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AISNE (Association of Independent Schools in New England): Middle School Students of Color Conference

Middle School Students of Color Conference involves many schools from New England and brings together students of color in order to discuss purpose, uniqueness, unity, and culture. This past Saturday several of our fellow Cardigan brothers attended this conference.

Diego Escalante

Reporter



Faculty Perspective: Mr. Nowak

How did this conference benefit the students on the trip?

I would say this was a really great experience for some of our students of color. They were able to take part in some activities that they may not normally get to do while they are here at Cardigan. In particular, they got to take part in activities that celebrate cultures that we don't necessarily see as prevalent in our day-to-day life here in New England. What I thought was valuable and important about this conference was that

“It gave our students a chance to be with other students of color and to have a day that was really focused on their experience.”

It also provided them with an experience where they were not “different.” The vast majority of the people there were other students of color who share similar experiences as them.

What was your biggest take away from the conference?

As a school and as a community it is very important for us to look at and have awareness of underlying structures that contribute to systems of oppression and racial injustice. It is a part of our responsibility, particularly for me as a white person who benefits from white privilege, to disrupt some of these structures that contribute to racial injustice.

“That’s something that I, WE, can do every day.”

Student Perspective: Carter and Blake

What was the conference about?

Carter: The conference was about coming together and figuring out what makes us special. A successful author, Jerry Craft, talked a lot about being different in school and how that experience motivated him to write a very good book and come to the realization of experiencing who you are and not having to be different.

Blake: It was about having color in America and having a different skin tone because your race is what makes you special.

What were some of the activities that you guys took part in?

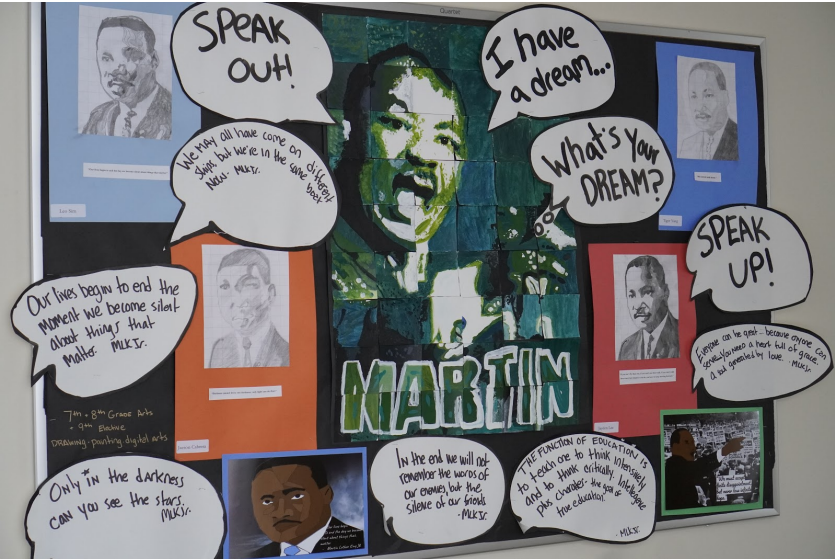
Blake: We did something called African drumming and someone from West Africa came and taught us how to play this strange instrument which was fun.

Carter: After that, we did Zumba dancing and the instructor was Jamaican which was really interesting and different.

What was one thing that you took away from the experience?

Carter: There is power that lies inside of everyone and sometimes it just takes a little push to reach it.

Blake: It’s okay to have a different skin color because it is what makes you beautiful.



