



Eighth graders explored different career opportunities offered through science earlier this week.

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Eighth grade girls explore science careers

GHS eighth grade girls take a trip to Southeast Technical Institute on International Women's Day

by Victoria Lippert
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What do you want to become? Some people can tell you their dream profession by the age of ten. Others start college without knowing how their future career should look. There are also people who know what they want, but think they are "not good enough" or won't fit in the field they want to work in. A study by the University of Washington has shown that many girls are unsure if they are assertive enough to be successful in a male-dominated STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) field. There is also a lack of role models for girls considering a STEM profession.

The organization, Women in Science, wants to get girls interested in science-related areas.

That's why each year they offer an event with workshops in a variety of science/technical career areas and presentations by women, who are working successfully as scientists.

This year's Women in Science Day took place in the Southeast Technical Institute on Wednesday, March 8. All the Garretson 8th grade girls attended this event.

Kennedy Houghton said she really enjoyed the excursion. "It was really fun and the speakers were very inspirational. I was most interested in agriculture, because I want to take over our family farm."

The girls went to different sessions, where they learned about ca-



Blue Dragon eighth graders take a moment to snap a pic during the Women in Science day at Southeast Tech on Wednesday this week. The girls looked at multiple careers including nursing, robotics, and agriculture. Top row: Lauren Heesch, Lizzie Olson, Molly Hulscher, Mattea Fiegen, Madden Lardy, Kennedy Buckneberg; Middle row: Caroline Hoskins, Sophia Mosley, Peyton Hove, Isabella Narigon, Kaycie King; Front row: Tara Peterson, Alexa Draper, Keisha Veldkamp, Kennedy Houghton

Photo by Ms. Danielsen

reers in engineering, meteorology, medicine and computer science. Afterwards at the expo, they had the chance to get more information about certain jobs and to participate in diverse workshops.

Molly Hulscher said, "I liked the meteorology class that we took and robotics was kind of cool. We learned about a lot of different fields in mathematics and technology at the Expo. Augustana University had even a muscle contractor, which was interesting. I'd consider a career in science now, as a civil engineer."

This year was the 13th time the

Women in Science day was held in Sioux Falls; there were more than 730 girls participating. It was the first time for many of them to think about entering a science profession. Organizations like Women in Science can have an impact on the career choice of girls. They show job possibilities, that might not have been considered before and encourage young women to find a job that fits their interest.

One day, a scientist will find a treatment for AIDS, it might be a woman, it might be a man - does it matter?

What is this madness?

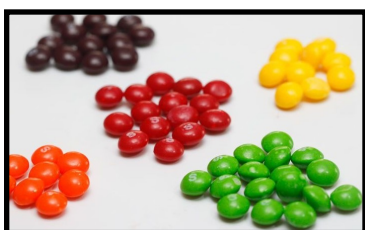
From taking your Oreos apart, to biting your string cheese, everyone has their own "weird eat."

by Jaden Braaten
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Have you ever thought about how you eat certain foods? Here's a good "table topic" to ask your friends at your table right now if they do anything odd with their food. What might be "normal" to you could be completely abnormal to someone else. Some people eat their foods in an uncommon way or they organize their meal first before indulging, everyone has at least one abnormal tactic about their food. Such as not letting food touch another or cutting it up a certain way. Here is a list of strange and crazy eats.

Condiments:

Everyone is always putting condiments on almost all of their food, but how much is too much? Many people use absurd amounts of condiments on basically every food that



goes anywhere near their mouth. These are just a "few" of the condiments people use too much of.

1. Ranch
2. Ketchup
3. Mayonnaise
4. Mustard

Organizing:

Everyone has their favorite flavor or color when it comes to eating their best-loved meal or sweet treat. From organizing your entire dinner to simply dissecting each and every color in groups. If you are an organizer perhaps, you do a few of these things on this list.

1. Skittles by color or favorite flavor
2. M&Ms by color
3. Organizing meals into specific shapes or faces.

Strange Eats:

Everyone has done at least one of these, just eating their food. You really question why they



do it. If you haven't, then you definitely know someone who has.

1. Biting string cheese instead of pulling apart
2. Eating Kit Kats as a whole
3. Ramen without cooking
4. Eating pizza crust first

then the rest of pizza

5. Having hotdogs or pizza cold
6. Eating popsicles bottom to top
7. Putting ice cubes in cereal
8. Dipping French fries in ice cream
9. Putting chips on sandwiches
10. Sprinkling salt on watermelon

High School English teacher Mrs. Buchholz gave her input on her weird eat, "When I eat my muffins, I like to take the top off first and then I eat the bottom. I save the top half for last since that's my favorite."

