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TEAM A

KANDY, QUATIE, SCIGRL

High-School Mentor: Aramat
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SELECTIONS FROM OUR SCRAPBOOKS

Kandy: Monday, May. 17, 1999

Date: 5/8/99
From: Aramat
Subject: Reply: schools in the news

Histoscope, I think that the incident in Colorado is absolutely awful. I don't understand the motives of the boys who went on the rampage. It is very upsetting that they were able to go through with their plans as well. At the high school there has not been much extra security technically, but in a sense there has been because we have had discussions in our homerooms and it is on people's mind. There is definitely an increased awareness, but in terms of an increase in physical security measures, I have not seen a change. Where did you grow up? How did your school react to the bomb threats and the locker explosion? Just curious. Aramat

This is a very interesting dialogue because it shows a teen-agers point-of-view of the Colorado shootings.

SELECTIONS FROM OUR SCRAPBOOKS

Kandy: Monday, Jun. 7, 1999

Date: 3/23/99
From: Histoscope
Subject: Hello everybody!

Hi Kandy, Quatie, SciGirl and Aramat! My screen name is Histoscope. I'm just joining you, so I hope you will all fill me in on what's been going on. First, I'll tell you a little bit about myself. I research ways to stop the progression of cancer, specifically breast cancer. I use the principles of biology, chemistry, physics and math everyday (you can actually use what you learn in school!). I noticed that you have been discussing women that you admire. I, too, admire my mother and my sister (I have a younger sister). I also admire a woman named Mary Lyon. She started the first college for women in the United States, Mount Holyoke College. Before Mary Lyon founded this college, women couldn't go to college. None of the other schools would let them in. Have you started working on a science project yet? If so, what did you choose? I'll answer any questions you might have specific to the project or any questions in general.

I hope to hear from you all soon!

Histoscope

I want to copy this message into the scrapbook because it shows who Histoscope admires and what she does.

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Kandy: Monday, Jun. 7, 1999

I don't know much about high-school because our high-school mentor didn't tell us much, I'm not blaming her, we just didn't ask enough questions! But, I'm excited about high-school. I can't wait until I get to see all my friends from other schools everyday! From what I hear from my sister, she says its really fun. I can't wait for two years.

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Kandy: Monday, Jun. 7, 1999

Date: 3/3/99
From: Aramat
Subject: Hi!

Hi Quatie! How are you? Personally, I'm doing well. Are you psyched to start this program? I know I am! Why did you decide to get involved in this program? What's your favorite class in school? I know that I like math a lot. My other classes are great too. My science classes have been a lot of fun in high school as well. I hope to hear from you soon! Aramat

This is about what Aramat likes in high-school.

SELECTIONS FROM OUR SCRAPBOOKS

Kandy: Monday, May. 17, 1999

Date: 4/6/99
From: Aramat
Subject: Reply: Science Project Idea

SciGirl - I think that that sounds like a great idea for your science project. You might want to ask more people than those just in the "Eyes to the Future" program in order to get more results (the more results, the easier it will be to receive similarities that will lead to accurate results). If you are interested in traits, you could also try looking at traits in other species besides humans, such as in plants or in other animals. I'm not sure that that would be feasible, but you could think about it. I really do like your idea, though. If you want more suggestions, feel free to ask (also, if you have other particular parts of science that you enjoy, but don't know how you could use that theme in science to create a science project, feel free to ask). I look forward to hearing your ideas, Aramat

This entry shows Aramats thoughts on our idea for our science project.

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Kandy: Monday, May. 17, 1999

Date: 4/14/99
From: Histoscope
Subject: Aramat

Aramat, I'm not sure how long the triathalon will take me to complete. I'm estimating somewhere between an hour-and-a-half and two hours. This is the first time I've participated in such an event, so I don't know how quickly the winners usually finish. I'd imagine some people could finish it in as little as an hour. I didn't play any organized sports in high school or college (that is, on any high school or college teams). I grew up in Western Massachusetts in a town called (believe it or not) Feeding Hills. It's part of the larger town of Agawam where the amusement park, Riverside Park, is located. That's one of Agawam's only claims to fame. I attended college in two different places. I went to Mount Holyoke College and received my degree from there, but I spent my junior year on an exchange program at Williams College. I'm currently a Ph.D candidate at Tufts University. It seems I've attended universtities from one end of the state to the other. Where do you want to go to college?

