

## News

# Science Day in Action

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Owen Middle School showcases science and technology while hosting the upcoming second annual Science in Action Day on April 15. All students participate in the event.

Science Day in Action lasts from 8 a.m.- noon, during which students will move from session to session throughout the morning. The kids will get a lot of science. Included among two dozen organizations and agencies that will make presentations to the kids are Warren Wilson College students, Swannanoa Fire and Rescue personnel, the American Chestnut Foundation, RiverLink and Ray's Weather.

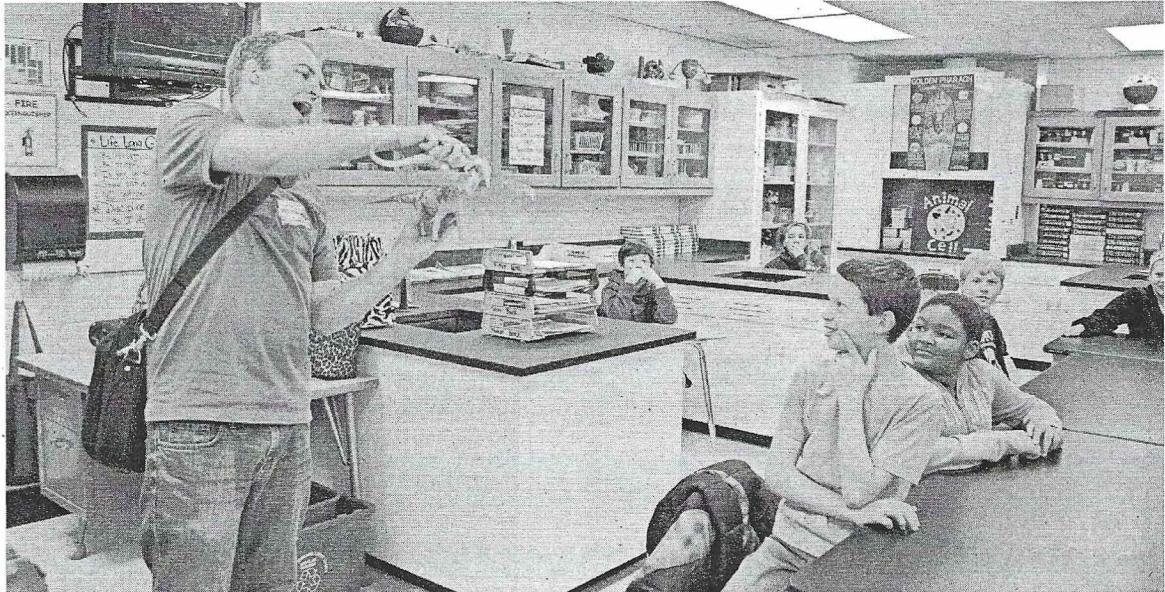
"Science in Action Day is a time when Owen Middle School students get a chance to work with different people in the community," science teacher Dorothy Snyder said. "They will also have the opportunity to look at different areas of science and different science careers. The areas that will be represented during Science in Action Day are not always covered in the curriculum."

Science in Action Day at Owen Middle is among hundreds of community-based events statewide that showcase the STEM studies (science, technology, engineering and mathematics). Sponsored by the North Carolina Science Festival, the day brings communities together to celebrate science. The science festival was founded in 2010.

Owen Middle School received a grant from the N.C. Science Festival to expand its event. The school purchased electronics kits which students will explore at the Science in Action Day.

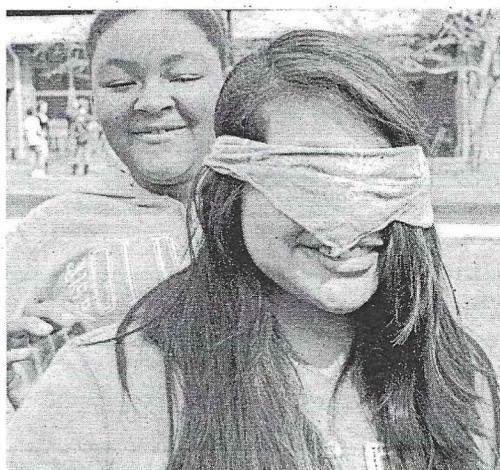
Students will explore the connection between real life and life online, as well as their roles in a global society and Swannanoa Valley's heritage, science teacher Brittany Krasutsky said.

"Science in Action Day is designed to literally bring science to life for our students," she said. "We want to awaken in our students a sense of wonder for direct experiences, which will create a deeper understanding and engagement in life. This exposure also gives the students ideas for future career opportunities in the Swannanoa Valley."

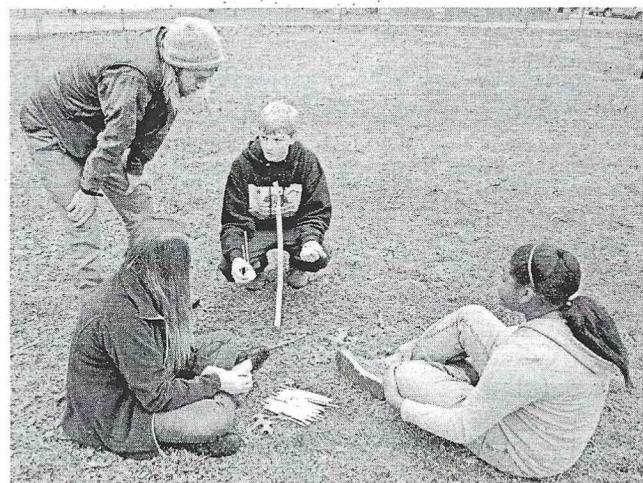


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Jeff Wilcox representing UNCA keeps the students' attention in a science lab during the first Science Day in Action last year at Owen Middle School.



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At Science in Action Day in 2014, students are blindfolded and asked to use their sense of hearing to detect where other blindfolded students are.



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Using physics and teamwork, students last year at Science in Action Day tape straws together to keep an egg from breaking.