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Mental Health App

Oak Ridge students Vasanth Sadhasivan and Bernard Zhao recently teamed up with Ponderosa students Michael Grant and Sam Arcangle to participate in a project which involved creating an app to tackle conditions such as depression, anxiety, schizophrenia and autism during a seven week period. They displayed their project at CSU Sacramento in hopes of winning the attention of biotech industry representatives. Of the approximately 50 high school students who participated, their "Bloom" app took home first place. Student, Bernard Zhao, said "The app aims to make it easier for people with depression to get back on track with their daily routines by identifying activities that improve their moods. Users can note their diet, activities and moods in a given day, and the app will analyze that data to make suggestions for the future." Zhao continued by saying "It's interesting to see how technology and psychology intersect. People are on their phones so much these days. If you can use a phone to improve someone's mental state, it could be really effective." Congratulations on your innovative victory!



"Little Leaders" Mentor Program

El Dorado High School's "Little Leaders" Mentor Program is run with students from the 9th and 10th grade Leadership 1 class. Since the beginning of the year, each high school student was paired up with a 3rd grader from Pinewood Elementary and have been writing letters back and forth. They introduce themselves, discuss being in high school at EDHS and talk about what it takes to be a leader. Last week, students from the program took a trip up the hill and met the 3rd graders in person. They enjoyed lunch, worked on group leadership activities and got the chance to play together. In the spring, the 3rd graders will come down to EDHS for a day. What a great program!



Solar Oven Activity

Earth Science students from Union Mine High School have been busy building solar ovens as a learning activity to link our unit on climate and climate change with our next unit on astronomy. Students collaborated in small groups to design and build their ovens. The results were wide-ranging, but the most effective model to date (photo to the right) was built by students Jon Grant, Kolbi Monti, and Kaelynn Carpenter who designed and built it. Baking cookies in ovens... what a fun way to learn solar energy!



Placerville Christmas Parade

We are proud of the collaborative and supportive spirit that has existed among the music students in the El Dorado Union High School District. Among a number of district-wide music events that occur annually, the marching bands from El Dorado, Ponderosa, Oak Ridge, and Union Mine kept up holiday tradition by combining into one giant district band with more than 300 students to play in the Placerville Christmas Parade on Sunday, December 4th. El Dorado's drum major, Marcus Holifield-Helm, says "It's a great event seeing everybody from the district working together in order to perform for the public. You can see from the audience that it is an event everyone enjoys."



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