This message talks about Histoscope, and I thought it was really interesting.

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Kandy: Monday, Jun. 7, 1999

Date: 3/30/99
From: Histoscope
Subject: SciGirl questions

Hi SciGirl! The questions that you asked me are really thought-provoking. Some of them I hadn't really thought about before. I'm not sure when I first wanted to become a medical researcher--probably sometime during college. However, I was always interested in science and I love watching detective shows on TV, so I guess it was a natural blending of the two. It's sort of like, the researchers before me have provided me with certain clues to the mystery of a certain disease or the way the body works and I have to use my biological detective skill to uncover another clue and maybe even solve the mystery! I guess that's what I like best about my job--that, and the fact that what I do may someday help people who are sick. The aspect of my job that I like least is the fact that I have to use animals in my research. There's just no way around it. I work out as many of the answers as I can in a dish of cells, but ultimately I need a living organism to tell me if what works in a dish will work in a living creature. Sometimes the answer is yes, but many times it's no. I love all animals and it hurts that I have to use mice in my research, but I try to use as few as I possibly can and treat them as well as I can under the circumstances. Many of the things that I use in my job I did learn in school. The scientific method is a big one. In school I learned how to form a hypothesis, set up experimental conditions and controls, and interpret results. That's pretty much what I do on a daily basis. The specifics of what I do (the techniques) were learned in school and on the job. I hope that answers your questions. Feel free to ask me more, SciGirl. I have a question for you, SciGirl: Do you have spring fever yet? Have you been getting outside to enjoy this beautiful weather? If so, what have you been doing? ---Histoscope

These are answers to SciGirl's questions from Histoscope. We all wanted to know the answers, and here they are.

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TEAM B

DAISYDOLL, KITTY

High-School Mentor: Mei
Adult Mentor: Delphinia

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SELECTIONS FROM OUR SCRAPBOOKS

Daisydoll: Monday, May. 24, 1999

I think that is used to be that women felt apprehensive about going into a feild of math or science because they we judged because they were women. But now that women in the math and science fields are more common women these days don't shouldn't feel apprehensive about going into technical fields.

Kitty: Monday, Jun. 7, 1999

The first time I heard about this program I had no idea as to how it would be. When I joined in the program seemed pretty unorganized. As I came to more meetings the program made more sense. The funest part was when I started talking to my adult mentor and high school mentor. Even though I did not get to see my adult mentor, I had a great time typing to her. As the projects started to begin I had more time to spend time with my adult mentor and also had a lot of fun. The funest part about the projects was when we had to decide how to do our project. Overall I had a lot of fun!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Kitty: Monday, Jun. 7, 1999

My role models are my teachers. They have taught me all that I now about Math and Science. All the math formulas and the equations and how to add and subtract was taught by my teachers. I will forever be grateful to them. Thank you Mr. Kondel, Ms. Wong, Ms. Lund, Ms. Quakenbush, Ms. Allen. !!!!!!!

SELECTIONS FROM OUR SCRAPBOOKS

Kitty: Monday, Apr. 12, 1999

Date: 3/30/99
From: Mei
Subject: hi kitty

hi kitty, i'm glad you're looking forward to BHS, because it's a pretty fun place. in general, i'm pretty happy there. i generally have about 2 hours of homework, but it really depends. some nights, (rarely) i'll have no homework, or other nights, i'll have a paper to write and lots of other homework, so i can end up working for like 5 hours. it's generally not too too bad though. talk to you soon. --mei

I thought the work at high school was really hard but after I read this message I think like that any more. I was happy to read this message.

SELECTIONS FROM OUR SCRAPBOOKS

Daisydoll: Sunday, May. 2, 1999

By: Mei
Date: 4/28/99 8:47PM

Wow!!You guys, that's such a cool drawing! I'm so excited that i get to see it, i was really suprised that there was a picture! How did you get it on the computer? did you scan it? that's awesome how you make such a complicated wheel with materials like plastic cups and plates. So you think you're going to attach it to other water wheels? that sounds like a lot of fun. keep me updated on how it's going. talk to you soon. -----Mei

Kitty: Monday, Jun. 7, 1999

The Science project I am doing is very interesting to me. I have learned few good facts. I learned about the pullies. I learned of how to place the pully so that the work would be less on the Water Wheel.Me and my group were going to put one pulley up and one pulley down.This way the work done by the water wheel is spread out. Thats interesting.