Martin Luther King Jr. Day art

Photo Mike Lee

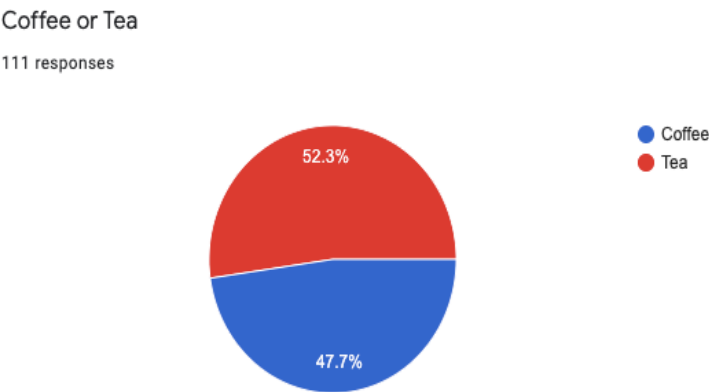
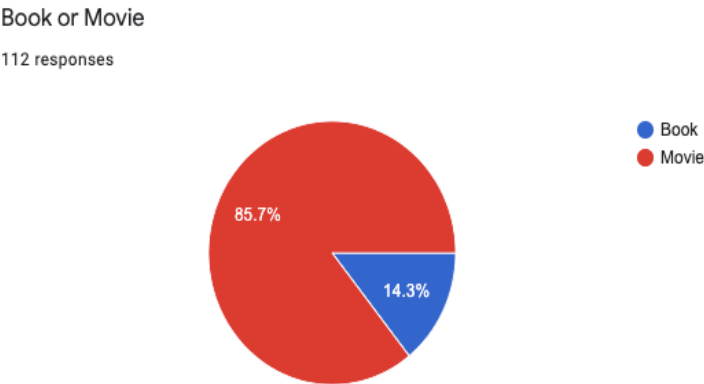
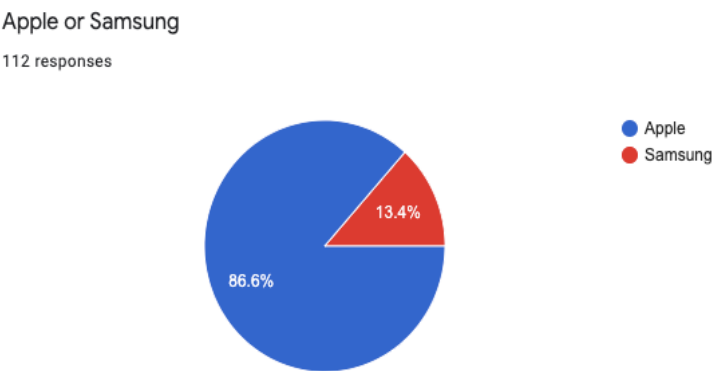
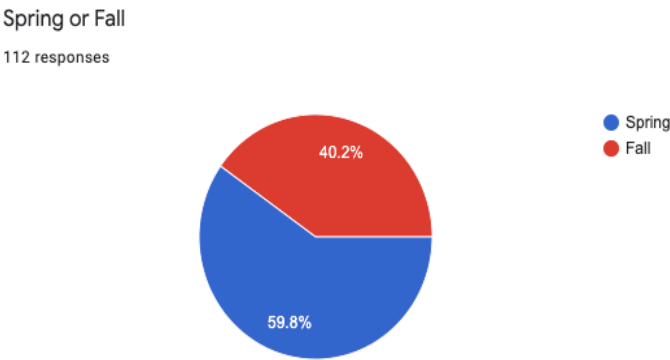
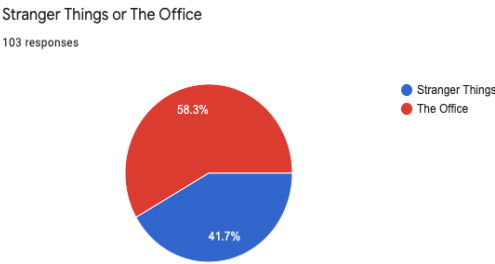
Culture

The World: According to Mr. Gartner

Mr. Gartner
Ph.D in Knowledge

- 1. Becoming hyper after eating sugar is a myth
- 2. The red course is faster than the blue course
- 3. The average life expectancy in Korea is longer than the USA
- 4. Matching one's skin tone is the most important fashion rule
- 5. There is only one known chimpanzee that can swim
- 6. On average, people know 13,722 words
- 7. Because of the silent 'H' in Brhead we stopped writing it
- 8. Mr. White wears boots when the paths are already cleared
- 9. It would take 5,896,700,000 ants to carry an elephant
- 10. Valentine's day is supposed to be in July

Survey Results



Black History Fact of the Week

In celebration of Black History Month, the Verbatim crew throughout the month will provide you with a Black History Fact of the week.

This week’s fact:

“The celebration of Black History Month began as “Negro History Week,” which was created in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson, a noted African American historian, scholar, educator and publisher. It became a month-long celebration in 1976. The month of February was chosen to coincide with the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln.”

