hand motions and rhyme to memorize prepositions in the Spanish language. "I can memorize the rhyme in my head, and then do what I need to do," Redmond said. Overall, students saw this as a fun and helpful way to memorize Spanish grammar.