Nature Study: Researchers
By: Rafeal D., Gia M., Tiffany N., and Jacob Y.

On June 22, 2015, the Nature Studies: Researchers told us about their field trip to UH Manoa Garden, and about studying goose poop in bacteria called E. coli. We interviewed a TA (teacher assistant) and two students Elijah K. and Syanne S. They both said, “It was really fun looking around the campus and learning about nature!”

The TA’s name is David (aka “Steamed Potato”). He said, “It was fun watching the children explore about nature.” They had been researching a lot about E. coli and that it’s a bacteria that’s in goose poop and our bodies. They are also learning about different insects and birds.

Elijah and Syanne said, “It was really fun looking around campus and exploring nature and they can’t wait for their next journey!”

It is evident that they really enjoy their class and it makes me feel like jumping in with them.

Reflection
By: Dr. Marlene Hapai

We are all like the banana that grow up with a sweetness to offer to the world.

Dr. Dulal Borthakur opened his lab to our Hawaii Nature Study: Researchers Wednesday June 17th and shared his work on native Koa and Haole Koa. Together with his graduate students our young researchers had an opportunity to witness first-hand the high tech tools used to find resistance in plants to fungi. Liquid nitrogen plumes, frozen gloves that crunch and freezers reaching -80 Celsius degrees, along with many other experiences captivated students. It was a day to remember.
The Robotics 3 Team
By: Apple M., Kaile O., Zachary O., and Dylan R.

On Tuesday, June 23 we interviewed two students, Chris and Ellie who are in Robotics 3. When we asked Chris and Ellie what they had done so far they told us, “We learned how to make a robot.”

Then we asked Chris if Robotics 3 was hard. He answered, “sometimes.”

When we interviewed their teacher, John Higham (AKA Mr. H), he said he is an electrical engineer. He said he enjoys teaching and likes helping students work through their problems.

The robotics class is building robots and programming them. They are 12-14 inch long robots each equipped with 4 wheels. The robotics class uses the VEX system. There robots are built from the ground up. The pieces for the robot come from a box. The pieces include motors, batteries and wheels. Robotics requires teamwork and cooperation. They have learned how to make their robots go forward and backwards. There are 16 students in the robotics class, and one teacher.
Breaktime and Lunch time
By: Sherie A., Mandy J., and Connie V-L

We interviewed Kiha, a student from CRDG Summer Program about his feelings on breaktime.

Q: “What do you see going on during break time?”
A: “I usually see socializing, eating and playing.”

Q: “Who do you hang out with during break time?”
A: “Whoever wants to hang out.”

Q: “How would you change break time to make it more fun?”
A: “Nothing.”

Q: “Where do you go play during break time?”
A: “Outside in the field.”

By looking at the interview, Breaktime is a good period to socialize because in class it is hard to socialize. You can also move around and be free for a while. Many students have phones and iPads but don't get to use them unless school purposes. That could be changed for the student's entertainment.

Lunch Time Interview

Q: “What do you usually eat during lunch?”
A: “I eat some kind of dairy, meat, wheat and fruit.”

Q: “When you're done eating lunch, what do you do?”
A: “Talk to my friends.”

Q: “How would you add to lunch time to make it more fun?”
A: “Nothing.”

Q: “Who do you normally eat lunch with or play with?”
A: “Aili, Connie, Victoria, and Lainey.”

Q: “Do you like going to lunchtime? If so/not why?”
A: “I do . . . because I can socialize.”

Q: “Where do you normally go play after lunch?”
A: “Where I usually eat and by my next class.”

Like break time, lunch time is a way to socialize and let your hunger go away. Lunch time is at 11:45 and ends at 12:30. Then, it's off to afternoon classes for another three hours till 3:15.
The Daily Drama Kids
By: Kira C., Summer R., and Naomi S.

When we went to the Drama: Stage Production class, we found out what they enjoy about drama. We interviewed the drama class about what there favorite things to do are. We also asked them about the challenges in drama.