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Daisydoll: Monday, Mar. 29, 1999

Date: 3/24/99
From: Delphinia
Subject: hi!

I just got assigned to your group and I thought I'd introduce myself. I work in east Cambridge as a mechanical engineer, which means I do design most of the time. I work a lot on a CAD program (that stands for Computer Automated Design), making models of parts. I live nearby, on the other side of Cambridge, with my husband and my dog. I'm very excited to do this, but don't want to bore you with details, so tell me more about yourselves.

Our first letter from our adult mentor!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Daisydoll: Monday, Mar. 29, 1999

Date: 3/24/99
From: Mei
Subject: Reply: hi!

hi Delphinia, i'm mei, and i'm the high school student in the group. I'm a junior at Brookline High, and i've lived in brookline all my life. How did you get to be in this program? Do you work for a company? my mother has said i should be a mechanical engineer because i always liked to play with legos and build stuff. what do you do at your job? do you work with computers? not to totally overwhelm you with questions or anything. a little about me, i'm 16, i like to read, fence, dance, sing, snowboard, etc. what about you? talk to you later Mei

Even Mei has question for our adult mentor!

Daisydoll: Monday, May. 24, 1999

By: Delphinia
Date: 4/30/99 5:35PM

You guys are pretty far along on the concept of the waterwheel. It looks great! Does the plate just turn freely on the axis? What is the axis made of? Does the paper plate hold up over multiple demos? How does it work? Can you explain the physics behind the waterwheel? -Bethany

we now know Delphinia's name, its Bethany!

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TEAM C

BOO BOO, DUCKIE4, SHABTAI

High-School Mentor: Sunshine
Adult Mentor: Eclipse

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SELECTIONS FROM OUR SCRAPBOOKS

Boo Boo: Monday, Mar. 22, 1999

Date: 2/24/99
From: Boo Boo
Subject: Hello

hi everyone i am writing to u from home. u can login from home to. some people login at home because if u have to many messages {lol}, and u dont have enough time to read in class u can take ur time at home and read them. See you Monday! Sent: 2/24/99 5:24pm

-Boo Boo @--->--->----

This is the first message I write at home for my classmates. This is a message I would like to put in another area. Because it is not an initial reflectoin.

-Boo Boo @--->--->----

Shabtai: Monday, May. 24, 1999

Date: 2/8/99
From: Shabtai
Subject: Reply: Reply: Welcome to "Eyes to the Future"!

Hi everyone! I am Shabtai! I mean, my screen name is Shabtai! Welcome everyone! **Shabtai**

This was my first message!

We know three role models in math and science. The first one is Christine Woods. The second one is Ms.Allen. The third one is Ms.Wong. They all thought us many new things. The common thing is that they are all women. Let me ask you a question. Why do men have to rule the world (overall)? Let's open the world's eyes. Let the world see us, who we are. This might make a difference in the issues the world has, like racism, sexism, war. We should look at these issues, and try to make our world a better place to live in. If we all work at it, we guarantee that the world will be a much better place.

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Boo Boo: Monday, May. 17, 1999

Date: 5/16/99
From: Sunshine
Subject: Hello!

Dear Everyone, Welcome back to school! =) Eclipse, we can't wait to hear all about your project; it sounds amazing! How big was your team of scientists? How does this project connect to your regular work? Shabtai, I'm so excited that your dad is going to Israel! (Although I'm sorry you won't see him for a whole week!) I lived in Israel for two years, and it's a very special place for my family. Have you been there? High school is wonderfully crazy at the moment. I was just in a dance production which was a lot of fun, and I have softball games. Our final exams are coming up in June (where we get tested on everything we've learned all year in each subject, ahhh!), but they're actually not that bad. =) How are you all finishing up the school year?

I can't wait to meet you, hopefully sometime in the next couple of weeks when the whole program gets together.

Keep up the good work on your project, Sunshine

I will go to high school in Kuwait. I think it will be alot differant. For example: i don't think we will have softball practices. I also don't think we will have dance classes. I could be wrong. (Today women get to vote in Kuwait)

Shabtai: Monday, May. 24, 1999

Date: 5/18/99
From: Sunshine
Subject: Reply: Reply: Hello!