Now that you've seen the list, ask your friends at your lunch table about which ones have they done or which ones they still do.

This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: When you're stressed try eating 1 cup of low-fat yogurt or 2 tablespoons of mixed nuts. The amino acids in them will help calm you down.

GERMAN WORD OF THE WEEK: science = die Wissenschaft (dee vizsenshaft)

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Why couldn't the pony sing himself a lullaby?

BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK: See if you can figure out what this puzzle says.



Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Monday, March 13**
- HS Choir Solo/Ensemble Contest
- Wednesday, March 15**
- FFA CDE
- Thursday, March 16**
- End of 3rd Quarter
- PTO Movie Night - Moana (7:00)
- Friday, March 17**
- No School - Spring Break
- Monday, March 20**
- No School - Spring Break
- HS Honor Band

Scan for a look at the district activities calendar.



Worth Mentioning

National School Breakfast Week was this past week. This was celebrated within our walls multiple times throughout the week. Monday was "Muffins with Mom." Wednesday was "Doughnuts with Dad" and Friday was a breakfast with a parent/grandparent sponsored by the PTO.

End of Third Quarter is next week Thursday. There is spring break on Friday and Monday before starting your fourth and final quarter of the 2016-2017 school year.

JOKE: He was a little hoarse (horse)

BRAINTEASER: Broken promises

Now is the chance to take advantage of career explorations

Multiple opportunities available to students in summer and during school year

by **Sam Gonzalez**
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Are you looking for a day off at school that will be excused? Yes?

If so, career camps are for you! But, on a more serious note, are you struggling to find an interest for your future? Like said before, career camps are the perfect experience to help explore options for careers. That's what they are made for; colleges like USD, Mitchell Tech



and more provide lots of options ranging from medical to culinary.

Mrs. Danielson informs Garretson high school students about these camps on an almost weekly schedule, however it seems not a lot of people have an interest of signing up.

"I think that going to a camp is a experience that can't be replaced. These camps let you know what the real world is like and give you the experience of a adult career" Emily Erickson had said.

Erickson, a sophomore, recently went to both Mitchell Tech's scrubs camp (medical camp) and culinary camp (cooking camp). She enjoyed the culinary camp more because of its hands-on opportunities. She also added that these camps are a recommen-

dition for some-one looking into a specific field.

These kind of career camps are a privilege that should be taken advantage of.

If interested, more information should be linked in all the past emails that have been sent to you by Mrs. Danielsen. Also don't forget, it still is an extra day off of school.



North Korea shoots multiple missiles into Japan's waters

Some speculate North Korea is practicing for US bases in Japan

by **Mason Hofer**
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A North Korean Military unit, whose job may be to strike U.S. bases in Japan, was involved in the launching of four ballistic missiles into the Japan Sea according to CNN.

Three of these missiles landed within two hundred miles of Japan's western coast. Currently there are 54,000 soldiers stationed in Japan bases. There has been some talk that this could have been North Korea practicing to strike them.

"It's hard to assume that they were practicing, but it's possible. North Korea is very unstable" said Mrs. Blake, middle school social studies teacher.

"I'm not really that worried because even if it seems like the U.S. isn't doing much, they are proba-



North Korean leader Kim Jong Un applauds the successful missile test earlier this month. The missile landed in Japan's economic waters, about 200 yards from a Japanese shoreline.

Photo from CNN

bly doing things that they don't want to get out to the public," said freshman Brayden Beamer.

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe told reporters, "The Trump administration is taking steps to enhance our ability to defend against North Korea's ballistic missiles, such as through the deployment of a

THAAD (Terminal High Altitude Area Defense) battery is a US military anti-ballistic missile system that is designed to shoot down incoming missiles using a hit-to-kill approach.

This is not the first time North Korea has shot missiles in Japan's direction. In September of 2016, they fired three missiles into Japan's Air Defense Identification Zone.

Kim Jong Un, North Korea's leader, looked very satisfied with the launches in multiple pictures. It leads us to wonder if they just performed the last step of their plan to attack.

