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Trail of stolen cell phone leads to 15-year-old

A 15-year-old Warrenton girl stole a \$700 cell phone from a woman who told officers she'd set her phone down to pop into the sauna at Fitness 1440 for 10 minutes, according to a police report.

It was missing when the woman came out of the sauna. Later, she attempted to

call the phone from her home several times after the Aug. 31 theft and it rang but no one answered. Other times it went directly to voicemail.

The victim went to the AT&T store to have the phone deactivated, but employees there first attempted to "ping" the number's loca-

tion and it went to an address in the 500 block of Southwest Cedar Avenue. A police officer went to the residence and the teenager's grandmother retrieved the phone and gave it to the officer.

The victim decided not to press charges once she got the phone back.

Fitness: Students get chance to achieve

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making it fun.

"It's trickery," admitted PE teacher Jenny Smith, who arranged for the visit from the Guard's Physical Health Assessment Team.

"You're working out and it's fun. It doesn't always have to be the hard stuff," said Smith, who completed the obstacle course, too, to prove to herself that she could do it.

The mobile obstacle course was a humongous jump-house-style contraption with tubes to crawl through, a large ramp to climb and slide down, a wall to maneuver over and baffles to run through.

Students were required to try each skill test. Events were timed and students were encouraged to do some activities more than once to improve their time. The female and male athletes with the best overall scores were recognized.

"I want to make competition fun for them," Smith said. "I'd like to see some kids continue to give more effort and this gets them self-motivated."

Pritchard, too, wants the kids to be inspired to compete against themselves. Unfortunately, as a culture, we've become less motivated to excel physically and in other ways.

"We don't have dinners at home together anymore; so we're not eating as healthy. Too many of us are in the 'we



Above: Ezra Moses Haines, left, makes his way down from the rock-climbing wall while Isabella Jeremiah nears the top.

Right: Evan Mossman nears the top of the 25-foot rock wall.



take the easy way' mode," said Pritchard, who has two teenage daughters. "We've gone too far in what's easy. We don't push them (our children). We don't push ourselves. When we do have a national emergency, it

doesn't bode well if we're all less capable."

Her fitness team is fit, but not body-builder or model types, she said. "We're average guys. We're hoping they might think 'I want to do that.'"