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SHELBURNE STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN TEAM-BUILDING EXERCISES

Fridays during the month of September, Shelburne 8th grade students will be participating in a series of challenging team-building exercises during the Advisory Period. The Advisory Period is a time set aside each day where students participate in character education and related activities, organize themselves to get ready for the school day, and get extra academic help if needed. The Friday team-building activities are designed to help reveal students' hidden talents and strengths, and to promote teamwork and problem-solving skills. In one recent activity, "Minute-to-Win-It," each team of students were given a challenge and had to develop strategies to successfully complete the task in a designated period of time.

"The activities during Advisory encourage our students to be comfortable with themselves as individuals, while building confidence in the contributions they each might be able to make as an active participant in our school community," said Robert Craft, Principal at Shelburne Middle School. "The students thoroughly enjoy the challenges and competition, and learning which of their classmates might possess the skill needed for a particular challenge," Mr. Craft added. Students in all grade levels at Shelburne Middle School have an Advisory Period and regularly participate in team-building activities.

MCSWAIN STUDENTS CONDUCT "EGG"-CELLENT SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION

Third grade students in Mrs. Chapman's class at McSwain Elementary School had an "egg"-cellent time recently learning about scientific investigation. They formed predictions, developed hypotheses, made observations, performed experiments, and drew conclusions -- all about eggs. First, they pondered what would happen if an egg was placed in vinegar, and learned that vinegar dissolved the eggshell without breaking the membrane that contained the egg. Next, they wondered what would happen if you threw an egg without an eggshell into the air and let it fall, and soon learned that the egg would indeed break. Students enjoyed the project, and the reminder that science can be both fun and informative.