



Fact or Fiction?

Freshmen like Fake News Fridays



It's Fake News Friday (or is it)!

Freshmen history classes are meeting with Mr. Bilmes on a regular basis to discuss Fake News and related topics. The lessons are designed to give students the tools to deal with the ever-growing

barrage of disinformation. Students have learned about both the positive and negative potential of using social media, and will take an in-depth look at Wikipedia. Most of the time, the classes end with the students working in small groups to decide if a news item is true, not true or a little bit of both. They are learning skills such as lateral reading and reverse image searches. They are also learning about how Google works, and why certain websites appear at the top of their searches, and how to differentiate between paid and unpaid content online. One of their favorite activities is to play an online game [Factitious](#), where they look at a news item, and swipe right or left depending on whether they think it's true or not true. At the end of December, students had fun trying to discern the truth in stories, such as the one about a [typical Christmas tree containing 25,000 bugs](#), or the [story about a 9-year-old boy in Colorado](#) who worked to get his town to overturn a ban on throwing snowballs.

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Where's the LMC?



Thanks to the artistic creativity of senior Ali Croce, the LMC had a new look during the last part of December. Ali almost singlehandedly took on the project of decorating the LMC doors and windows for the annual Holiday Door Decoration Contest. She did have some help from a few students in Mr. Schumann's and Mr. Bilmes's advisory groups, but Ali did most of the work herself. Although people were unable to look into the LMC or look out from the LMC once the door was finished, it was worth it to have such a wonderful art project decorating the doors and windows. Ali was singled out as one of the winners of the decorating contest.

KEVA planks always a big hit



Even high school students enjoy having a chance for some hands-on fun. Mr. Bilmes's advisory had fun building towers and making other designs with KEVA planks. The LMC has a set of 1,000 planks which teachers may borrow to use with their students, and which are sometimes put out in the LMC for students to use during free periods. Each plank is the exact same size.

Computer availability in the LMC

The LMC has nine desktop computers that students may use before school and during study halls. The LMC is also open to all students until 3:10 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

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