Dear Shabtai, I lived in Jerusalem too! My dad worked as a computer scientist at the Hebrew University for a year when I was in fourth grade. I went to school there, and it was really hard because at first I didn't speak any hebrew, but by the end of the year I didn't want to leave! I'm sure it must have been hard leaving your school to come here; are you going to be going to high school here? talk to you soon, luv sunshine

I will go to high school in Jerusalem. From what I heard from Sunshine, high schools in Israel and America, are not much different from each other(well, there is the language of course, and some of the subject are different), but after you finish high school you go straight to university and not to college.

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Boo Boo: Monday, May. 17, 1999

By: Boo Boo
Date: 4/26/99 3:19PM

Dear: Eclipse, How do you do? Welcome Back! We decided about what we are going to do for our project. We are going to do phases of the moon. We are going to take pictures every other day @ 11:00 PM. We are going to take pictures every other day. We all predicted the cycle length. I think in will take 30 days to complete 1 cycle. We also predicted what the phases will look like. We said that because of how the clouds cover the moon and give it its shape. Hope to see you at the end of may!

-BOO BOO =} PS: We are all going to New York for a school trip!!!!!!!!!!!!
(seventh and eighth graders)!!

This is the message I wrote to Eclipse about our project idea. Now we are doing this project.

Shabtai: Monday, May. 24, 1999

We have been working on our projects for already about a month. I am working with Boo Boo, Duckie4, Sunshine(from high school), and Eclipse - the astronomer. We're taking images of the moon, and predicting about the cycle and the phase of the moon. A week ago I got a great image of the moon!

Boo Boo: Monday, May. 24, 1999

By: Eclipse
Date: 4/28/99 4:22PM

Hi Ladies,

Boy am I impressed with the thought you have put into this science project! Great job!! I loved your drawing of the phases and can't wait to see how it compares with what you observe.

I have a couple suggestions which would work well for Monday's meeting:

Why not try to draw the position of the earth and the moon with the sun off to the right hand side based upon what you know about the motions of these bodies?

Also if at anytime in the next month you see the moon, why not stop and draw what the moon looks like and write the date and time on the page too. If you want to draw the moon in relation to the horizon fine but you don't have to.

What do you think about those suggestions? That way you will have lots of data to work with in drawing your conclusions.

You did a very nice job making a hypothesis, figuring out how you would test it, and setting up a program to take the data. Good job too on thinking up possible reasons for why this might happen.

Cheers, Eclipse

Thanks Eclipse. We used her first suggestion. It was really fun working on our project.

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Shabtai: Monday, May. 24, 1999

We have been working with Eclipse - the adult mentor for about three months. She is an astronomer. I dreamed to be an astronomer for a long period in my life, and now it was very interesting to see the "real job" of being an astronomer. I experienced the difficulties, and the skills of an astronomer, and now I know better about the whole thing.

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Shabtai: Monday, May. 24, 1999

I think today is the last meeting, or perhaps there is another one. The whole project was a lot of fun, especially after Sunshine and Eclipse joined us. We took images of the moon, and it was a lot of fun. I really had enjoyed "Eyes to the Future".

Boo Boo: Monday, May. 24, 1999

Date: 3/1/99
From: Boo Boo
Subject: Welcome

Welcome Duckie4, Shabtai, and our high school mentor. Do you like this program? I am having fun. Are you? Nothing to talk about. Talk to you on Monday. ;)

-Boo Boo @--->--->---

P.S. Please write back! (sent Monday,1,1999):}

I really liked this program. I learned alot. It was really fun meating new people. In the beggining of the program, I did not know many of the eighth graders. Now one of them is a good friend of mine! I had alot of fun. :)

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TEAM D

PUPPYLUV, SNAIL

High-School Mentor: RaW_BB
Adult Mentor: pedi gutsdoc

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SELECTIONS FROM OUR SCRAPBOOKS

Snail: Tuesday, Feb. 16, 1999

Date: 2/8/99
From: Clare
Subject: Welcome to "Eyes to the Future"!

Hello Daisy, Daisydoll, PuppyLuv, lele, Kleopatra, Snail, Shabtai, Angel, Quatie, Duckie4, and Tiger. What does your screen name say about who you are? Write a note and tell everyone a little about yourselves.

Clare

This is my first message from the Eyes to the Future program and I wanted to save it so I could remember what my first message looked like and said.