Q: When is drama the most enjoyable, and why?
A: “When we act because we can pretend to be someone else. We also like making our own movies, because you get to do whatever you want.”

Q: What kinds of plays do you do?
A: “We enjoy fairy tales and free talk.”

Q: How is drama sometimes challenging for you?
A: “Focusing and dealing with the other people.”

Q: Why is drama interesting?
A: “Making their own movies, listening to Mr. Troy (drama teacher) make weird noises and auditions too.”

The six students in drama work really well together to put on a excellent show for us! When they performed in front of us, they showed a lot of passion for the art of acting. They were clearly enjoying this as much as they could, and they excellent at it! They did such a good job, that they should be on Broadway! Our favorite part of the experience was how much fun they seemed to be having. Continue your brilliant work, drama kids!

Little Journalists
By: Jun M., James W., Harley W., and Jacqueline Y.

You might have read about a lot of the classes, but do you know about what the Little Journalists do? You may have thought they just write newsletters but we do more than that.

For example, we learn how to write journal entries with a lot of detail. Also most of the students have fun and learn from fun, entertaining videos that our teacher, Ms. Torres shows us. Our group researcher interviewed Tiffany, who is also in The Little Journalists Class, and she said her favorite part of this class is to see how the newsletter ends up.

“These are some reasons why I signed up for this class also because it could help me in school. In the morning we write about what our teacher tells us to and it is always a fun thing to write about. Second, we start planning our newsletter, like who is the editor and who is the writer. Then we decide what we are writing about. Also, we have breaks while watching a video. Also, we work on the newsletter some more and that is sometimes what we do.”

The Little Journalists goes from 8:00am to 11:45am in classroom #206. Keep up the good work Little Journalists!
Features

The New Class
By: Rafa D. (with help from Christina Torres)

At the CRDG Summer Programs I would like there to be one more class. The new class would be gaming class. In gaming class, you would be taught to play famous video games like Minecraft. Minecraft is an awesome video game with pretty good graphics.

At first, you would be taught the basic Minecraft controls on the PC version. Then, later in the program you would be introduced to multiplayer servers like Mineplex! Mineplex is the biggest Minecraft server in the world with the best mini games. Some Mineplex minigames are Super Paintball, Turf Wars, and Bacon Brawl.

Minecraft is a game that allows you to do anything you want if you are in creative mode and almost anything you want in survival mode. The difference between creative mode and survival mode is in creative mode you can fly and have unlimited resources. In survival mode, you have limited resources and have to fight to survive. You can craft armor, tools, and weapons.

I think this would be a great class because besides learning famous video games you would learn typing skills. In Minecraft you have to type to control yourself in Minecraft. For the other games they would have an X-Box or iPads to play different games.

Inside Out is a great kid’s film about a young girl named Riley and her emotions. There are Joy, Sadness, Fear, Disgust, and Anger. The voice talent actors are Amy Poehler, Bill Hader, Lewis Black, Phyllis Smith and Mindy Kaling. The plot of this movie is that Riley is transitioning from a young girl into a pre-teen, and also going through a big move from Minnesota to San Francisco. For each main event in her life, there are different personality islands that represent them. Joy and Sadness try and stop Riley’s troubles and save the day.

Our class poll came up to be 4 ½ stars. It would be great if you could send us your opinion at ctorres@crdg.org

Jurassic World is an outrageous action movie about an amusement park that features dinosaurs. The park has now become an ordinary thing for people to see, and is getting less visitors than it had when the park first opened, so the owner instructed the scientists of the park to create a super dinosaur: The Indominus Rex! This movie starring Chris Pratt is action packed with adventure, thrill and a plot that is amazing.

Our class poll came up to be 5 stars. It would be great if you could send us your opinion at ctorres@crdg.org

Film Reviews by: Nick K. and Titus T-P.
Just For Fun...

By: Sherie A.

The Classic Sudoku is a number placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once.

Level: Beginner

Created by Nick K.