

SOLAR OVENS:
Activity is a fun way to learn science

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formed questions, made hypothesis, designed the experiment, and collected data. When the process was over, they analyzed their results and formed new questions.

Ovens were placed outside, s'mores were placed inside, and temperatures were recorded. Periodically, over a two-hour time period, temperatures were re-checked and recorded — and the final step was to taste the s'mores.

Warburton said, "Most of the kids used cardboard boxes, tin foil, saran wrap and black spray paint to construct their ovens. They also used a thermometer to measure temperature. The kids focused on energy, and how they could change light energy into thermal energy."

A couple of students commented on their solar ovens, and how their s'mores turned out.

Mikey Crain said, "Our highest temperature was 110 degrees, and our s'mores turned out good. The chocolate wasn't all the way melted, but it was gooey enough to



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Camillia and Tania sample the results of their science project.

melt in our mouths."

Lorelai Moffat said, "The temperature in our oven got up to 130 degrees. The chocolate totally melted all the way, and the marshmallow toasted a little bit. It tasted like a microwave s'more, not a campfire s'more. I didn't really like it as much

as a campfire s'more, but I learned about the sun's energy and how to turn it into thermal energy."

The event is a cornerstone of the science curriculum.

"This is one of the great traditions of fourth grade, and it goes back over 20 years," said Warburton.

Outlaws launch Project Unify Team Sports

The Outlaws are launching a new program at Sisters High School called Project Unify Team Sports.

The first meeting of Project Unify is set at Sisters High School on Monday, November 2, at 6:30 p.m., immediately following athletics physicals set for 5:30 p.m.

"Being part of a team is about having fun, promoting physical health, and bringing people together," says Sisters High School Athletic Director Tim Roth. "Project Unify Unified Sports teams do all of that — and shatter stereotypes about intellectual disabilities in the process."

Unified Sports is a program that combines approximately equal numbers of Special Olympics athletes and athletes without intellectual disabilities (known as unified partners) on sports teams for training and competition.

Families interested in

learning more about these programs are encouraged to attend. Pizza will be served and all students will be granted access to physicals and participation.

"We are extremely excited to integrate partners with our special-education students on the same team to help promote tolerance, understanding, compassion and outreach between all," Roth said.

For more information on Project Unify, contact Josh Nordell or Tim Roth at 541-549-4050.

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