Snail: Monday, Mar. 29, 1999

In the past, I think that girls were less likely to pursue fields in math, science and technology than they are today. Today, girls are able to do anything they want in the fields of math, science and technology. All they need is a desire to pursue one of those fields. If a girl wants to pursue a career in science, math and technology, she is totally able to. All she has to have in order to do that is a desire to pursue it. There used to be barriers for girls and women in the areas of math and science and technology, but now there aren't any barriers, and if there are, they aren't very hard to break through. I know many women who were the first in their family to attend a college, or the first woman to graduate from a certain college, but now, there are just as many female scientists as there are male scientists. I do think that girls are treated differently than boys. I think that boys are treated harsher than girls. I don't think that they should be treated differently, but I think that they are. I think that typically, if there are a boy and a girl talking during class, the teacher will yell at the boy and let the girl go. Many teachers may not even know that they are doing this, but most teachers still do. Many people will yell at a boy, and not even warn a girl, and many times it is the boy that gets suspended or sent to the principal's office because he fought with a girl. Never the girl picking a fight with a boy. Always the opposite. I'm not exactly sure why boys and girls are treated differently, but usually it is obvious that they are treated with more harshness. Usually, it is all boys' names on a list of misbehaving children instead of a mix between boys and girls. Many times, people will act against boys in harsher ways than they would if it was a girl misbehaving. I think that this may be because earlier in history, women were considered weaker and men stronger. Men could take the consequences more easily, without pain or sorrow. Most people don't consider women weaker anymore, but women are still

considered more emotional, and this may lead to people dealing with them in a gentler fashion

Snail: Monday, May. 24, 1999

Date: 2/22/99
From: Clare
Subject: Our first request

Hello Angel, Boo Boo, Daisy, Daisydoll, Duckie4, Kitty, Kleopatra, lele, PuppyLuv, Quatie, SciGrl, Shabtai, Snail, and Tiger! I hope you all had a good vacation week. Keep those introduction messages coming!

Please tell us about one woman in your family who you admire and one woman not in your family who you admire. How do these women use math and science in their lives (if at all)? We want to hear your thoughts, but we don't care about spelling or grammar, so just write what you think!

Clare

This was the first thing that we were asked to do in this program. I saved it because I wanted to remember how this program began.

Written by PuppyLuv, Snail

My role models in math and science are all of my math and science teachers that I have had and loved dearly with all my great big heart to the core. Also, everyone that has ever taught me anything about math or science is my role model. I have many role models. My parents have taught me a lot about math and science, and so have my teachers, especially Ms. Wong and Ms. Quackenbush. They have taught me a lot about math and science and this makes them my role models.

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Snail: Sunday, May. 16, 1999

Date: 4/4/99
From: RaW_BB
Subject: Reply: High School Stuff

Snail- I tend to get lost a lot also, however I didn't get lost during freshman year. The first day I sort of just took a few minutes before homeroom started and walked around with a friend so I could get a sense of where the rooms and numbers are. The only hard wing is the A-wing, where most of the drama, dance, and music stuff happens, but really all you have to do is ask anybody and they'll tell you where to go. In terms of math and science classes...You'll be taking physics next year I'm assuming. I'm taking physics this year, its actually very straightforward and there isn't a lot of homework. In math, if you take 1AP then you should expect to work harder than you do now. Mrs. Burbank-Schmitt expects a lot of her students. After the first few weeks you get used to it and it seems no harder than 8th grade. Have a nice day :)

RaW

I asked my high school mentor if she ever got lost around the high school and this was her answer. I asked her if she got lost around because I wanted to see if my sister was the only one that ever got lost as a freshman; because I know that she often got lost her first year at BHS. I asked my mentor, and this is how she responded. She is the opposite of my sister, because she gets lost now, but not freshman year, and my sister doesn't get lost now but she did before.

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Snail: Monday, Apr. 5, 1999

Date: 4/4/99
From: RaW_BB
Subject: Reply: High School Stuff

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RaW

I asked my high school mentor what she thought about the high school math and science courses and this was her answer.

Written by PuppyLuv, Snail

My group was going to do a science project that would ask people about when and why they most often get their stomachs and headaches, but we ran out of time, so I joined another group. My group now is making a water wheel, but we haven't decided what it will do.