Nintendo Switch proves to be solid contender in already saturated console market

Switch gives new life to Nintendo brand and old-school games

by **Sylvia Larson**
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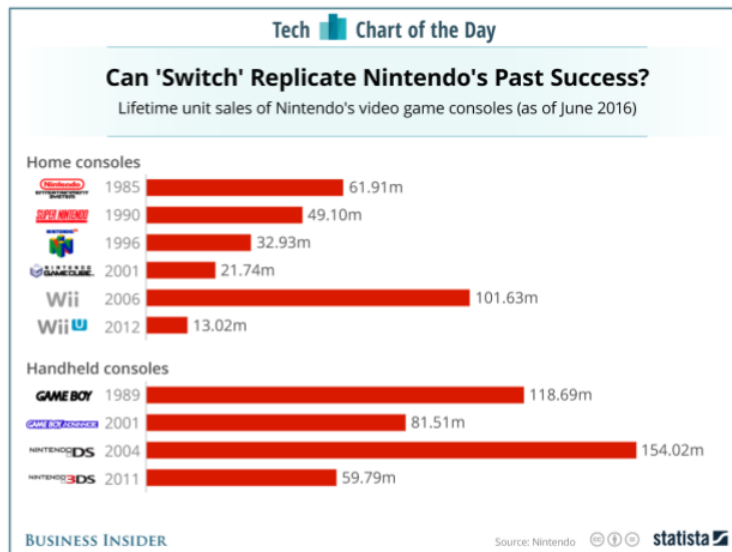
If you're a hard-core Nintendo fan or a lover of Zelda games with extra cash to spend, you might have pre-ordered the Switch the day it was announced to be available to the public.

The Nintendo Switch is the seventh major home video game console developed by Nintendo. It was unveiled October 2016, and was finally released worldwide on March 3, 2017.

The Switch is considered a 'hybrid' console because it is primarily for the home, but it can also be removed from the dock and used sort of like a tablet. The perks of this, unlike the Wii U, is that the NS can be taken anywhere -

the subway, the coffee shop, and other people's houses to name some possibilities. It can also be switched to standalone in tabletop mode and be played by several people at a time.

Nintendo has been struggling with finances for a while now, having not had many astronomical successes since the DS. Judging by the



first week's sales, which doubled the Wii U's, this probably won't be a problem for a while. The Switch's design is aimed at a wider demographic of gamers while retaining Nintendo's uniqueness and innovation. Over 100 games have been developed for the Switch,

set at scattered release dates throughout the year. This already sets it apart and high above the Wii U.

One of those Switch games is the highly anticipated Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild. Everybody already figured that Breath of the Wild would be fantastic, but nobody was prepared for the amazing graphics of the Switch to compliment the gameplay. And once you're done with Zelda, you'll probably turn to... playing Zelda again? The early Switch lineup is pretty thin otherwise.

So far, sales are soaring for the Nintendo Switch. Its Joy-Con wireless controllers are easy to use, its battery life isn't anything special but not awful, and it truly proves to be a 'go-anywhere' device. It also looks pretty and is quite sturdy for a device of its size. For a ripe ol' price of \$300, it can be yours.

Senior Spotlight

Elijah Pierret

Senior Project:

Constructing and selling dog houses

Activities:

Cross Country
Track and Field

Who/What Will You Miss the Most:

Seeing Brendan Harris every day

Next Year's Plans:

Undecided



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Scholarship Corner

Opportunities to gain a little more money before heading to college

First Bank and Trust:

- Up to two \$500 scholarships
- Deadline May 31;
- <https://www.bankeasy.com/assets/uploads/general/Garretson-Scholarship-Application-2017.pdf>

Alliance Communications

- \$1,000 Scholarship
- Deadline March 10;
- https://www.alliancecom.net/assets/uploads/general/Alliance_scholarship_form_2017.pdf

Better Business Bureau

- \$2,000 Scholarship
- Deadline March 10;
- <http://www.bbb.org/nebraska/for->

[businesses/programs-services/bbb-awards-pages/student-of-integrity-award-scholarships/](https://www.businesses/programs-services/bbb-awards-pages/student-of-integrity-award-scholarships/)

SF Area Community Foundation

- Scholarships ranging from \$250-\$5,000
- Deadlines vary, many March 15
- <http://www.sfacf.org/scholarship-and-award-funds/>

This list is NOT comprehensive, but just a few scholarships that have been passed on. Please refer to your email for more scholarships sent on from Ms. Danielsen.