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Snail: Monday, Apr. 12, 1999

For my science project, PuppyLuv and I have decided to make a questionnaire asking the other people in Eyes To The Future when they most often get headaches and stomachs and then we will ask them to order ten things in order from most to least in order of how often they get headaches or stomachs because of those ten things. Then we can compare the times that most people most often get headaches and stomachs and who get stomachs and headaches for similar causes and who get stomachs and headaches most often. We decided that we would do this because our scientist mentor is a pediatric gastroenterologist. So we decided that we would do something that had to do with children's stomachs and how they were related to their heads. We wanted to know if you get headaches and stomachs and most commonly together or apart. My scientist said that these two things are related in most cases. When we read the questionnaire, we will be able to see if they are really connected or if our mentor is wrong about this.

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Snail: Saturday, May. 8, 1999

By: pedi gutsdoc
Date: 5/3/99 10:48PM

One additional thought. I have always felt that anything in science, or in any subject, for that matter, can be interesting, once you get into it enough. So, whether it's a clinically oriented questionnaire on abdominal pain or headaches, or whether it's a water wheel, if you put your heart into it, and learn what you can from it, it ends up rewarding, and surprisingly interesting and gratifying, even though it may not be the thing you wanted to do at the start. Lots of scientific discoveries end up being made by chance like this.

I don't think that i put this entry in the right chapter, but I think that I put it in the right chapter for me, and that's what matters. My mentor wrote this to me after I told her that I would be stopping our science project and joining a group that was doing a water wheel. As you can tell from her entry, our old science project was a questionnaire about stomachs/headaches.

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Snail: Monday, Jun. 7, 1999

This program could have been better, I think. I liked it a lot, but I think that because my whole group was never there, we never finished our project. That was a little problem. Each time, different people would be there and we would start it all over again. This made our project hard to finish. But, other than the fact that we didn't finish our project, this program was really fun and I'm glad I did it. I'm not positive why I joined in the first place, but I'm glad that I did it because I really enjoyed it.

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TEAM E

ANGEL, LELE, TIGER

High-School Mentor: Smurf
Adult Mentor: BugsRcool

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SELECTIONS FROM OUR SCRAPBOOKS

angel: Monday, Mar. 22, 1999

Q. Do u think that boys and girls r treated differently in skool?

A. YES i do think that they r treated differently Especially in gym. the Boys r expected 2 do much better in gym than the girls r. I think even if u r a very antisexest person u will occasionally do somthing based on the sex of sum1 there4 there iz always a time where boys and girls will b treated differently.

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Tiger: Monday, May. 24, 1999

Date: 2/22/99
From: Tiger
Subject: Reply: Our first request

Hi people: One woman in my family that I admire is my mom. She has cancer, and I sometimes go with her to the hospital when she needs radiation. It's scary, because if the radiation stream is directed in the wrong place it could kill her. One woman outside of my family that I admire is one of my friends Karen Billmers. We both play Scottish music and we both dance a lot. She's better than me at both, and she's almost seventeen. She has a twin named Debbie who also plays and dances but she's not as good as Karen. Karen is one of my best friends, and she has a medical problem, so that she had to take some medicine when she was little that stunted her growth.
Tiger

lele: Monday, Jun. 7, 1999

My role models in math and science are my science and math teachers of the past years. Without all of these teachers I would never have learned how to multiply, subtract, divide, and look at something for more than one minute (a very hard task I can assure you. Unfortunately I still haven't learned how to add, hopefully by the end of college I will have basically understood the concept.

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Tiger: Monday, May. 17, 1999

Date: 3/8/99
From: Tiger
Subject: q's about bhs

hi people I have a lot of questions but I'll only ask one. Smurf, when you were a freshman, did you feel scared sometimes because it is too big and there are mostly people you don't know? That's how I feel right now. Tiger

angel: Monday, Jun. 7, 1999

Date: 3/18/99 From: Smurf Subject: Reply: classes

Your in luck, i know at least one person in each class u asked about. math imp is a class that falls in between the standard and honors level of diffuctly. from what i know a lot of people like that class because it helps them out, if they're not really good with math. i wanted 2 take madarin (please excuse my spelling) freshman year but my guidnace counslour didn't reccomend it to me. if that's something that u wanted to do then take that class. last but not least cooking in italy in china. my friend took that class and she liked it. it's a very good class. i think that the three classes that u picked r pretty good classes and u should try them

write back

c ya

smurf

p.s. if my spelling is wrong sorry, im trying 2 type fast so i can go 2 class on time, for once!!

SELECTIONS FROM OUR SCRAPBOOKS

Tiger: Monday, May. 24, 1999

By: Tiger

Date: 4/26/99 3:13PM

Here's what we have so far:

- 1) Burn it with a candle.
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- 3) Smash it by putting textbooks on top of it and JUMPING!
- 4) Cut it in half with scissors or a knife.
- 5) Our control!
- 6) Peel off the outer skin with fingernails.
- 7) Take off everything but leave the embryo, using fingernails.
- 8) Poke it with a pin.
- 9) Poke a hole through it.
- 10) Cook and reshape it.
- 11) Freeze it for 1 hour.
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- 14) Drop it out a three-story window.
- 15) Microwave it for 1 1/2 minute on regular power.
- 16) Drown it by watering it way too much (two cups a day)
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Dirt

Beans

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This is our initial thingy for our project, even though angel isn't here. We spent a lot of time working on it and arguing over it. We got a little silly writing things that were a little obvious, like our brains, but we deleted them.

I'm writing this (as in, this one paragraph) a couple weeks later. We ended up not doing all the ones we couldn't do during etf, like dishwasher, washer/dryer, microwave, stuff like that.

angel: Monday, Jun. 7, 1999

For my project we planted many seeds that were mutilated in different ways in pots with soil. The ones that grew very very well were the burnt ones and of course the control. Ms. Quackenbush told us that in some plants, you are supposed to burn them before you plant them. The plant with a hole in it started to grow a little. Many of the beans just got very gross and molded.

lele: Monday, Jun. 7, 1999

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THIS IS OUR FIRST OFFICIAL DOCUMENT IN OUR EXPERIMENT OF HOW DIFFERENT FACTORS CAN INFLUENCE SEED GROWTH.

SELECTIONS FROM OUR SCRAPBOOKS

Tiger: Monday, May. 17, 1999

Date: 3/3/99
From: Smurf
Subject: Hello

Hi Tiger, angel and lele,

My name is Smurf and I am your new mentor. Just to tell you a little about myself, I am a 16 year old junior in Brookline High. I am interested in Science, but may not pursue a career in science. You can talk to me about anything, boys, clothes, friends, whatever. Send me a message when you get the chance.

angel: Monday, Jun. 7, 1999

Date: 3/30/99
From: BugsRcool
Subject: Reply: hi from tiger

Hi angel and Tiger and lele and smurf,

Thx (thanks) 4 ur email from angel and tiger. I hope angel u get over strep. I used 2 get that a lot n it was pretty awful. tiger how's ur mom doing? lele, wot else do u like 2 do (2 much, u said, but wot's that, really?). Smurf, looks like we also have a shared interest in work to get rid of racism. I'm a professor in college n I teach in a biology department, also do research on--u guessed it--bugs, butterflies 2 b xact. Outside of work I like to walk, hike, sail (luv b-ing on the water), cook (a lot, it's like chemistry a lot) and my garden and ski in winter, n b with friends. I liv in Somerville so my garden isn't 2 big. I don't dance as much as I used 2 but I like it alot (my husband plays sax but he doesn't like 2 dance). I'm making a wedding dress for a friend of mine, a 4mer student who's getting married in August. Also I teach peer-counseling 4 people 2 help each other heal from past hurts including racism, so they can take initiative 2 eliminate racism. That's it for now, w/b (write back, OK?)---brc

I like this message b/c it tells me all about what our mentor likes to do. Alot of the things she likes are very simalar to what i like. I think the fact that she helps kids heal their past is a great thing

SELECTIONS FROM OUR SCRAPBOOKS

angel: Monday, Jun. 7, 1999

This project has really helped me learn about high school and the people who go there. it also helped me learn about how to use the internet better.

lele: Monday, Jun. 7, 1999

I liked this program a lot. It was fun writing to my mentors in the highschool and my adult mentor and reading their messages. My mentors were really nice and so were my partners. I also really liked the party where I met my adult mentor and saw the some of the kids from Summerville as well as doing an egg drop and seeing Venus. How much i loved this program cannot be described in words, but I with that we spent more time doing experiments.